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Answers: Actual student's answers may vary. Example of correct answers:

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Farah rode the roller coaster. Claudine also rode the roller coaster.

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