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Code	Cease	Guilt	Gym
Cart	Cell	Gave	Gem
Cub	Cent	Guess	Gist
Calf	Scent	Guide	
Cuff		Guest	
Cough		Goose	

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