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_____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

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indent, punctuation, capitalization, vary sentence lengths, vary sentence opening

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The team arrived at the beach and began to set up the stage. It was supposed to take two hours using four workers. The new forklift began unloading the platform after the sand was leveled by the bulldozer. Next the electrical wires were installed under the sand to the soundboard. Then the band began to arrive and unpack their instruments. Now the crowd was finding their seats on the beach for the evening concert. The first banjo strings were strummed and Cactus Pete’s All Star Bluegrass Band was about to play.

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