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Disagreement: The siblings had a disagreement about what to watch on TV, but they resolved it quickly.

Unbelievable: The magician's tricks were so unbelievable that the audience was left speechless.

Preparation: The team spent hours in preparation for the big game, practicing and strategizing.