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3. Do you go to school all day on Wednesdays?
4. I usually have some time to do something fun on the weekends.
5. He has forgotten to complete his homework in the past.
6. In the future, we may be able to travel to the moon.
7. Sylvia missed the test because she went home at lunchtime.
8. The chemistry teacher offers a review session before school.
9. In the 1980's music videos were just beginning to be popular.
10. My parents plan to celebrate together on New Year's Day.
11. After the training, the new employees were ready to work.
12. My little brother has trouble sleeping at night.
13. All of the students finished the math test at the same time.
14. Allison's father is very grumpy in the morning.
15. Peter and his brother have dental appointments at 8:45 a.m.
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