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_____ **1.** Morgan and Riley plan to enter their robot in an engineering competition.

_____ **2.** If they place first, they might win five hundred dollars.

_____ **7.** They named their robot Rowdy and painted it gold.

_____ **8.** When the competition is over, Rowdy will be kept in Mr. Blake's science class.

_____ **9.** Mr. Blake is in charge of the engineering club.

_____ **10.** Morgan and Riley are already planning to build a drawbridge for next year's competition.

ANSWER KEY

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