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Do not read the story yet! Write a word for each number.

1. **Person's name**
   someone in the room, or anyone
2. **Adjective**
   a describing word: fluffy, enormous
3. **Food**
   any food: spaghetti, sprouts
4. **Animal**
   any animal: hippo, goldfish
5. **Verb**
   an action word: jump, sing
6. **Plural noun**
   more than one thing: socks, puddings
7. **Number**
   any number: 7, 365, a million
8. **Colour**
   any colour: purple, sparkly gold
9. **Plural body part**
   more than one: knees, eyebrows
10. **Exclamation**
    a word you shout: Wow! Yikes!

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Copy each word into the line with the same number, then read the story aloud.

This year our family had Christmas at the beach. The day was _____(2), so _____(1) packed the chilly bin full of _____(3) and we set up under a big pōhutukawa tree. Santa arrived on a surfboard pulled by his friend the _____(4)! He tried to _____(5) in the waves but lost both of his _____(6). Then we built a sandcastle _____(7) metres tall and painted it _____(8). By the end of the day my _____(9) were covered in sand, and Santa said _____(10)! Best Christmas ever.

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Read-aloud example: our silly words are in the grey boxes.

This year our family had Christmas at the beach. The day was **boiling**, so **Aunty Mel** packed the chilly bin full of **pavlova** and we set up under a big pōhutukawa tree. Santa arrived on a surfboard pulled by his friend the **crab**! He tried to **dance** in the waves but lost both of his **jandals**. Then we built a sandcastle **25** metres tall and painted it **pink**. By the end of the day my **toes** were covered in sand, and Santa said **Sweet as**! Best Christmas ever.

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