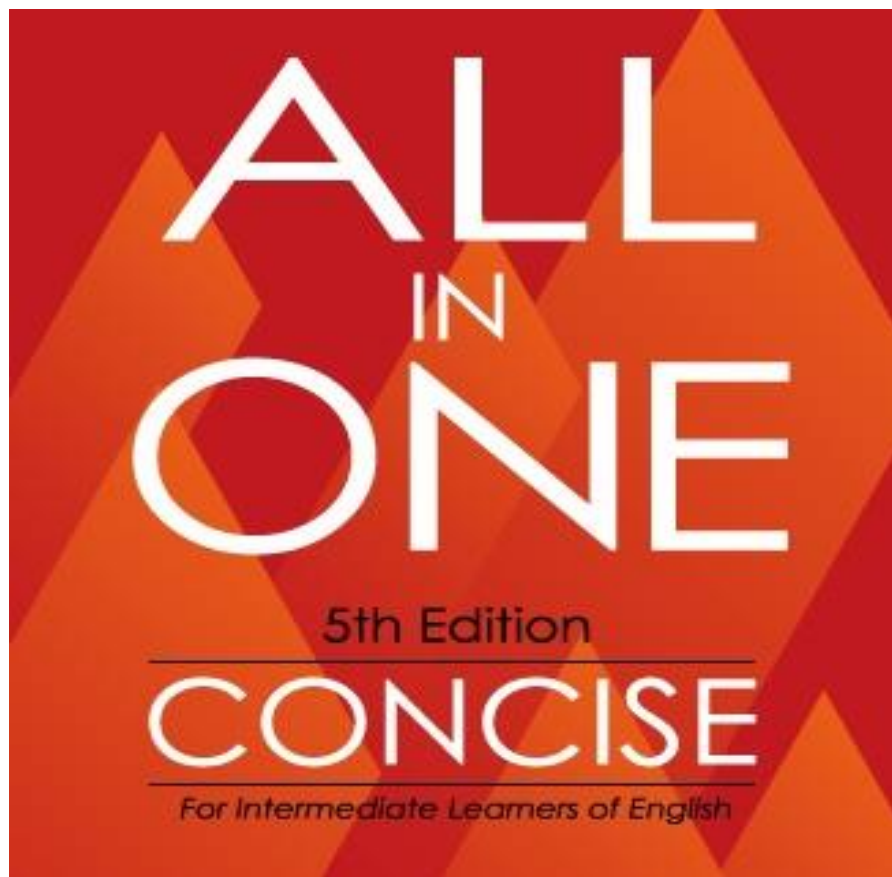


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001 Three quarters of the questionnaire respondents were in favor of the bill

to protect the habitat of the endangered species.

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002 He clarified his stand on the sensitive issue of abortion.

"I'm a devoted Muslim. From a divine perspective, it constitutes murder."

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003 As a labor union official, he had extensive experience to draw on.

We saw him as an appropriate candidate for the vacant post.

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004 Besides a whole host of taxes, I pay utility charges and make mortgage and

social security payments. This is all but slavery!

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005 Amid intensifying internal conflict, the nominal head summoned representatives

from the hostile factions to bring about reconciliation.

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006 Despite overwhelming odds, the imperial allied fleet won the decisive naval battle

thanks to the commander's skillful tactics and bold maneuvers.

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007 He can't cope with unexpected changes. For all his expertise in the academic realm,

he is pathetic when it comes to negotiation.

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008 Their views and priorities concerning conservation of natural resources

aren't compatible with those of average consumers.



009 Owing to a long spell of drought and famine, the isolated republic is

in dire need of external assistance, especially humanitarian aid.



010 The ancient capital lies 282 miles to the west of the present one and

ranks as the country's foremost tourist destination.



011 "I'd like to talk to you in person. How about we meet up on Friday?"

"Friday won't work for me. Any day except Friday will do."



012 "To keep fit, I ride my bike to and from work." "I do nothing in particular to stay in shape.

I do take the stairs instead of lifts, though."



013 Betty looked amazed. Cathy seemed impressed. In stark contrast,

Joe appeared bored, yawning and scratching his leg at times.



014 According to a source familiar with the details, the state-owned entity went bankrupt

as a result of inappropriate management decisions.



015 The communist regime erected and unveiled a 100-foot bronze statue

to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the birth of its founder.



016 "Correct me if I'm wrong about the following: In mammal reproduction,

females don't lay eggs but give birth to babies."



017 A clinical specialist attributed the noticeable increase in the incidence of cancers

to toxic artificial additives and agricultural chemicals.



018 Notable scholars of this era tended to view myths as primitive, unreliable narratives and

distorted coverage of legends.



019 The Western Allies imposed sanctions, namely trade restrictions, on the military power

for invading its one-time colony.



020 Indulging in nostalgia, he browsed through the stained album.

It reminded him of the glorious heyday of punk in the late 70s.



021 "I must confess that I was suspicious of her somewhat peculiar herbal remedy,

but in reality it cured me of my nervous fatigue."



022 Soaring property prices provided mainstream financial institutions

with ample profit motive to invest in real estate.

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023 The wicked incident can be summarized as follows: her so-called "mentor"

talked her into bearing his debts and disappeared.

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024 "We must abolish obsolete federal regulations that hinder innovative startups

from going public on the stock exchange."

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025 I asked her a straightforward question out of mere curiosity,

which she interpreted as an insult and flushed with indignation.

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026 He found me a geometry reference book, but I found myself looking up

quite a few unfamiliar terms, so I got myself a glossary.

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027 He told me to keep the front door closed but leave the back door open

so Max could get into and out of the house freely.

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028 "Were you able to get the photocopier working again? I've got to hurry and

get some materials prepared for my presentation."

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029 A burglar broke into a neighbor's basement and shed. As a precaution,
I had motion-activated surveillance cameras installed.

