

North American Midland as a dialect area

Use the interview questions that Ash refers to in her chapter to interview two other people in class. Ash's questions are:

1. What's the opposite of *cold*?
2. What's the past tense of *catch*, like, if today you catch a ball, yesterday you ____?
3. Do those words rhyme?
4. What's the opposite of *off*?
5. What's the opposite of *her*?
6. What's a word for a seam in a skirt?
7. What's the opposite of *empty*?
8. Someone who is silly all of the time is a ____?
9. What's the top part of a house, that keeps the rain out?
10. What's the general term you use for a carbonated beverage?

Now I'm going to read some sentences to you. These are sentences that sound fine to people in some parts of the country, but they sound strange to people in other places, and in some places people might say that they don't even sound like good English. So I want to know if these are things you could say yourself, or things that you wouldn't say but you've heard others say them in your area, or you've never heard them before.

11. What if there were crumbs on the kitchen floor and someone said, "The floor needs swept"?
___ you say ___ you hear others say ___ you never heard anyone say this
12. What if you were looking at the price of a new car and someone said, "Boy, cars are sure expensive anymore"?
___ you say ___ you hear others say ___ you never heard anyone say this
13. What if someone asked you, "Remember those one kids we saw last week"?
___ you say ___ you hear others say ___ you never heard anyone say this
14. What if someone asked you, "I'm going to the store; d'you wanna come with?"
___ you say ___ you hear others say ___ you never heard anyone say this