

## Taking Care of Coco

Andi has to take care of Coco, her pony. Here are some of her chores:

- \* Brush Coco
- \* Give Coco water
- \* Make sure Coco has hay and grain
- \* Let Coco out in the pasture
- \* Ride Coco for exercise
- \* Check Coco's hooves for rocks and dirt
- \* Clean out Coco's stall



*Color Andi's pony Coco, and his saddle and reins.*



## Taking Care of My Pet

If you do not have a pet, think of a pet you would like.

My pet is a \_\_\_\_\_

My pet's name is \_\_\_\_\_

This is what I do to take care of my pet:

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Draw a picture of your pet.

## Who Am I?

Today at the fair you can see many different kinds of animals. You can even bring your pets and win ribbons.

Below are some clues about some of the animals at the fair. Can you guess which animal it is? Use the word box to help you.



cat      turkey      rabbit      duck      goat      dog  
cow      sheep      pig      hen      rooster      horse

1. I have beautiful tail feathers, and I crow every morning. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Children love to pet my soft fur. I have long ears and hop. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I don't mean to, but I smell stinky. I grunt and like the mud. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Most of the time you see me at Thanksgiving, on a table. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Fluffy wool covers me all winter. I get it cut off in the spring. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I like to butt heads, and sometimes I have horns. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Children like to ride me. I am Andi's favorite animal. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I lay an egg every morning. Andi has to collect my eggs. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Swimming is what I like to do! I can fly too, and quack. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I give a lot of milk every day. My baby is called a "calf." \_\_\_\_\_
11. I make a fine pet. I love to run and play. I bark a lot. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I don't like dogs! I am soft and cuddly and like to purr: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Which of the animals from the word box do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

## Yokut Baskets

The Yokuts made beautiful baskets from the reeds that grew next to the rivers and lakes. They wove pretty designs in the baskets, which came in all sizes and shapes.



Yokut baskets were woven so tightly that they could hold water without leaking. But they could not put the baskets over the fire, or they would burn up. Instead, the Yokut women heated rocks in the fire. They used sticks to drop the hot rocks into baskets of water, deer stew, or acorn mush. The Yokuts made other baskets for baby cradles, for storing acorns and other items, and for playing games.

## Weave a Placemat

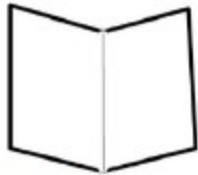
You can make a placemat using the same type of weaving the Yokuts used.

You will need:

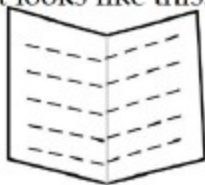
- one piece of colored construction paper for the background
- colored paper for the strips
- scissors and a glue stick

### Follow these steps:

1. Choose one color for the background and fold it in half.



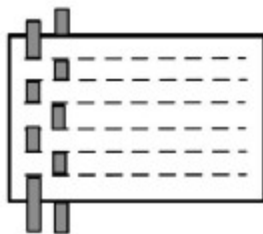
2. Cut slices in the paper so it looks like this:



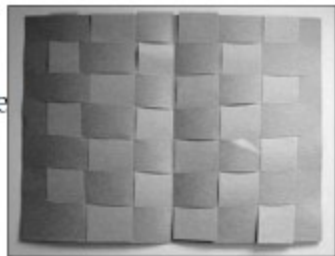
3. Cut narrow (one-inch) strips from the other colors.



4. Weave the colored strips in and out of the background paper.



5. Trim the ends of the strips (if needed) and glue them down.



## Andi's Circle C Christmas Chapters 7-9

Read the chapters and answer the questions.

