FOUR WILL GET YOU FIVE

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5. appearance - aft sail
6. garden plant - trouble
7. double - couple
8. fetter - confined
9. ruminant - delay
10. repast - opaque element
11. level - exhibit vehicle
12. greatest - slightly wet
13. fastens - multiplied by
14. rodents - walk primly
15. price - seashore
16. trust - respond
17. anxiety - nucleus
18. whirl - wild party
19. simmer - disseminate
20. ground cereal - award
21. cheer - automation
22. small lake - strike heavily
23. flutter - cancel claim
24. selling - fur mammal
25. great - chew noisily
26. S. African Dutch - arbor
27. stocking - equine
28. slender nail - general
29. surface layer - reeled yarn
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