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shivers    yawns    stink    cried    smile
galloped    jokes    rumbles    sparkle    sneezed

1. Ben is sick. Ben ________________________.

2. ________________________

3. ________________________

4. ________________________

5. ________________________

6. Misha is cold. Misha ________________________.

7. The windows are clean. The windows ________________________.

8. The old truck is noisy. The old truck ________________________.

9. Terrence was sleepy. Terrence ________________________.

10. My brother is funny. My brother ________________________.
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1. Ben was sick. Ben sneezed.
2. Kim was happy. Kim smiled.
3. My socks are dirty. My socks stink.
4. They were sad. They cried.
5. The horse is fast. The horse galloped.
6. Misha is cold. Misha shivers.
7. The windows are clean. The windows sparkle.
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