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6. Ivy just got a license to operate a car. She is a safe _______________________. (r v e d r i)

Super Challenges: Watch for spelling changes.

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