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3. A very rich dessert, banana cream pie is not everyone’s favorite dish.
4. A female calico, Janet’s cat has won many ribbons.
5. Our family enjoyed our week at our favorite vacation spot, Hawaii.
6. A pioneer of Impressionism, Pierre-Auguste Renoir was born in France.
7. In the evening we chat with our neighbors in our front yard, the prettiest on the block.
8. The Civil War began with the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, a U.S. fort in South Carolina.
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