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1. _____

2. Your basketball is worn out so you go to the sporting goods store to buy a new one.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



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6. You buy paper and markers so you can make your grandmother a special card for Mother's Day.

6. _____

7. You go to the store and buy eggs, butter, milk, and a loaf of bread.

7. _____

8. Your mother takes your sister to the eye doctor and buys her a pair of glasses.

8. _____

9. Your family has a brand new swimming pool put in the backyard.

9. _____

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10. _____

ANSWER KEY

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3. You are sick so your mother goes to the drug store to buy cold medicine. **3. need**

4. Your house needs a new roof, so your parents hire a roofer to fix it. **4. need**

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