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030 The thermometer registered nearly 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
Andy literally had beads of sweat dripping from his chin.

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031 The bishop was wandering in the spacious cathedral when he heard his beloved hymn
"The Lord's My Shepherd" being sung by a choir.

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032 The amended Commerce Act enables domestic textile manufacturers to operate
on an equal basis with their foreign counterparts.

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033 The eloquent adviser managed to convince the predominantly conservative leadership
to carry out drastic structural reforms.

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034 Various types of snacks are prominently displayed at checkout aisles
to induce shoppers to purchase them on impulse.

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035 The Department of Education called on vocational schools to place more emphasis
on STEM-related subjects and activities.

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036 Whenever I consult him about my crude idea, he is supportive and

keen to help me figure out a way to make it happen.



037 To my horror, I saw my two-year-old toddler tumble and plunge off a vertical cliff,
and to my huge relief, it was only a dream.



038 As a lad, the prolific inventor derived immense pleasure from watching bullet trains
come and go against a backdrop of skyscrapers.



039 I heard brakes squeal and felt something hit my car.

I glanced into the rear-view mirror and saw a motorcycle riding away.



040 "It'll cost you no less than 30 euros to have a repair shop replace a flat,"

the mechanic predicted, adding "I can fix it for a fraction of that fee."



041 "Have you ever had someone say something mean or nasty behind your back?"

"All the time, though I pretend not to know."



042 The first version of the now ubiquitous winner-take-all game Monopoly
was invented by an anti-capitalist during the Great Depression.



043 The bilateral tariff treaty was severely condemned by patriots and nationalists alike
as a unilateral concession they couldn't tolerate.

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044 The vicious posts were allegedly made by a former employee
who held a grudge against his employer for dismissing him.

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045 For the sake of convenience, the sculptures are arranged in chronological order, i.e.
in the order of their creation.

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046 The inherently flawed nature of the United Nations was revealed in its futile bid
to work out a compromise solution to the boundary dispute.

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047 The opinion poll results have been transmitted to the campaign headquarters and
are currently being computed and analyzed.

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048 I was robbed of my purse, and to make matters worse,
it contained practically everything essential for my daily life.

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049 The conveniently situated flat is furnished with energy efficient appliances and
fitted wardrobes with abundant storage capacity.

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050 The celebrity was arrested for reckless driving, was fined \$300,
and had his license suspended. He is now on bail pending his appeal.

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051 Needless to say, children, as well as grown-ups, are granted fundamental human rights,
as stated in the constitution.

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052 His exceptional success was made possible by not just his shrewd corporate strategy
but also his connections with leading political figures.

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053 A juvenile delinquent, Bob was caught using illegal drugs and expelled from school.
He was convicted of theft and assault.

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054 Public servants are expected to serve the varied needs of every individual,
irrespective of color, race, religion, or gender.

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055 The couple was supposed to have a terrific vacation, but instead
had a terrible argument over petty stuff and ended up breaking up.

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056 The aim of this conference is mostly to forge and facilitate
mutual understanding and alliance among diverse disciplines.

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057 We were planning to go on a yearly company outing over the upcoming break but
had to postpone it because of the pandemic outbreak.

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058 The armed robber seized the clerks as hostages and threatened to shoot them,
but an FBI agent persuaded him to set them free.

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059 "Did you remember to book a table for us?" "Shoot! I forgot to make a reservation!"
"Chances are it's fully booked by now."

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060 I greatly admire him. I occasionally fail to retain my self-control.
However, in his case, reason never fails to prevail over emotion.

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061 He vowed to give up cheating for good. Nevertheless, he chose not to honor that pledge.
Therefore, she commenced divorce proceedings.

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062 Insurance firms weigh multiple factors in determining whether to issue an applicant
an insurance policy and what premium to offer.

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063 The inspectors are meticulous about their duty to insure that the law is strictly enforced.
They hardly ever overlook any minor violation.

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064 The opposition parties categorically denounced the ruling coalition

for the lack of concrete action to tackle the prolonged deflation.

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065 I resolved not to yield to his request to buy him a brand-new laptop,

but he begged and pleaded with me until I finally gave in.

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066 Municipal authorities are independent of the central government in selecting land

on which to construct sewage disposal facilities.

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067 The ambitious colonial ruler conquered the kingdom and ascended the throne;

the monarch fled to escape execution and lived in exile.

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068 To enrich your active vocabulary, memorize and recite whole phrases

rather than individual words detached from the context.

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069 In order to permanently prevent obesity from recurring, I cut down on carbohydrates and

work out to boost metabolism.

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070 We incorporate media literacy into the curriculum so as not to be exposed to media

without being able to evaluate its content.

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071 I dozed off sprawling on the neat, comfortable lawn. After a while I woke up to find
my baggage had vanished without a trace.

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072 The locally organized rescue party set off at dawn in search of the missing villagers,
only to return empty-handed at dusk.

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073 Bewildered to learn Hank had passed away, she was nonetheless brave enough
not to exhibit her grief in our presence.

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074 I avoid socializing with those who are apt to find fault with others
because they are difficult to satisfy and easy to upset.

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075 In order for this to work as intended, it is necessary for each participant's
responsibilities and obligations to be explicitly defined.

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076 He was seen spitting and swearing in the edited clip. He appeared to have stumbled
on a kerb and bumped his forehead on a litter bin.

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077 I share the housework with him. I do the cooking and the laundry;
he does the grocery shopping and takes out the garbage.

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078 Write an essay on the pros and cons of consumption taxation.

Check your paper for spelling and grammatical errors before submitting it.



079 The distinguished physicist consistently emphasizes the necessity of enhancing the quality and quantity of undergraduate faculty.



080 I undertook a project to devise a uniform method of lessening administrative burden and maximizing strategic focus.



081 The athletic genius accomplished the unthinkable: he achieved an incredible feat of shattering three world records by wide margins.



