Simple Predicates

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6. Sara picked up a stick from the ground.
7. The brown cow grazed in the meadow.
8. Mark sneezed loudly.
9. We played darts in the garage.
10. Marcia baked a chocolate cake in the oven.
11. The candles on the birthday cake burned brightly.
12. Isabella opened up her umbrella.
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3. Greg's dog chews his bone. 3. ______________________

4. Santa came on Christmas Eve. 4. ______________________

5. The dusty book fell off the table. 5. ______________________

6. Sheila bought a new car. 6. ______________________

7. A taxi driver stopped at the corner. 7. ______________________

8. The laundry basket was full. 8. ______________________

9. I read that book last week. 9. ______________________

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