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- name of school
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- your age
- if you are male or female
- how many siblings you have
- your favorite band
- your favorite food
- how many pets you have
- the name of your pet
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