082 The upper echelon of bureaucrats in this privileged bureau plays a dominant part in shaping the fiscal and monetary policies.



083 Our division managers are not used to using their initiative or discretion; they are accustomed to acting on instructions.



084 The egalitarian lawyer deserves credit for his commitment to securing fair and just workplaces by eliminating racism and sexism.



085 The overnight janitor was fired no more than a week after being hired.

He was spotted attempting to steal computer peripheral devices.

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086 Allowing students to widen their sphere of interest and broaden their horizons

is an effective means of fostering motivation.

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087 "What if you stray and get lost? I suggest carrying navigational instruments and

extra batteries and supplies with you, just in case."

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088 I can't forget seeing Mount Everest for the first time.

I have since been fascinated by the magnificent sacred Himalayas.

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089 At first, the suspect denied being involved in the conspiracy, but afterward

conscience compelled him to acknowledge it.

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090 In his memoirs, he admits having contemplated suicide.

He was in despair at the bleak prospect of never restoring his reputation.

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091 "This won't cut through a ripe tomato without crushing it. Maybe, the blade is dull."

"It needs sharpening. Try using this one."

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092 "Don't take advantage of the 'novice' status. I remember you objecting to being called one."

"I don't remember saying that."

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093 I can scarcely imagine him being that sarcastic and rude. He is polite and considerate.

Presumably he was temporarily insane.

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094 My workmate insisted on giving me Korean lessons in exchange for
my teaching her tea ceremony and flower arrangement.

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095 She knelt in front and whispered to his grave. "Not a single day goes by
without us thinking of you. Keep on looking over us all."

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096 "I'm losing my appetite. Neither the penetrating cold nor the fatty foods agree with me."

"You'll get used to them in time."

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097 I had grown weary of doing tedious, time-consuming routines and
aspired to do something more challenging and fulfilling.

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098 An investigating committee was set up to look into the alleged bribery
involving the senator and his aide, siblings and relatives.

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099 The competent principal hit on a balanced, sensible approach to the perpetual problem confronting his elementary school.

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100 The bulk of this chapter reviews a research demonstrating the beneficial impact of moderate exercise on cognitive function.

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101 An intermediate learner looking to improve practical skills at minimal expense should consider enrolling in online private tuition.

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102 These edible and inedible plants originating in the tropics look exactly alike. Non-experts couldn't distinguish between them.

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103 Immigrants, refugees, and rural migrants residing in the coastal region account for a ninth of its population and a fifth of its workforce.

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104 Basically, no visitors are allowed outside of the designated visiting hours except for those holding a specific pass or permit.

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105 The dispatched ninja warrior was captured, imprisoned, and tortured, but he refused to disclose the purpose of his mission.

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106 The chemistry instructor took pains to illustrate the definition of the complicated formula
by using a simplified linear diagram.



107 The principal objective of the newly introduced educational programme
is to cultivate pupils' mental and critical faculties.



108 "I look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, I wish you a merry Thanksgiving
surrounded by your loved ones."



109 Racial and ethnic minorities have long faced oppression and discrimination
fueled by obstinate ignorance and prejudice.



110 "Products made from this versatile, resilient material have a defect in common:
they emit poisonous substances when burnt."



111 A comprehensive household survey published Monday highlighted the plight
of low-income families and impoverished seniors.



112 Mike, who excels in arithmetic, murmured, "19 multiplied by 19 equals 361.
144 divided by 15 is 9 with a remainder of 9."



113 My ailment, diagnosed as depression, was triggered by the long-term strains
of dealing exclusively with customers' complaints.

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114 The cynical author characterized the post-war Japanese as workaholics
preoccupied with superficial economic prosperity.

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115 I presume a literary work translated into another language
seldom conveys the subtle nuances presented in the original.

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116 Industrial waste classified as hazardous was dumped and buried in the drained swamp—
crucial information withheld from local residents.

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117 I have an infant aged 11 months. I constantly soothe him, wipe his bottom,
and tidy up scattered toys. It takes infinite patience.

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118 I was sorting out my late mother's belongings when I came across the abridged edition
of her guide titled "Classic Soup Recipes Made Easy."

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119 Working under his supervision was a dream come true for Pat.
As for Joe, however, it was a worst-case scenario come to life.

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120 The earnest nun spent a good portion of her adulthood nursing the sick and dying
in a number of developing countries.

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121 He was puffing and panting, lagging behind. "Hey! Slow down a bit, will you?
I can't keep up with you guys. I'm out of breath."

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122 Tens of thousands of furious protesters reportedly took part in the mass rally,
calling for the Deputy Prime Minister to resign.

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123 In the high-profile trial, the presiding judge passed a lenient sentence on the accused,
considering he had a neglected childhood.

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124 Shortly after the spectacular launch, the appalling tragedy occurred,
claiming the lives of all seven astronauts on board.

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125 Nowadays, people are becoming increasingly health-conscious,
thus altering their diets so as to extend their healthy lifespan.

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126 "It's chaos!" said the correspondent. A grain lorry loaded with fertilizer
had been overturned by a gust of wind, thereby obstructing the exit lane.

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127 Whistling his favorite tune, he wrapped a towel around his waist,
removed his briefs from underneath, and entered the sauna.

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128 Judging by the transcript of his press statement, the mayor's disposition
is not optimistic; it is, if anything, on the pessimistic side.

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129 Roughly speaking, we import two-thirds of the staples we consume
and export two-fifths of the goods we produce.

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130 Following agile fighters, the enormous flying fortress gradually increased
velocity and altitude, as if defying the law of gravity.

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131 "Watch out!" she yelled when her little devil, chasing a ball, ran out onto the street and
came close to being struck by a delivery van.

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132 Mike startled me by tapping me on the shoulder. Totally absorbed in my meditation,
I didn't notice him sneaking in.

