Last summer, we had a sand castle contest at the beach. I was on a team with three other people. The members of the team were Lila, Will, Karen, and me, Julio.

We worked hard on our castle until the judges got there. When the judges arrived, they looked first at another team’s work.

Then a terrible thing happened. A huge wave knocked down our castle! We decided to rebuild, but we would have to do it quickly.

A judge saw the glum looks on our faces as we worked. He knew what had happened, so he told us to take our time and to do our best.

Finally, the new castle was completed. The judges loudly announced the winners of the contest. We knew our extra work had been worth it when we won! (133 words) Time__________ __________ ________

Kyle and Chris were selling apples in a fruit stand made of wood.

“I have bad news,” Kyle said. He looked glum. “A storm is coming. They just announced it on the radio.”

“Let’s go home!” said Chris.

That night it rained harder than it ever had before. The wind ripped the roof off the stand.

“What a mess!” Kyle said sadly when he saw the stand the next day. Just then a van arrived and parked. Some older members of the 4-H Club jumped out.

“Don’t feel bad,” one girl said. “We have wood and tools. It will be easy for us to rebuild your stand.” (107 words) Time__________ __________ ________

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