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I need to keep up with scientific advancements for my business. How can I see the latest issue of *Popular Science*?

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I'd like to plan a vacation in Michigan. What is there to see and where should I visit?

I need to create a lesson plan on butterflies that will really connect with my first-graders. Where can I find age-appropriate games, photos and facts?

I'd like to start a business. How do I find information on market trends and writing a business plan?

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