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133 We refer to the abandoned coal mining site as Battleship Island.
Seen from a distance, it closely resembles a war vessel.

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134 The jury returned a unanimous verdict for the defense, and the defendant,
embraced by his attorney, cried aloud with joy.

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135 Their gross turnover has doubled and surpassed the one trillion mark,
but given the market momentum, there is room for improvement.

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136 Apparently Sandy had a tremendous amount of cash on hand,
having withdrawn her savings from her deposit account.

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137 Never having treated a wounded soldier, the ward nurse was rendered unconscious
by the sight of those with wounds and burns.

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138 The dedicated coach, having trained the promising athletes,
paid tribute to them for the remarkable progress they had made.

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139 His hand trembling with anguish, he got rid of the dead cricket.
He can barely stand the sight of bugs, worms, and reptiles.

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140 This funeral ritual is related to the burial rites of a nomadic tribe,
each dating back to medieval and prehistoric times, respectively.

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141 He stood still and grim-faced with his arms folded.

With nobody paying any attention to him, he felt ignored and excluded.



142 With the annual music festival nearing, 20-odd technical staff were working late,
assembling state-of-the-art stage equipment.



143 Personnel on duty are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages.

What they can and can't do is dictated by a rigid code of conduct.



144 "We're discussing what it takes to transform the budget deficit into a surplus.

Your argument isn't relevant to the subject at hand."



145 "Perhaps I shouldn't generalize, but what is described as Aboriginal characteristics
applies to other indigenous peoples."



146 After being presented with the prestigious award, she bowed in gratitude and
told her fans, "I owe what I am today to you all."



147 Information technologies advance so rapidly that I have only a vague notion of
what they will be like five years from now.



148 That footage of misery filled me with such empathy and compassion

that I donated what little money I had to the charity organization.

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149 "What do you think makes renewable energy environmentally sustainable

and attractive to investors and taxpayers as well?"

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150 A pedestrian intervened between a tram operator and a cab driver

fiercely quarrelling over who was to blame for the collision.

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151 A study using 5,000 subjects yielded precise insight into

how stress affects molecular interactions and thus how fast we age.

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152 The main virtue of democracy lies in the fact that everyone,

regardless of who they are, has a say in how they are governed.

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153 The premier inserted a remark: "Whoever takes it lightly is

rather ignorant of current affairs and how politics operate."

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154 I'd recommend her eagerly-awaited sequel to the novel "Perseverance"

to whoever loves biographies about overcoming obstacles.

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155 The accountant looked over the revised figures in the audit report

to see if there was any obvious oversight or miscalculation.

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156 He has persistent doubts as to whether he has chosen the right profession and

whether he can be a good psychiatrist.

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157 It seems prudent to examine this tempting proposition further—

whether its prospective benefits outweigh the risks involved.

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158 Statistical summaries compiled in alternate months indicate

that the number of crimes committed by minors is steadily decreasing.

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159 The imaginative five-year-old made believe he was an astute detective and

gathered clues to unravel an imaginary case.

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160 Make sure you bend your knees when lifting a heavy load,

otherwise you are more prone to injure your back muscles.

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161 The policymakers reiterated that nuclear power didn't generate carbon dioxide and

that it was the least costly alternative to fossil fuels.

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162 I was quite fortunate in that I worked with amazing co-workers.

Besides, my clients treated me with dignity and respect.



163 Regarding your recent query, I am fairly sure that the other party will eventually agree to pay the sum to settle the lawsuit.



164 Native inhabitants of this flourishing state are frustrated that they can't afford to rent a decent apartment in urban districts.



165 After due consideration, we regret to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.



166 He assured the wavering volunteers that their collective, coordinated efforts would surely be rewarded in the long run.



167 He confided to me that he didn't dare tell us the outcome for fear that consequently he would be held accountable for it.



168 "Would you mind lending me 60 dollars?" "Not at all" is what I want to say, but the problem is that you owe me 90 bucks already."



169 Astronomers believe the prevalent theory that the universe came into being and evolved as a consequence of a massive explosion.



170 There is hardly any doubt that the distributor's ambiguous reply is meant to extract more favorable terms from the lumber merchants.



171 Take extreme care to identify and address problematic student behaviors that interfere with the learning of fellow students.



172 I'm concerned about countless potential addicts who are utterly unaware of the grave dangers of alcohol abuse.



173 A casual reference the outspoken governor made in the diplomatic discourse prompted widespread dismay and outrage.



174 The religious body opposed the genetic engineering experiment that the lab's chemists were engaged in to verify their hypothesis.



175 It was arguably the most unusual phenomenon that marine biologists specializing in Arctic ecology had ever observed.



176 "I infer that the synthesis of Big Data and AI may well have far-reaching implications
for every conceivable commodity there is."

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177 The activist sought to arouse sympathy for his noble cause,
which his contemporaries dismissed as part of his hidden agenda.

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178 The U.S. Congress, which is equivalent to the Japanese Diet or the British Parliament,
consists of the House and the Senate.

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179 The civic auditorium is scheduled to open January 15th,
which coincides with the national holiday to celebrate the civil rights icon.

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180 Fallen revenue led to steep cuts in public expenditure,
which in turn inflicted serious hardship on the construction industry.

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181 Growing up, Mike suffered from chronic asthma and allergies,
which made him a regular patient at Cathy's pharmacy.

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182 Fred asserted, "Undoubtedly, it's their fault, not yours, which is why
you are not legally obliged to pay for the damage incurred."

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183 "Speaking of which, how's your better half doing? You haven't mentioned her
once today." "Oh, as usual. She's doing fine."

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184 He imitated a variety of dialects to entertain the 9th-grade schoolgirls,
who made fun of his awkward attempt to amuse them.

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185 The feudal lord is categorized as a brutal tyrant, which he wasn't.
He is frequently depicted as arbitrary and capricious, which he wasn't either.

