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1. ____ Mr. Henderson is tight-fisted with his money. He is a penny-pincher.
____ Mr. Henderson manages his money well. He keeps good records of his finances.
2. ____ Colleen makes lists for herself because she is forgetful and absentminded.



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- ____ The politician was characterized by his assertive demeanor and fair policies.
5. ____ The rain fell down on the landscape like a gentle, timid mist.
____ The rain pounded the land in angry, violent torrents.
 6. ____ Vicki's cookies turned out charred and as hard as rocks.
____ Vicki's cookies came out chewy and perfectly baked.

ANSWER KEY

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