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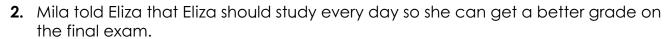
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5. The teacher met with the principal before she left at the end of the day.
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6. The kite collided with the branch and the kite broke.

The kite collided with the branch and it broke.

7. The students put their computers in their lockers and locked the lockers.

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8. The cat rubbed against the chair, and it fell over.

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ANSWER KEY

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