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before
1. names of countries:
   France, England, China
2. abstractions:
   life, death, love, youth
3. human activities:
   sociology, tennis, war
4. names of meals:
   breakfast, dinner, lunch
5. parts of your body:
   Raise your hand.
6. colours:
   I hate red.
7. indefinite plurals:
   Women live longer than men.
   Cars pollute.
8. man, collectively:
   Is Man stupid?
9. title after name of holder:
   President Bush,
   Prince Charles,
   Queen Elizabeth
10. title after verb conveying mode of access to power:
    He was elected president.
11. names of some countries:
    the USA, the Netherlands
12. abstractions determined by context:
    the life of Lincoln
13. superlatives:
    the best tennis I've ever seen
14. musical instruments:
    she play the violin.
15. colours in context:
    I like the red of your dress.
16. singular noun referring to a larger group:
    The elephant is wise.
17. title:
    The president, the prince, the ambassador