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1. The principal said that he believes that the best learning is hands-on.

2. The problem is caused when too many students leave campus at the same time and create a traffic jam.

3. The French Club will meet on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

4. He took a second job because of the fact that his bank account was getting low.

5. There is no safer way to get good grades than to study consistently throughout the whole time you take the class.

6. The courses that are considered most important by students are those that have been shown to be helpful to them after graduation to find jobs.

7. The parking lot has been closed by the administration in an effort to have a construction company repave it.

8. In a situation in which the student earns a low grade, he or she may request an additional opportunity to take the test a second time.

9. The reason for his success as a singer is due to the fact that he has good connections to the right people.

10. In light of the fact that everyone is anticipating spring break, the teacher announced that the assignment wouldn’t be due until after Easter.

11. When the guidance department announced that they would add another counselor to their staff, the students knew this would be a welcome addition.

12. While no one realized what the outcome would be, most students were afraid that their concerns would not be addressed.

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5. A safe way to get good grades is to study consistently throughout the course.

6. Students consider courses that help them find jobs to be most important.

7. The administration closed the parking lot to allow a construction company to repave it.

8. When students earn low grades, they may request to repeat the test.

9. He owes his success as a singer to knowing the right people.

10. Because everyone anticipates spring break, the teacher announced the assignment wouldn’t be due until after Easter.

11. Students welcomed the guidance department’s addition of another counselor.

12. Students feared no one would address their concerns.