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Examples given. Student answers will vary.

1. Jessica took her kitten to the park.

Jessica took her kitten, the black and white one, to the park.

2. We went to the restaurant with Samantha.

We went to the restaurant, an expensive French one, with Samantha.

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Stephen, the boy in the green shirt, read his book for the book report assignment.

4. My favorite holiday is in December.

My favorite holiday, Christmas, is in December.

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His pet, a rosy boa constrictor, is a little frightening.