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☒ **Twelve people were chosen as the jury.**

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☒ **Twenty-six days passed without any rain.**

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☒ **Forty-eight states were a part of the United States before 1957.**

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☒ **Sixty-seven red and blue balloons floated past the window.**

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☒ **One hundred twenty-five students attended the show.**

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☒ **1776 was the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.**

