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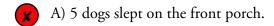
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B) 9 peaches fell off the tree.

Nine peaches fell off the tree.

C) 12 people were chosen as the jury.

Twelve people were chosen as the jury.

D) 26 days passed without any rain.

Twenty-six days passed without any rain.

E) 48 states were a part of the United States before 1957.

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

F) 67 red and blue balloons floated past the window.

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

G) 125 students attended the show.

One hundred twenty-five students attended the show.

H) Seventeen hundred seventy-six was the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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

