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1.

Tommy ate
carrots in
his lunch.

2.

The
towels in
this pile
are clean.

3.

The book
is a
mystery.

4.

Brandon
was a
soccer
player.

5.

The kids
played
outside.

6.

Sara
baked a
dozen
cookies.

ANSWER KEY

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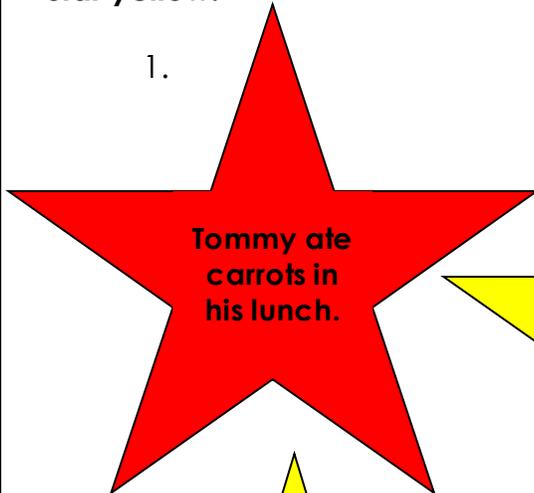
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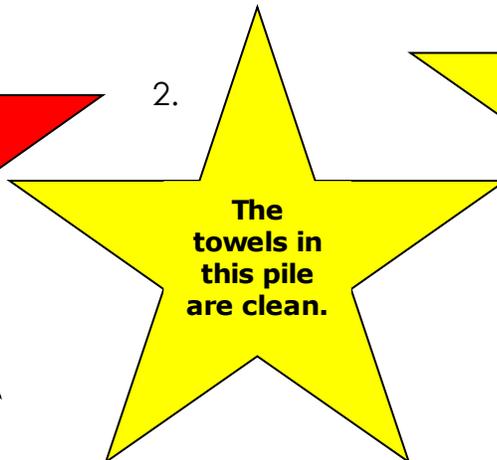
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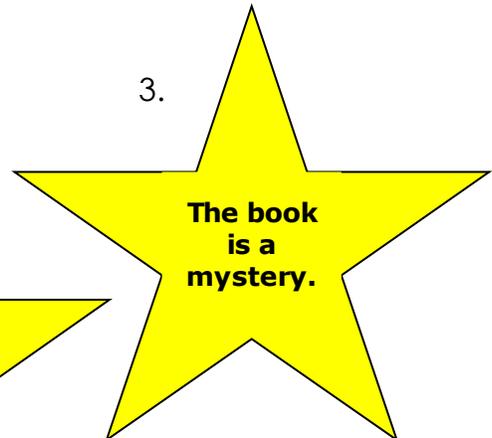
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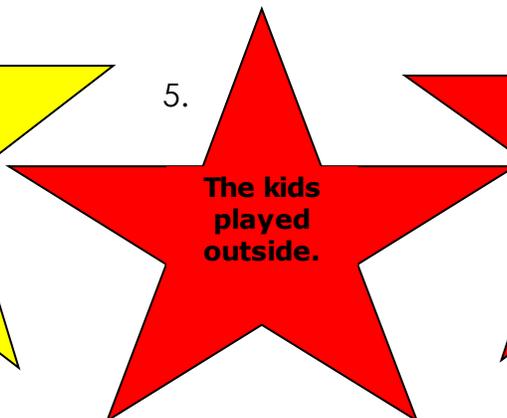
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6.



1, 5, and 6 are colored red. 2, 3, and 4 are yellow.
The verbs are: (1) ate (2) are (3) is (4) was (5) played (6) baked