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2. The dinner belongs to the family __________________________

3. The books belong to the students_______________________

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5. The mess belongs to the dogs__________________________

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