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\_\_\_\_\_ chair

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\_\_\_\_\_ hospital

\_\_\_\_\_ ostrich

\_\_\_\_\_ dress

\_\_\_\_\_ sport

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\_\_\_\_\_ pencil case

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