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**Combine the related sentences to form one sentence.**

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*There is likely more than one way to combine the sentences appropriately.*

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***We have seen three lightning strikes, and we have to call off the game because we are not allowed to play the game if it is lightning.***

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