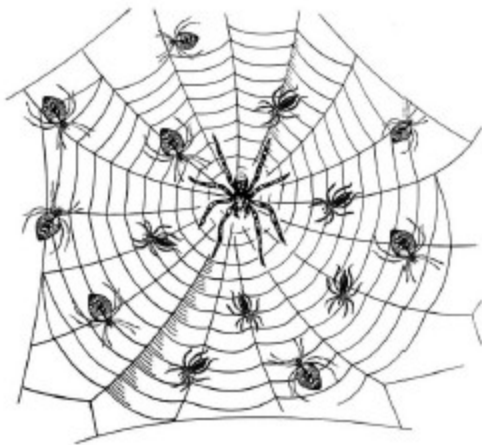
### Chapter 7- Riley

1. Who rescues Andi from Aunt Rebecca's scolding?

A. Justin    B. Chad    C. Melinda

2. Riley finds a lot of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the corner of the barn. Count them.  
How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is Andi hiding behind her back?  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Chapter 8-Buggy Ride

4. Four people see the broken jar of spiders. Circle the only person who was NOT shrieking. Aunt Rebecca • Mother • Melinda • Andi

5. Circle the names of the people who went to town shopping. Put a box around those who stayed home and baked cookies. Cross out the others.

Melinda • Mother • Mitch • Aunt Rebecca • Andi • Riley

6. YES or NO? Andi is very excited to go to a tea party with Aunt Rebecca.

7. What falls off the buggy? \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 9- Andi's Best Idea

8. Why is Andi scared? Circle the four reasons. • Andi broke her arm • Aunt Rebecca bumped her head • it's raining • Andi is cold and wet  
a dog scares her • it will be dark soon • they have nothing to eat

9. What is Andi's best idea ever? \_\_\_\_\_

10. YES or NO (circle one)? Aunt Rebecca thinks it is a great idea too.

# Andi's Schoolroom

Andi goes to school in a one-room schoolhouse. Here is a map of Andi's classroom. Use the map key to find your way around:

1. Find the flag in the schoolroom and color it red.
2. Andi sits in the desk next to the flag. She also sits across the aisle from Cory.  
Write an "A" on Andi's desk and a "C" on Cory's desk.
3. Color the blackboard black.
4. Draw a fire inside the wood stove.
5. Put an "X" on the teacher's desk.
6. Cory likes to stand in the corner, so he can look out the window. Which corner do you think that is? Draw Cory standing in the corner.
7. Melinda sits behind Andi, in the 4th row. Write an "M" on Melinda's desk.
8. How many pupils' seats does Andi's classroom hold? (count by 2's) \_\_\_\_\_

