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

*There was a man-eating shark in the bay.*

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

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**2.** Use the hyphenated words from these sentences to write your own sentences.

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