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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