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4. I swam with the dolphins.
5. Anna rested beneath the palm tree.
6. The fisherman cast his line into the water.
7. The sky cleared after the storm.
8. Carlos dashed past the goal post.
9. Darius threw the tennis ball over the net.
10. Marla's kitten slept on her bed.

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