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Example: Chris and Mary live in the same house = Chris and Mary’s house

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Example: Joe and Kevin live in separate houses = Joe’s and Kevin’s houses

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2. _____ mom has long dark hair. (Sally and Joe)
3. _____ math teacher is very good at explaining how to work the problems. (Heather and Marie)
4. Do you think _____ dog is very friendly? (Summer and Heath)
5. _____ father must have been upset when he heard what happened to them at the well. (Jack and Jill)
6. _____ homework papers were lost on the bus. (Gwen and Will)
7. My _____ teams are playing each other tonight. (cousin and brother)
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