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2. Before we have a baseball game, we must practice batting and fielding.
3. Although it is raining, the air show will continue as scheduled.
4. There was a strange sound coming from the car, but it was fixed by the mechanic.

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