

Talk a Lot

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6. We have to do something soon about the problem of anti-social behaviour.
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2. Charlotte is playing basketball with her friends Jules and Mandy.
3. We queued at the stadium for about two and a half hours this morning to get our new season tickets.
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Weather

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6. The bears at the zoo must be fed at least five times a day.
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1. Your car is illegally parked in a no parking zone.
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4. I was wondering whether I could borrow the car for a few hours tomorrow night.
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7. Michael and his brothers are going to plant some oak trees on the land next to that patch of yellow flowers.
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8. I'll be really happy on Tuesday if our Geography exam is cancelled.