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challenge/attack

cut down

danger

dependence

focus on

growing quickly

historical

lessen

pain/hardship

pulling back

resistance

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