**NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS CLASS MAD LIB**

Cards with the numbers and item described must be written and passed out to the children so they know what kind of word they must come up with. The narrator or an assistant must then follow with a separate numbered deck of cards to flash and signal the children in the reading when to speak their turn.

T’was the night before Christmas when all through the \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_ \_

(building)

not a creature was stirring not even a \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(animal)

the \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ were hung by the chimney with care

(clothing)

in the hopes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soon would be there

(person)

the children were nestled all snug in their beds with vision of

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ danced in their heads

(person/place/thing)

and Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had just settled

down for a long winters nap. (clothing)

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(furniture)

to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash. Tore open the shutters and threw

up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow, gave a luster

of midday to objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but a miniature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(vehicle)

and eight tiny \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(animal)

With a little old driver, so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must

be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(famous person)

More rapid that eagles his coursers they came, and he whistled and

shouted and called them by name.

Now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (11-18 all names)

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_14 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_15 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_16 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_17 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_18 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,.

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall, dash away, dash away, dash away all.

As I drew in my head and was turning around down the (roof/chimney or stairs)

­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,.came with a bound

(same name again)

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot and his clothes were

all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_19 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he had flung on his back,

(things)

and he looked like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,. just opening his pack.

(lawyer, doctor or other type of person)

His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples so merry

his cheeks were like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_21\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, his nose like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_22 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(vegetables) (fruit)

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_23 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

(shape)

and the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of his pipe he held tight in his teeth and the smoke, it

encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly that shook when he

laughed like a bowl full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_24 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,.

(food)

He was chubby and plump a right jolly old elf and I laughed when I saw

him in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon

gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, and filled all the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then turned with a jerk,

(same clothing again )

and laying his finger aside of his nose and giving a nod up the chimney

he rose. He spring to his ­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his team gave a whistle

(same vehicle again)

and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight

Happy Christmas to all and to all a good ­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_25\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(thing)

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| 1  building | 2  animal | 3  clothing | 4  person | 5  person, place or thing |
| 6  clothing | 7  furniture | 8  vehicle | 9  animal | 10  famous person |
| 11  name | 12  name | 13  name | 14  name | 15  name |
| 16  name | 17  name | 18  name | 19  things | 20  lawyer, doctor or other type of person |
| 21  vege-tables | 22  fruit | 23  shape | 24  food | 25  thing |

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