## Map Key



flag



teacher's desk



blackboard



wood stove



pupils' desk



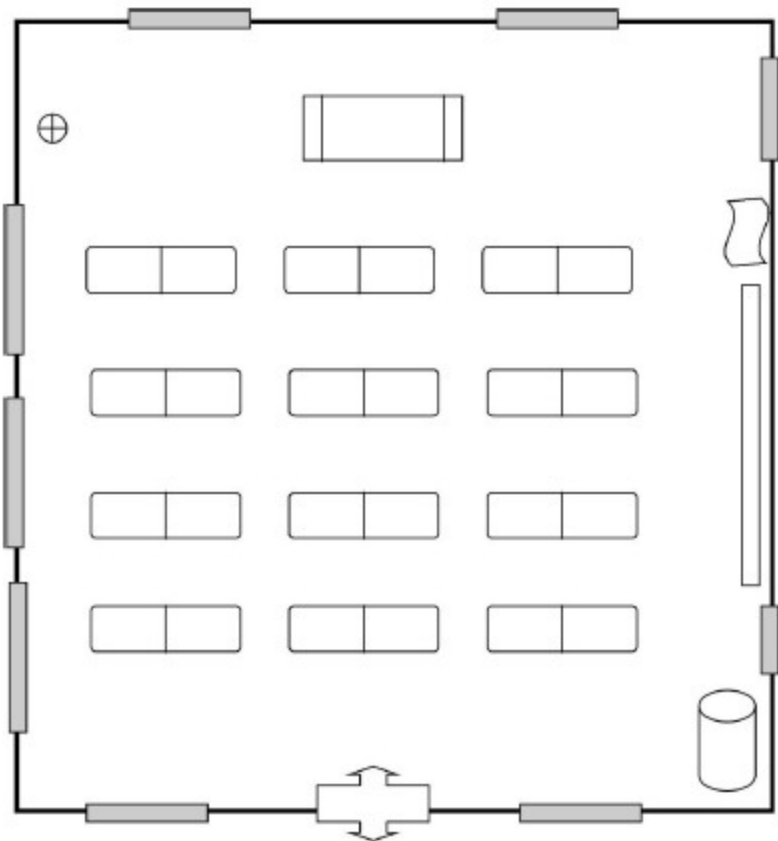
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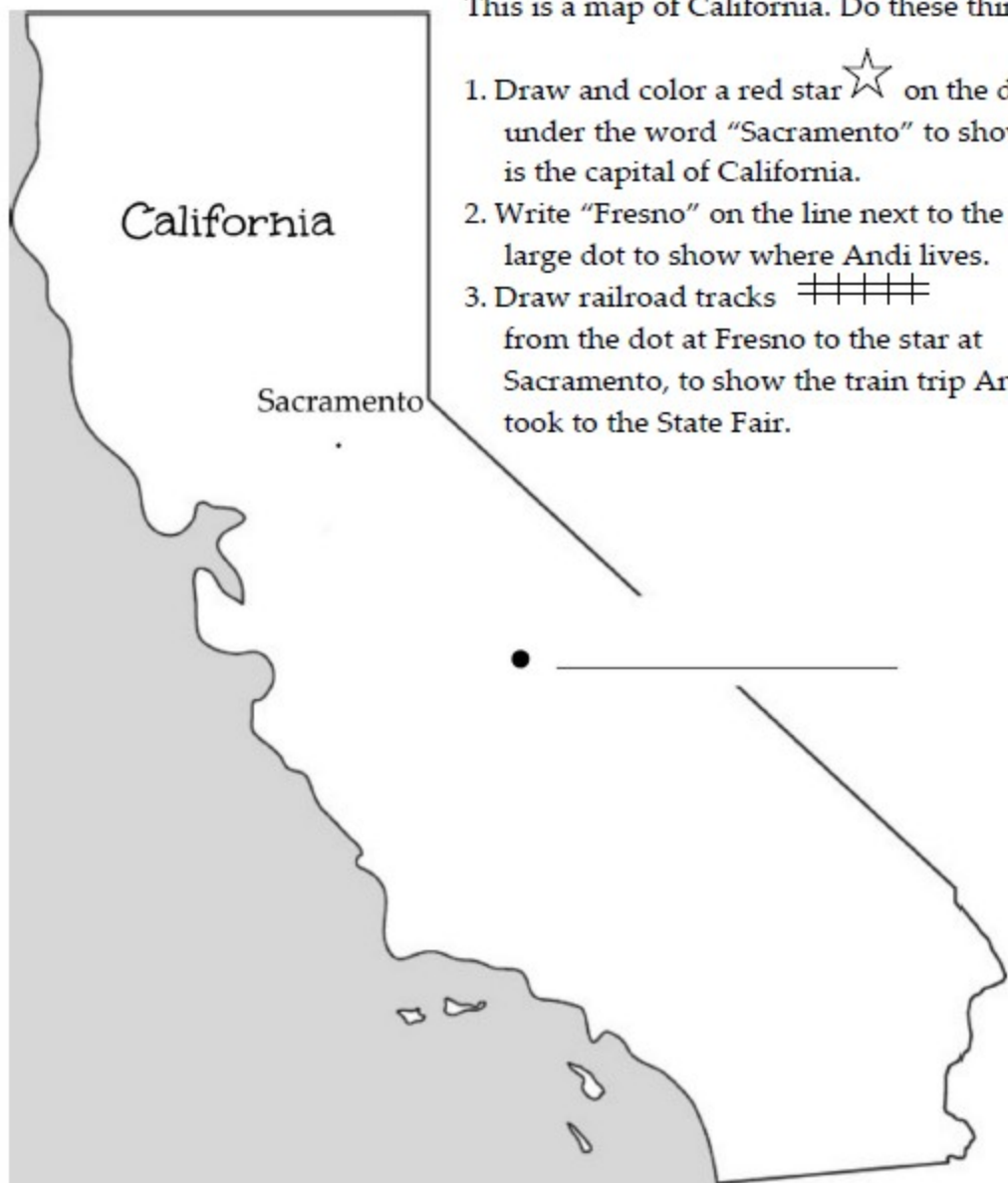


