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Actual student answers will vary. Example of correct answers:

Kristin and her mother went to the grocery store on Saturday. As they arrived at the store, it began to rain cats and dogs. When they entered the door, they were dripping buckets of water. Kristin selected a shopping cart, but its wheels were not straight. It wobbled so much it made her seasick as she pushed it down the aisle. Her mother quickly selected the groceries on the list. While they didn’t have very many items, it still cost a fortune. They grabbed the bags of groceries which weighed a ton, and returned home.