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3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If Texas were a country, it would be the 10th largest country in the world.
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“tumbleweed”.

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