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ANSWER KEY

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Shane's first class, [subject will vary], starts at 8:30.

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This binder is my favorite color, [color will vary].

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My best friend, [name will vary], isn't in my class.

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Zoe's lunch, [food will vary], looks tasty.

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There's an assembly tomorrow, [day of week].

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We're reading the book [title will vary] in English.