The Runaway Reindeer

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. **Animal**
   any animal: hippo, goldfish
4. **Food**
   any food: spaghetti, sprouts
5. **Number**
   any number: 7, 365, a million
6. **Place**
   anywhere: the moon, the bathroom
7. **Silly sound**
   a funny noise: boing, splat
8. **Colour**
   any colour: purple, sparkly gold
9. **Body part**
   a part of you: elbow, nose
10. **Exclamation**
    a word you shout: Wow! Yikes!

Name _____

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

On Christmas Eve, Santa called his best helper, _____ (1), to the stable with some bad news: Dasher the reindeer had run away! He was last seen chasing the neighbour's _____ (2) _____ (3) across the snow. _____ (1) packed a bag full of _____ (4), because every reindeer loves _____ (4). Together they searched _____ (5) rooftops before they found Dasher hiding in _____ (6). When he smelled the snack, Dasher leapt up and shouted _____ (7)! His nose glowed bright _____ (8) with happiness. Santa gave him a pat on the _____ (9), and the whole team flew off just in time. _____ (10)! cried _____ (1). Christmas is saved!

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

On Christmas Eve, Santa called his best helper, Grandma Rose, to the stable with some bad news: Dasher the reindeer had run away! He was last seen chasing the neighbour's sleepy goat across the snow. Grandma Rose packed a bag full of spaghetti, because every reindeer loves spaghetti. Together they searched 47 rooftops before they found Dasher hiding in the swimming pool. When he smelled the snack, Dasher leapt up and shouted boing! His nose glowed bright green with happiness. Santa gave him a pat on the elbow, and the whole team flew off just in time. Hooray! cried Grandma Rose. Christmas is saved!

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