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4. P The boat was painted a glowing orange.
5. I "We'll certainly be a sight to see," said Uncle Steve.
6. G "Sailing is my favorite thing to do on a weekend," said David.
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