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Stella (the girl sitting next to me) is an actress in the community theater.

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The ice cream cone melted in the hot sun. (It was over 100° F.)

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Jumping frogs kept leaping into our boat (a rowboat with three seats).

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A yellow piece of clothing (I think a sweater) was left on the playground swings.

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A three-headed doll (part of Gayle's strange collection) arrived from an online store.



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"Why can't we do the same [paint our house gray] with the extra paint?" asked Kate.



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