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1. The cat clawed the couch.
2. The truck crashed.
3. My sister jumped on the trampoline.
4. His big brother broke his toy.
5. Jane asked a question.
6. The small dog played with his favorite toy.
7. My little baby sister cried through dinner.
8. The man with black hat approached our table.
9. The rusty old car barely drove down the road.

Subjects can have more than one part. For example:

1. The cat and dog ran around the yard.
2. My sister and brother jumped on the trampoline.
3. Jane and Mary asked questions.
4. The fox and the deer ran through the woods.
5. His black iPad crashed to the ground.

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11. My dog ran away.
12. The mouse stole the cheese.
13. I dropped the cup.
14. The small dog played with his favorite toy.
15. My little baby sister cried through dinner.

Predicates can have more than one part. For example:

16. The dog jumped and scampered.
17. My sister baked and washed the dishes.
18. Jane fished and hiked along the river.
19. My son loves to snowboard and ski.
20. Chloe enjoys dancing and singing.

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4. We love to sing and dance together.
5. I want to go to soccer camp next year.
6. Joshua cleaned his room.
7. Sam broke his arm and his leg last night.
8. She parked across the street yesterday.
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6. Mom drove Norman to the store.
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8. Mike hiked the trail from the beginning to end.
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1. The brown horse galloped slowly around the corral.
2. Mom washed my football and soccer clothes last night.
3. Sam and Claude climbed over the fence to the pasture.
4. Southern Florida has an extensive tropical coral ecosystem.
5. The park rangers cleared the trail and posted new trail signs.
6. I planned a picnic at the park for tomorrow.
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12. _____ wants to shop for a new dress, shoes, necklace, and bracelet.
13. At Bahia Honda State Park we _____
_____.
14. The boats and birds _____
15. _____ ate their ice-cream immediately.
16. The big green aliens _____
_____.
17. _____ loves the beach and the sun.
18. The big purple truck _____.

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