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## Where Is the State Fair?

Sacramento is the capital of California. The state fair has been held there every year, starting in 1859. Andi and her family live in Fresno. It is a long way from Andi's ranch to the state fair. It takes many hours on the train to get there.



## Fun with Words Chapters 7-9

The words in each of these sentences are mixed up. Can you unscramble them? Hint: Look on the page numbers to find the sentences in the book.

Hint: The first word of each sentence starts with a capital letter.

Example: hair yanked her Andi out ribbon. Andi yanked her hair ribbon out.

1. desk zipped the lizard teacher's under The. (page 49)

The

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2. fence as post Andi still as sat a. (page 50)

Andi

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3. busy looked Andi down and the up street. (page 56)

Andi

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4. at horse up The backed touch her. (page 60)

The

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5. above large her A stood man right. (page 62)

A

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### Your Turn!

Find a short sentence from chapters 7-9. Mix up the words. Write them here.

Ask a parent, brother, or sister to unscramble the sentence. Could they do it?

Write your mixed-up sentence here.

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Ask someone to write the unscrambled sentence here.

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## Story Characters



You have met a lot of characters in *Andi's Circle C Christmas*. Can you remember who they are? Draw a line from the characters to their descriptions.

**Andi**

- Andi's oldest brother. He offers to cut up her meat.

**Riley**

- The main character in *Circle C Christmas*.

**Justin**

- Andi's friend, who lives on the ranch while his mother is sick.

**Aunt**

- Andi's grumpy aunt from San Francisco. She doesn't like spiders.

**Rebecca**

- Andi's big sister. She helps Andi make a Christmas present for their mother.

**Chad**

**Taffy**

- The pony Andi rides while wearing her new dress.

**Coco**

- Andi's other big brother. She thinks he is bossy.

**Melinda**

- Riley's uncle. He is the ranch foreman (boss).

**Uncle Sid**

- Andi's lizard. He loves to eat spiders and flies.

**Pickles**

- Andi's foal.

## Blue Belly Lizards

Andi's lizard, Pickles, is a blue belly lizard. It is also called a western fence lizard. Blue belly lizards are easy to find in California. They grow to a nice "pet" size, up to 6 or 7 inches long (from nose to tail).



Blue belly lizards are brown or black in color, with tan or green-blue markings. But the prettiest color on the male (boy) lizard is its bright-blue belly.

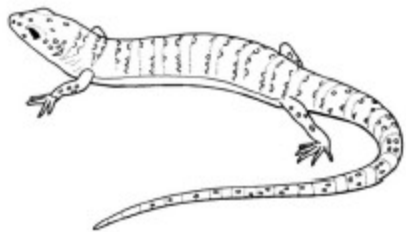
Blue belly lizards like to sun themselves on rocks and high places, like fence posts. This makes them an easy meal for snakes and birds. The lizards are fast, however, and can change color to fool the birds.

A blue belly lizard makes a good pet. All you need is a big box with dirt and climbing sticks, a heat source, water, and insects. The lizard eats crickets, ants, spiders, and other small bugs. A blue belly lizard can be trained to lie quietly in your hands. It likes the warmth of your body and will fall asleep.

