Puzzle 1:

Without revealing the text of the story on the right, ask a puzzle partner to supply a word for each part of speech (e.g., adjective) in this list. Then, enter the words they have chosen into the corresponding places in the paragraph. Read the resulting story aloud and see what happens!

Adjective: [1] _____

Adjective: [2] _____

Adjective: [3] _____

Adjective: [4] _____

Noun: [5] _____

Famous person's name: [6] _____

Adverb: [7] _____

Noun: [8] _____

Number: [9] _____

Adjective: [10] _____

Adjective: [11] _____

Adjective: [12] _____

Adjective: [13] _____

Location: [14] _____

Verb – past tense: [15] _____

Adjective: [16] _____

Adverb: [17] _____

Adjective: [18] _____

Type of food: [19] _____

Verb: [20] _____

Noun: [21] _____

Adjective: [22] _____

Adverb: [23] _____

Adjective: [24] _____

Adjective: [25] _____

Adverb: [26] _____

Angela, an HR Manager, felt [1]_____. Her previous [2]_____ job duties included writing [3]_____ HR policies and [4]_____ procedures and managing the [5]_____ program at her company. This year, however, [6]_____, the VP of HR, [7]_____ asked her to help lead the company's [8]_____ recruiting initiative. This new role included overseeing the work of the [9]_____-person recruiting team, some of whom thought she was [10]_____.

One [11]_____ day, a/n [12] _____ team-member on the recruiting team left the company to go work for a [13]_____ competitor located in [14]_____. The HR Department [15] _____ around for a month to find a/n [16]_____ replacement. Using the competencies of *Critical Evaluation* and *Business Acumen*, Angela worked diligently and [17]_____ identified a/n [18]_____ job candidate, David, who was an experienced recruiter for a chain of [19]_____ restaurants. He was also involved in enhancing the organization's [20]_____ and [21]_____ safety training programs. David was the [22]_____ candidate, and [23]_____ accepted the position.

The rest of the recruiting team was very [24]_____ with Angela's dedication and hard work in finding a replacement. The VP of HR was impressed with her [25]_____ ability to [26]_____ apply the SHRM Competencies to her job!