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5. My next-door neighbor makes the best stew in the world.
6. Daniel's favorite breakfast cereal is on sale this week.
7. The pink cell phone with the flower stickers belongs to Kathy.
8. The old, green turtle hides in its shell.
9. Holly's friend Susan went on vacation to California.
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