**Color Pickles.** Color Pickles in his box. He is a male lizard, so his belly should be blue. Draw some bugs and a dish of water. Add sticks and dirt.

See a real blue belly lizard being tamed in this 1 ½ minute video at this link:

[CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#christmas](http://CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#christmas)



## The Song "America"

One of the songs children sang in school was "America." A man by the name of Reverend Samuel F. Smith wrote the song in 1832. You might know the song by another name: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Listen to "America" by going to this link:  
[CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#school](http://CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#school)

Below is the first verse of "America." Read the song. Do you know what all the words mean?

"America"  
My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.



Four words in the song are underlined. These are words you might not know. Draw a line to match the word with what you think it means.

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| thee     | • freedom  |
| liberty  | • a very old-fashioned word that means "you"                 |
| Pilgrims | • when you feel good inside about doing something well       |
| pride    | • the people who came to America aboard the <i>Mayflower</i> |

# Egg Math

Collecting the eggs is Andi's chore. Can you help her solve these problems?

1. Andi collected 18 eggs. 16 eggs broke.

How many eggs were left to give to Mother? \_\_\_\_\_ eggs

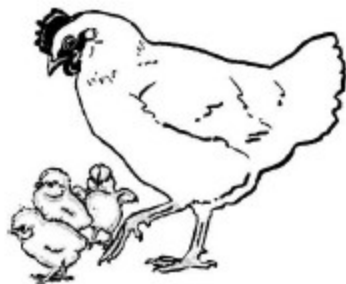


Hint: Draw 18 eggs. Cross out 16 eggs that broke.

2. 20 hens, 10 baby chicks, and 1 rooster live on Andi's ranch.

How many chickens in all live on the ranch?

\_\_\_\_\_ chickens live on the ranch



3. Andi's favorite hen, Miss Cluck, sat on 12 eggs.

When Andi checked the next day, 8 chicks had hatched from the eggs.

How many eggs did NOT hatch? \_\_\_\_\_ eggs did NOT hatch.

4. At breakfast, Andi ate 2 eggs, Melinda ate 1 egg, Chad ate 3 eggs, and Mitch ate 2 eggs.

How many eggs did the family eat in all?

\_\_\_\_\_ eggs

Hint: Fill in the boxes.

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## Andi's Indian Summer Chapters 1-3

Read the chapters and answer the questions.

### Chapter 1- Too Busy

1. What is Andi doing when Riley runs up to show her something?

- A. riding Coco    B. training Taffy    C. collecting eggs

2. What is the name of Taffy's mama? \_\_\_\_\_

3. YES or NO (circle one)? Andi knows how to read.

4. A dime novel costs \_\_\_\_\_ cents.



### Chapter 2- Dime Novel

5. What is the name of Riley's dime novel?

- A. *The Outlaw Ranger*    B. *Pirates of the High Seas*    C. *The Indian Captive*

6. YES or NO (circle one)? Riley is a good reader.

7. Who does Riley live with on the ranch? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Where does Riley read Andi the dime novel?

- A. in the barn    B. in the tree house    C. on the porch steps

9. When Riley stops reading, what does Andi say to him?

- A. "I'm scared!"    B. "Keep reading!"    C. "I have to go eat lunch."

### Chapter 3- Daydreaming

10. What is Andi daydreaming about at lunch? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Circle the brother who pulls Andi's braid. Justin • Chad • Mitch

12. What does Andi spill on her sister Melinda's lap?

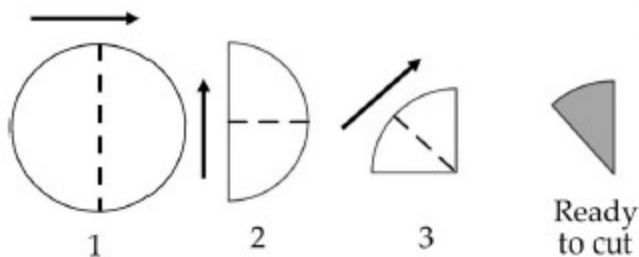
- A. her soup    B. her water    C. her milk

