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- 3) Dancing on a public stage can be a frightening experience!
- 4) The high-definition television fell onto the dirty street.
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