## **Red Challenge**

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## Yellow Challenge and Green Challenge

You may have different sentences but these are some examples of what you may have written.

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