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2. *Three mice* ran across the floor. _________________________________

3. *The dusty, old book* sat on the top shelf. _________________________________

4. *The taxi driver* stopped at the corner. _________________________________

5. *The laundry basket* was full of socks. _________________________________

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