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g. pain

c. hope

h. peace

d. harm

i. doubt

e. care

j. joy



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(care)

b. We were that we would win the match.
(hope)

c. The hungry children were for the meal.
(thank)

d. Sue wore a costume to the parade.
(colour)

e. Losing my favourite pet was a experience.
(pain)

f. A dictionary is a very book.
(use)

g. It was a night.
(peace)



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