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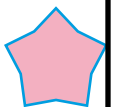
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2. introduction	_____	_____
3. disability	_____	_____
4. memorable	_____	_____
5. historically	_____	_____
6. illegal	_____	_____
7. competitive	_____	_____
8. encouragement	_____	_____
9. uncomfortable	_____	_____
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5. historically	<b>history</b>	
6. illegal	<b>legal</b>	
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