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_____ 1. The prescription was filled by the pharmacist.

_____ 2. The children pitied the stray dog.

_____ 3. The proceeds from the fundraiser were deposited by the treasurer.

_____ 4. Cedrick left a message on my voice mail.

_____ 5. The movie critic reviewed the new release.

_____ 6. My brother ordered salad as an appetizer.

_____ 7. The audience applauded the tenor's solo.

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- _____ 1. Perry believed the tall tale.
- _____ 2. The small craft sank in the storm.
- _____ 3. Clothilde waited for the signal.
- _____ 4. The banana split was devoured by the young child.
- _____ 5. The short story was written by an eighth grader.
- _____ 6. The wind damaged the roof of the garage.
- _____ 7. The honest person returned my wallet.
- _____ 8. My wallet was returned by the honest person.
- _____ 9. The son was running the business now.
- _____ 10. The business was run by the youngest son.
- _____ 11. The rumor was denied by her classmates.
- _____ 12. Her classmates denied the rumor.
- _____ 13. The purse was found in the cloakroom.
- _____ 14. The janitor found the missing purse.
- _____ 15. The Red Cross aided the flood victims.