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| 6. The birthday girl asked for more cake. | direct | indirect |
| 7. "Can't we play for a little longer?" Gemma asked. | direct | indirect |
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