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| 2. She likes you're handwriting. | right | wrong |
| 3. You're supposed to wash the dishes. | right | wrong |
| 4. Your dog is so cute! | right | wrong |
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| 6. Have fun while your young. | right | wrong |
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- What time is _____ practice?
- _____ a great dancer!
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- Call me if _____ going to the party.
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