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Her mom is very tall.

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Our basketball team is very athletic.

4. I'm pretty sure we won a million games of soccer this weekend at the tournament.

We won many games of soccer at the tournament.

5. After putting up with a very rude customer for half an hour, a cashier cheerfully calls out, "Have a nice day!"

The cashier does not actually mean that.

6. When nobody said anything, the director said, "Don't all speak at once."

The director's comment is ironic because nobody speaks at all.

7. After a brief time away from a very stressful family situation, when she walks through the door, a woman says, "It's great to be back."

Returning to a stressful situation is not truly "great."