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examples: The tugboat was docked at its usual **berth**.
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examples: Mrs. Roycroft gave **birth** to a healthy baby boy.
Mavis needed a copy of his **birth** certificate.



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4. We found the cruise ship docked at the last _____.
5. A mammal gives _____ to live young.
6. Even though it was small, the sailor's _____ was comfortable.
7. Our motorboat only needed a narrow _____ at the wharf.
8. Cindy congratulated her coworker on the _____ of her son.
9. Emil is Swedish by _____.
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