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4. _____

5. _____

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7. _____

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8. **not hyperbole** Notre Dame has a terrific football team this year.

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Two possible answers: Uncle Larry is a genius.
Uncle Larry is the smartest man in the world.

10. My friend is a fast runner. **Answers will vary.**

Two possible answers: My friend runs as fast as lightning.
My friend runs so fast that all I see is a blur when she goes by.