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186 The Bushido philosophy exemplifies the ideals of loyalty, honor, and courage
associated with samurai, whose swords represent them all.

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187 MC stands for Master of Ceremonies, whose chief role it is
that a certain formal event takes place according to schedule.

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188 The demographic transition has contributed to a vast number of senior citizens,
many of whom possess substantial assets.

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189 The spokesperson said, "Our ongoing restructuring is designed to integrate
our existing businesses, most of which we acquired via mergers."

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190 Anti-base demonstrators protested the Supreme Court's landmark ruling

that they claimed was a gross injustice.



191 The priest delivered a passionate sermon about our eternal quest for instant gratification,
which he said was the root of evil deeds.



192 The luxurious brick mansion in which he practiced the piano in his youth
remains relatively intact and is open to the public.



193 I had a frightening nightmare in which I was most vulnerable,
being trapped in a circular maze and a terrifying creature emerged.



194 The solar system, to which planets such as Earth, Mars, and Venus belong,
was formed approximately 4.5 billion years ago.



195 Notwithstanding his injury, he gave a brilliant performance,
for which the spectators rose to their feet and applauded loudly.



196 "That supervisor may harass or intimidate his subordinates,
in which case we'll see to it that he will be punished properly."



197 As far as I know, reading between the lines is of significant importance in Japan,
where numerous things are expressed implicitly.

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198 I make my twins collaborate, not compete. I assign them tasks
where success is more or less guaranteed, and praise them both.

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199 The following week, when this newcomer was heading for Shibuya,
he changed trains at Tokyo and boarded one bound for Chiba.

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200 "When was the last time you came down with an illness?"
"Thankfully, I haven't had a cold or flu, much less COVID, for ages."

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201 The weather forecast says this is the tenth day in a row
that the maximum temperature has exceeded 35 degrees Celsius.

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202 Compared with her ex-boyfriends, Fred was compassionate and paternal.
Each time she complained, he was willing to lend an ear.

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203 I didn't mean to scare the preschooler disguised as a witch,
but the way I stared at her seemed to have frightened her.

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204 "Anyway, the reason I adore him is tough to articulate."

"That's what love is all about. It's rarely logical or reasonable."

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205 He cited several plausible reasons why cashless transactions would be the norm and
currency as we knew it would cease to exist.

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206 "In short, heredity is the biological process whereby genes and traits are passed on
from parents to offspring."

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207 The deteriorating situation called for a swift response, yet they were at a loss as to what to do,
for they hadn't anticipated a calamity of that magnitude.

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208 The pension paradigm had both positive and negative aspects,
and yet they exaggerated the former and concealed the latter.

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209 If your symptoms of a sore throat and aching limbs persist,
see your physician for evaluation and advice on viable options.

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210 He made a desperate plea to the serial kidnapper saying that he intended to pay any ransom
provided her release was assured.

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211 The ambassador will resume work in a few days. He is eager to continue working
as long as he is medically sound and, moreover, mentally alert.

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212 This email is to remind you that unless you opt to renew,
your subscription will automatically expire within 10 days.

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213 The captain announced, "Please fasten your seat belt. We're expecting a little turbulence
as we descend through some weather."

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214 Every time he is in trouble, he never hesitates to turn to me for help,
but he is all too reluctant to reciprocate. I feel like he's using me.

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215 If you should find my qualifications in the résumé suitable for the position,
I am available for an interview anytime you're ready for me.

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216 That day was so hectic I got home worn out and dizzy.
I was so exhausted that the second I lay down on the couch, I fell asleep.

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217 The orphan lived with a succession of foster parents,
until in the end he was adopted by an affluent elderly bachelor.

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218 "As far as art is concerned, there's no accounting for taste.

Aesthetic judgment is a matter of personal preference and subjective criteria."

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219 "In case I forget, do remind me to take my medicine."

"Why don't you download an app called 'Pill Reminder'?"

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220 Once Adam and Eve, disobeying God, ate the forbidden fruit,

they came to realize the shame stemming from their sins.

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221 As this proverb "Where there is a will, there is a way" alludes to,

with solid determination, you can ultimately attain anything you desire.

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222 "Since there's no lime available for the time being, we've got no choice but to

make do with some acidic ingredient or just do without."

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223 The last thing I need is a Greg. It's because he does nothing but grumble.

I have nothing but hatred and contempt for him.

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224 In another analogy, as the sun's radiation changes liquid into vapor,

kindness causes misunderstanding, distrust, and hostility to evaporate.

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225 Stuck in congestion, the ambulance decided to make a detour.

As was often the case, there was a crash at the notorious intersection.

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226 The pirate villain looked as if he was about to burst out crying,
when he abruptly burst out laughing as though he had gone mad.

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227 While Joe's description of the film's complex plot was lengthy and misleading,
Pat's account was concise and coherent.

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228 Some of those present demanded that voting be made compulsory for all eligible voters,
whereas others insisted it remain voluntary.

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229 Even though I'm not verbally fluent in Italian, I somehow made myself understood
to the extent of being invited to their place.

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230 "Why not just let them talk?" she chipped in. "No matter what you do,
whatever way you do it, there is no way you can please everybody."

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231 May good fortune follow you wherever you go and in whatever you aim to do.
I'm convinced you are destined to blossom and thrive.

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232 "I work for an advertising agency. What do you do?"

"I work at a retail outlet in the mall. I promote cosmetics and toiletries."

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233 In general, Germans are punctual for appointments, respond promptly to inquiries,
and expect the same courtesy in return.

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234 "That's my itinerary as of now." "If you're going to Japan, you might like to try sushi.
You might as well try Japanese cuisine."

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235 "I'm glad I've met a smart, sincere man at last!"

"I'm afraid you have yet to meet Mr. Right. You're badly mistaken about him."

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236 My liberal mum is inclined to approve of my marriage to a man her age,
but I haven't been able to obtain consent from my stubborn old man.

