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   **Janet is a pretzel at gymnastics.**

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   **The flower garden is like visiting heaven on a spring day.**

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   **The children chattered, a small flock of birds communicating.**

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   **Trevor ruled the playground like a king.**

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   **Being grounded is like being stranded on a deserted island.**