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5. Your father's birthday is coming up. You buy him tickets to a football game to give him as a gift. 5. _____
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. _____
10. Your father stops at the gas station and puts 10 gallons of gasoline in his car. 10. _____

ANSWER KEY

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