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237 The visually impaired and partially deaf composer has been struggling for so long
but has now come to terms with his disability.

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238 I saw my ex for the first time in 10 years at our class reunion.

She had changed so dramatically I didn't recognize her right away.

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239 The deceased hadn't drawn up a will prior to his passing and accordingly,
Bill, his nephew and sole heir, inherited his entire estate.

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240 The Republican presidential nominee shook hands with dozens of his loyal supporters
who had spontaneously gathered to welcome him.

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241 Rumors circulating in the preceding months included speculation
that the ministry had manipulated statistics to suit its own ends.

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242 A bus pulled up alongside the passenger terminal, picked up a cluster of tourists,
and pulled out into the infamous LA traffic.

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243 He suggested the interior be modified to create a vibrant atmosphere
to live up to the pub's name, but I suppose it's good as is.

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244 Unless I hear from you otherwise, I will assume this matter is now concluded.
Thanks for your valuable time and cooperation.

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245 "Unfortunately, I won't be able to accompany you. I've got some urgent business
to attend to," she uttered apologetically.

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246 "If you will be visiting us, be sure to let me know in advance

so that I can arrange for a caretaker to show you round."

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247 "You might want to relieve yourself in the restroom.

We won't be making any rest stops till we get to Morgan County."

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248 "That'll be 150 yuan altogether. Will you be paying together?"

"No, we'd prefer separate checks. Please split it evenly."

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249 "Technically, the deployment of troops is legitimate, but it would have an adverse effect
on the amicable relationship we have maintained."

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250 She paused momentarily, then snapped, "Would you please not bother me?

I don't like being interrupted while working!"

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251 "Would the owner of a Toyota with plate number WA6UF

parked outside the marked parking spaces please move your car?"

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252 Article 8, Paragraph 1 specifies that each fire extinguisher shall be fixed firmly
in a conspicuous and readily accessible location.

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253 Anyone who doesn't comply with the given rules shall not be permitted to attend

any school functions, physically or virtually.

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254 "She must have a great affection for that guy, and vice versa."

"You must be joking! That can't be right! It's me she's into!"

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255 "I got the impression she was in her teens, but she turned out to be 9!"

"She looks mature for her age. She could pass for 17. "

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256 "I need you to do me a favor." "Sure. What's up?"

"Could you give me a ride downtown to pick up a ball dress?"

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257 "How can you be so naïve? How could anybody be taken in by such a transparent trick?"

"I'm thoroughly ashamed of myself."

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258 "With some 500 vehicles on average on this 2-acre lot, you should have no trouble

finding the one that meets your requirements."

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259 He has a hard time declining when asked to work overtime.

He might accept it, but beneath the surface he is dreading it.

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260 "Frankly, I suspect it won't last long." "I doubt it will make much difference,
but it shouldn't hurt to try. Miracles do happen."

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261 We used to be on horrible terms. We ran into each other once in a while on campus
but never exchanged greetings.

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262 The corrupt politician, perceived to be pro-Beijing, is to be appointed cabinet minister,
which is certain to provoke a controversy.

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263 The progressive lawmakers are soon to propose a legislation
entirely banning the possession of firearms and ammunition.

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264 I saw him off on his departure for the doomed Antarctic expedition.
Little did I know that by a cruel twist of fate, I was never to see him again.

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265 "He is not to be trusted. I warn you to stay away from him."
"He would be the last person to deceive or betray anyone."

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266 He argued, "If we are to reduce trash pollution, it is desirable that we should reconsider
the excessive packaging practices."

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267 The standing board members decided that Ted would make a worthy successor
to the outgoing vice-president for finance.

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268 I deliberately flattered my mother-in-law, praying that her attention would be distracted
from the major blunder I made.

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269 On weekdays and every other Sunday I would rise at 6, get my little ones dressed and fed,
and drive them to nursery on time.

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270 The scary thought wouldn't go away no matter how hard I tried to dispel it,
leaving me feeling more and more anxious.

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271 The vocal champion of autonomy was barred from addressing gatherings
on the grounds that he might evoke revolutionary sentiments.

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272 The panel reached a tentative conclusion that the novel virus vaccine,
by impairing the immune system, could cause fatal diseases.

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273 Dense fog restricted visibility to less than 50 feet. Motorists couldn't make out
traffic lights, not to mention road signs.

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274 His bizarre, abstract ad concept may have struck all concerned

as absurd and out of the question, but in a sense it is rational.



275 "If that's so—I mean, if her portrait of him is accurate, she must have been a saint

to put up with him for more than half a century."



276 Candidates wishing to major in theoretical physics must have completed

at least one semester of basic principles of physics.



277 I was waiting impatiently for her to text me back. I was tense and worried

that something awful might have happened to her.



278 In retrospect, I should have known better. I shouldn't have taken their word for it.

I should've followed my gut instincts.



279 "So you must have been relieved when you were old enough to leave home."

"Definitely. I couldn't have been more delighted."



280 If you were forced to sign the contract against your will, then it is deemed invalid.

I urge you to seek legal help immediately.



281 "If I were you, I would quit moaning and consider myself lucky."

"It's nobody's business how I feel. It's got nothing to do with you!"

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282 "I wonder if this landscape painting is a genuine Hokusai."

"It's obviously a fake. If it was real, it wouldn't be in this obscure gallery."

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283 The critic commented, "If I were asked how I felt when I heard him singing,

I would call it 'love at first voice,' to coin a phrase."

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284 If you were to live on a remote deserted island by yourself for the rest of your life,

what video games would you take with you?

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285 "Would it be all right if I took a day off sometime next week?

I need to catch up on a bunch of chores and errands."

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286 I made it to the platform just in time to catch the last train.

If I had missed it, I'd have had to take a taxi home.

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287 The editorial implied the unprecedented catastrophe could have been averted

if the crew had adhered to proper procedures.

