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Grade 4 Writing Worksheet - Challenge Me

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   Reefs use only a tiny bit of the sea floor. Still, about one in four ocean fish lives near them.

   Coral reefs cover about a quarter of the ocean floor. Few ocean fish live near them.

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   The Sahara is the biggest desert in the world. It reaches across all of Africa.

   The Sahara is the most beautiful desert on Earth. It stretches across northern Africa.

   The Sahara is the largest hot desert in the world. It stretches across a lot of northern Africa.

   No other hot desert is bigger than the Sahara. It covers a large part of northern Africa.

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   Spiders are not insects. They have eight legs, and insects have six legs on their bodies.

   Spiders are a different group from insects. Spiders have eight legs; insects have six.

   Spiders are a kind of insect, but they have eight legs instead of the usual six.

   Spiders are not insects, and they are much scarier because they have eight legs.

4. Source: "The first Ferris wheel was built for a fair in Chicago in 1893. It was meant to rival the Eiffel Tower." Which is the best paraphrase?

   Chicago's 1893 fair had the first Ferris wheel. Builders copied the shape of the Eiffel Tower.

   The first Ferris wheel was made for a fair in Chicago in 1893. It was meant to compete with the Eiffel Tower.

   Chicago's 1893 fair had the first Ferris wheel. Builders hoped it would match the Eiffel Tower.

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