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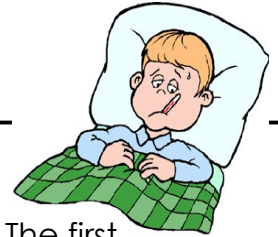
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3. My socks are dirty. My socks _____.
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5. The horse is fast. The horse _____.
6. Misha is cold. Misha _____.
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ANSWER KEY

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9. Terrence was sleepy. Terrence **yawned**.
10. My brother is funny. My brother **jokes**.