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288 "Come to think of it, if it hadn't been for dating websites, which are now commonplace,
we probably wouldn't have met in the first place."

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289 "On the contrary," he retorted, "a halfway measure for the critical but stable condition
would do it more harm than good."

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290 He frowned. "It would be unwise, not to say foolish, to rely on your intuition alone.
You ought to exercise your common sense."

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291 We underwent a radical transformation, during which all sorts of sacrifices were made,
but without them we would have withered away.

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292 I look up to simultaneous interpreters. I can't help but envy their superb linguistic abilities.
I wish I could be like them too.

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293 He bitterly regretted losing his temper in a fit of rage.
"I wish I hadn't used such offensive language. If only she would forgive me!"

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294 The would-be painter sighed and wished he were endowed with an artistic talent
for painting masterpieces like Renoir's.

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295 Not knowing where Fukushima Prefecture is located, I felt acutely embarrassed.

I wished the floor would swallow me up.

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296 "Do you mind if I smoke?" She nodded and replied with a slight cough.

"I'd rather you didn't. I'm allergic to cigarette smoke."

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297 "It looks like we're going to have a thunderstorm."

"I guess we'd better rush to get this done before it starts pouring."

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298 It seemed to me that my associates refrained from criticizing me

on account of me being within hearing distance.

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299 "Terrorism poses a distinct threat to humanity and civilization.

It's time the global community cooperated in eradicating it!" he countered.

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300 In spite of her annoyance, she bit her lip and gently scolded the naughty bully.

"It's about time you learned to tell right from wrong."

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301 "I'd like you to cut my hair like this and dye it pale brown.

Actually, it's been years since I last got my hair cut short."

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302 It was a decade before the veteran got over the trauma of atrocities,
and it took even longer for his psychological scars to heal.



303 It is absolutely vital to reconcile freedom with discipline in raising a family.

As the saying goes, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."



304 The advent of social media made it easier for someone anonymous
to reach a large audience and exert considerable influence.



305 It was worthwhile applying for the Livestock Investment Grant.

The Dairy Council awarded us a subsidy of £2,000 per annum.



306 "It's no use crying over spilt milk, so let's make the best of it.

Hopefully, we can turn this crisis into an opportunity."



307 My tenure was terminated on short notice. It was painful that I didn't get to bid farewell
to all of my close colleagues.



308 It goes without saying that not every artwork is a treasure.

Likewise, not all antique furniture is worth collecting.



309 He told me it was plain I was jealous of him as he was hailed as indispensable to the squad,
whilst I was regarded as a nuisance.

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310 My male partner takes it for granted that women prepare meals.

I wonder how I can change his outdated attitude and get him to cook.

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311 Conventional wisdom has it that productivity is strengthened by incentives,
notably job security and merit-based promotion.

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312 I would appreciate it if you would deliver the items listed in the table below,
together with the previously ordered garments.

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313 "In my family, it's my dad who's in charge of running the house."

"In mine, normally it's my mom that calls the shots."

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314 Although he stood out early on, it wasn't until he hit his 40s

that his sophisticated design became widely recognized.

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315 "What is it that makes you so full of confidence?

You should know better than to confuse popularity with proficiency."

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316 Why is it that the moment folks find out I'm an archaeologist,
they invariably ask me if I have discovered any cool artifact lately?

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317 The geography lecturer explained to us that the lower portion of this basin is
more subject to floods than any other area in this province.

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318 There is nothing more precious than life. No apologies or compensation is sufficient
to mitigate the loss of those you love.

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319 The leader of the petition drive proclaims that the unemployed who couldn't be worse off
are not given meaningful welfare.

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320 "That said, it could've been worse. We could've been killed."
"I couldn't agree more. It's a blessing none got hurt."

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321 Fame and fortune notwithstanding, the pop duo are no more arrogant or extravagant
than they were when they released their debut single.

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322 More and more TV programs were employing the infotainment format
with a view to attracting as many viewers as possible.

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323 I was driven by spite to inform his wife of our love affair,
but I felt none the better for it; in fact I felt all the more miserable.

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324 The more I reflected on the volume of the assignments,
the less confident I became that I could meet the deadline.

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325 "Bill notified the senior executives of his intention to retire.
Nick will take over as interim CEO." "Well, I couldn't care less."

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326 "In what respect are robots superior to human beings?"
"In terms of diligence, obedience, and reliability, I reckon."

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327 "How come they are overly enthusiastic about football?"
"Who knows? That's not so much an enthusiasm as an obsession."

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328 Now that I've relocated to the outskirts of town, it takes me three times as long
to commute to work, which is tiring and stressful.

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329 With regard to parenting, if you wish your kid to turn out well,
spend twice as much time with him and half as much money on him.

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330 The latest chip is half the size of its predecessor—one-tenth the size of a rice grain,
hence virtually invisible to the naked eye.

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331 The colonel's flight home, due to depart at 19:00, was delayed a couple of times
due to mechanical failure and took off at midnight.

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332 "All contributions, however small, are gratefully received.
Every bit counts and helps needy youngsters to get more nutrition."

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333 Free-market advocates point out that capitalism, as opposed to socialism,
promotes efficiency through vigorous competition.

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334 The hilarious satire was inspired by the hypocrisy of the dictator who,
with no mandate, contends he represents the interests of the majority.

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335 The forthcoming convention will assess and explore, among other things,
the commercial possibilities of contemporary architecture.

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336 He is fond of quoting a well-known novelist and poet: "Every misfortune you encounter
will transport in it the seed of good luck."

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337 The grieving widow recounted in graphic detail her distress of seeing

her spouse's moods range across the emotional spectrum.



338 All living organisms, including bacteria, depend for their existence

on water, a chemical compound of hydrogen and oxygen.



339 The experienced counselor advised Cindy to bear in mind that Joe was going through

the inevitable rebellious phase of adolescence.



