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4. The smell of the bacon wafted to me, and I could hear the sizzling of the grease as it fried.
5. Marie just giggled at my joke, but Mark snorted milk through his nose.
6. Alyssa muttered under her breath and snapped her notebook shut to hide the bad grade on the test.
7. I felt like the entire cafeteria stopped and looked at me when my lunch tray clattered to the floor.
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