The Night Before Christmas

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

1. **Noun**
   a person, place or thing: sock, kitchen
   _____
2. **Verb ending in -ing**
   an action + ing: dancing, sneezing
   _____
3. **Plural noun**
   more than one thing: socks, puddings
   _____
4. **Plural noun**
   more than one thing: socks, puddings
   _____
5. **Plural noun**
   more than one thing: socks, puddings
   _____
6. **Plural body part**
   more than one: knees, eyebrows
   _____
7. **Clothing**
   something to wear: hat, socks
   _____
8. **Clothing**
   something to wear: hat, socks
   _____
9. **Noun**
   a person, place or thing: sock, kitchen
   _____
10. **Plural noun**
    more than one thing: socks, puddings
    _____
11. **Noun**
    a person, place or thing: sock, kitchen
    _____

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

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the _____ (1)

Not a creature was _____ (2), not even a mouse,

The _____ (3) were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there,

The children were nestled all snug in their _____ (4),

While visions of _____ (5) danced in their _____ (6),

And mamma in her _____ (7), and I in my _____ (8),

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the _____ (9) there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the _____ (10) and threw up the _____ (11).

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

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the **bathroom**
Not a creature was **burping**, not even a mouse,
The **pancakes** were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there,
The children were nestled all snug in their **bathtubs**,
While visions of **meatballs** danced in their **knees**,
And mamma in her **wellies**, and I in my **flippers**,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the **trampoline** there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the **fridge doors** and threw up the **spaghetti**.

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