340 My grandpa was an entrepreneur, and I can tell from the way my grandma boasts about him

that he was an outstanding one.



341 Sleep is to the brain what food is to the body—that is to say, if deprived of adequate sleep,

the brain cannot perform optimally.



342 A disaster relief fund was established for the victims of the destructive volcanic eruption

who were displaced or evacuated.



343 "The time will come when you'll regret not having read more in school,"

said a literature professor whose name I can't recall.



344 A web article says persuasive evidence has come to light which undermines
the credibility of the testimony of the plaintiff's witness.

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345 Three years before that, a baby boy was born into a noble family
who later grew up to be known as Confucius, a highly influential philosopher.

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346 This is how this tale of integrity unfolds: "Once upon a time there lived
a greedy, selfish landlord and a humble, caring peasant."

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347 "Here comes a cop!" "Stay where you are!" Seeing the gang of thieves hadn't obeyed
her order to halt, the police officer fired into the air.

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348 The scenery from the trail was stunning beyond comparison.
Among the distinctive features was a gorgeous array of the grassland flora.

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349 On the front page of his journal was scribbled his cherished motto:
"Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."

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350 I turned on the electric heater, and hardly had I switched on the microwave oven
when all the lights went out.

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351 Not only did he empower me to pursue my passion for theater,
he also assisted me to embark on a full-time acting career.

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352 Please note that under no circumstances are you to disturb other tenants.

Failure to abide by this can result in an eviction.

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353 "Throughout his life he believed in me, encouraged me, and supported me."

No sooner had he said that than he burst into tears.

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354 The officials couldn't completely discern what they were witnessing,
nor could they comprehend its profound historical significance.

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355 "To tell the truth, I'm sick of greeting guests, serving tea, photocopying, and such."

"I bet you are. To be honest, so am I."

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356 Preserving cultural heritage is a demanding challenge, and so is
handing down traditional craft techniques to the next generation.

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357 In the preface, the sociologist writes that values and ethics differ from culture to culture,
as do customs from place to place.

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358 "It's up to you. I'm too busy to care for the puppy," said Cindy, looking skeptical.

"You can count on me!" grinned Tom.

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359 Enclosed were a brochure and a note that read, "Should you have any concerns, feel free to contact me," followed by his cellphone number.

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360 Had it not been for that extraordinary IT boom, he couldn't have expanded his modest enterprise into a multinational tech giant.

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361 I can't help thinking that he might still be alive and robust had he had his operation conducted by a more capable surgeon.

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362 I promised myself that I would only communicate in Chinese this spring term, and that promise I will fulfill, no matter what.

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363 After all, whatever we do to our environment rebounds to haunt us. In other words, what we do to nature we do to ourselves.

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364 The firefighters were preparing for a state of emergency, though what would arise should it be declared none of them truly grasped.

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365 It was a pyramid scheme based on fraud and deception and
bound to collapse sooner or later. And so it did before long.

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366 "I can resist anything but temptation" is not an irony but a paradox.

As similar as they are, they are anything but synonyms.

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367 The preliminary draft proposal, ingenious as it may be, is unlikely to be endorsed,
as it seems hardly feasible to implement.

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368 "Can someone help me with my translation? I'm confused.

Try as I may, this particular passage doesn't seem to make sense."

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369 It's one thing to gain knowledge and altogether another to apply it.

To put it into practice, you need to think for yourself.

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370 Empirical findings show growing inequality in wealth,
confirming the cliché that the rich become richer and the poor poorer.

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371 I'd say that biased portrayal reinforces the false stereotype that
men are innately aggressive and women passive and fragile.

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372 Visibly irritated, he blamed the lost match on the umpire.

"To put it bluntly, we were defeated by a misjudgment, not by our opponent."

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373 "If the recession worsens, wages are likely to follow suit."

"I hope not. I already find it pretty tough to make ends meet."

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374 The deadly tumor, initially confined to the liver, had spread to adjacent organs.

He was prescribed medication to help ease his lingering pain.

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375 "You know better than that. Now, go apologize to her for what you did wrong."

But he shrugged and trotted down the corridor.

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376 "The least you could do is keep her company. All you have to do is console her,"

Betty told him, offended on Cathy's behalf.

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377 Those brought up overseas as foreigners have difficulty adapting to

this homogeneous alien society, which requires them to conform.

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378 "Just because you get bad grades doesn't necessarily mean you're intellectually inferior.

Standardized tests can't measure intellect."

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379 Shy, introverted and reserved, Ms. Tanaka turned red and shifted her eyes sideways,
seemingly pleased with the compliment.

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380 Unable to suppress his resentment, he exclaimed, "I'd rather go without eating
than borrow money from that disgusting predator!"

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381 Not sure how to handle their harsh criticism, he came up with
an elaborate, contradictory excuse to justify himself.

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382 With his re-election at stake, the incumbent president strove to
keep the economy accelerating by lowering interest rates.

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383 Eyes wide open, the curious Ben kept gazing at an intriguing insect
as it hopped, crawled to a puddle, and leaped over it.

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384 As briefly outlined elsewhere, inflation, or a continual rise in overall prices,
results primarily from an excess of demand over supply.

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385 Put simply, money is the reward you reap for generosity.
But unless wisely utilized, it may undo the good accumulated in the past.

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386 Caution! Be wary of trespassing. Though underestimated, it is a criminal offense:
you can be prosecuted and subsequently jailed.



387 The underlying premise on which our judicial system is founded
is the assumption that one is innocent until proven guilty.



388 While on maternity leave, the trainee earned a bachelor's degree in oral hygiene,
which entitles its recipient to a higher salary.



389 Once in graduate school, I participated in a workshop where I became
acquainted with a talented, albeit weird, architect.



390 Most teenage boys, whether 13 or 19, can't seem to converse with female peers,
let alone hold a stimulating conversation.

