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1. Jani covered in front of the spooky, haunted house.
2. The moaning and creaking noise continued as Curtis crept forward.
3. The cold, damp grass ruined Alfie's cool, new shoes.
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Rewrite each sentence and use different adjectives for each noun phrase to create a different mood or atmosphere.

Example – *Jani skipped happily towards the clean, white house.*

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What is the impact of the adjectives? (Multiple answers possible)

Example: *The adjectives create a scary atmosphere. They make the house sound old, dirty and cold. The moaning and groaning sounds suggest that the house might be haunted.*



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These answers will vary. Please check that the choice of adjective is appropriate, and that spelling and grammar is correct.