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e.g. There was a man eating shark in the bay.

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The man eating shark asked the waiter if he had any salt.

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