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Student's answers will vary; Examples of correct answers:

1. pale as a ghost

Ghost are often described as white, so something pale as a ghost would be totally white.

2. made my blood run cold

Cold blood in the body would make a person shiver. A person would also shiver if he was terrified or apprehensive.

3. ghost town

A ghost town would be a town occupied only by ghosts; it would not have any humans. It would be deserted or abandoned.

4. scared stiff

A person who is scared stiff would be so afraid that she could not move. She would appear to be stiff.

5. blind as a bat

Since they often live in dark caves, bats were once thought to have poor eyesight. A person who is as blind as a bat would have very poor eyesight.

