

The Polar Express

1. Holiday _____
2. Noun _____

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On _____^{Holiday}_____, many years ago, I lay quietly in my _____^{Noun}_____. I did not rustle the sheets. I was listening for a sound--a sound _____ had told me I'd never hear--the ringing bells of _____'s sleigh.

"There is no _____," my friend had insisted, but I knew he was wrong.

Late that night I did hear sounds, though not of ringing bells. From outside came the sounds of _____ and _____. I looked through my window and saw a _____ standing perfectly still in front of my house.

It was wrapped in an apron of steam. Snowflakes fell lightly around it. A

_____ stood at the open door of one of the cars. He took a _____ pocket watch from his vest, then looked up at my window. I put on slippers and a robe. I tiptoed downstairs and out the door.

"All aboard," the conductor cried out. I ran up to him.

"Well," he said, "are you coming?"

"Where?" I asked.

"Why, to _____ of course," was his answer. "This is the _____

Express." I took his outstretched hand and he pulled me aboard.