13. YES or NO (circle one)? Andi starts getting scared of the Indian story.

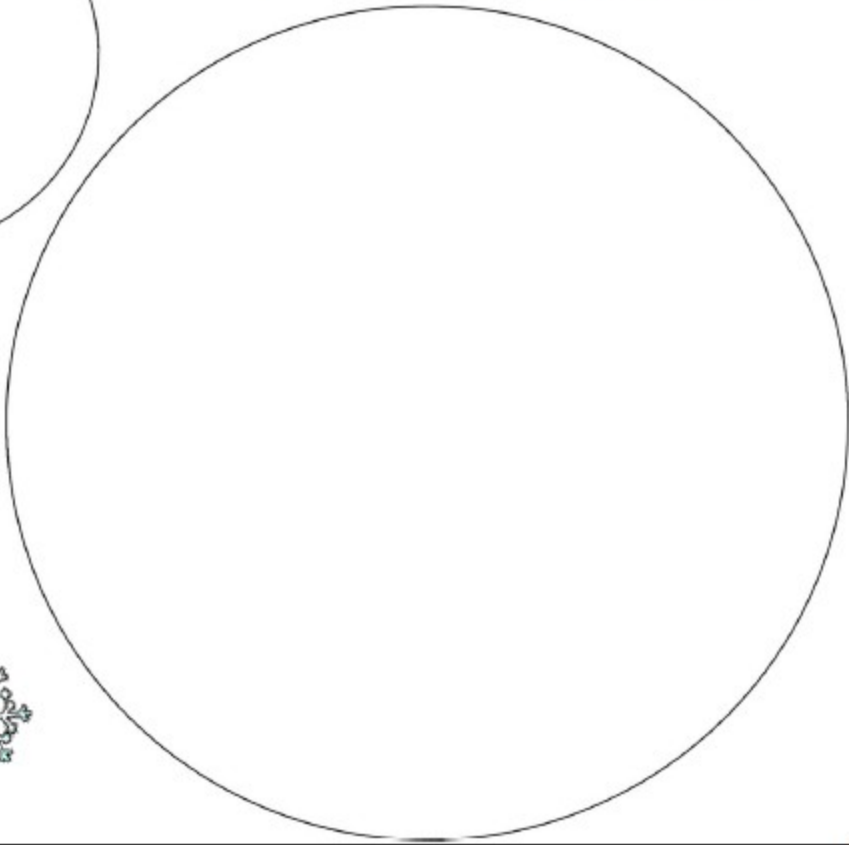
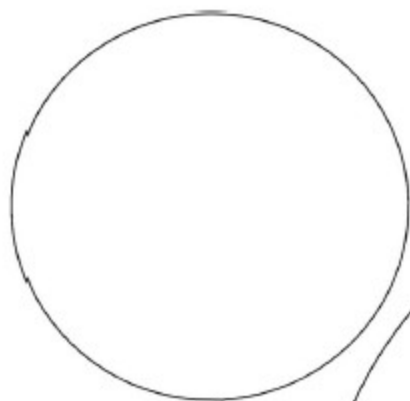
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## Victorian Christmas Decorations-Snowflakes

Children hung homemade decorations on the tree and in the house. They made colorful paper chains from strips of paper, looped and glued. They cut snowflakes. You need a scissors. Cut out the circles below (or use these circles as patterns on colored tissue paper.)



- (1) Fold the circle in half. (2) Fold it in half again. (3) Fold it in half one more time.
- Cut notches on the edges of the triangle. Unfold and hang up by A thread tied to the snowflake.
- Try many kinds of cuts to make each snowflake different.
- A little glue and glitter add sparkle to your snowflakes.

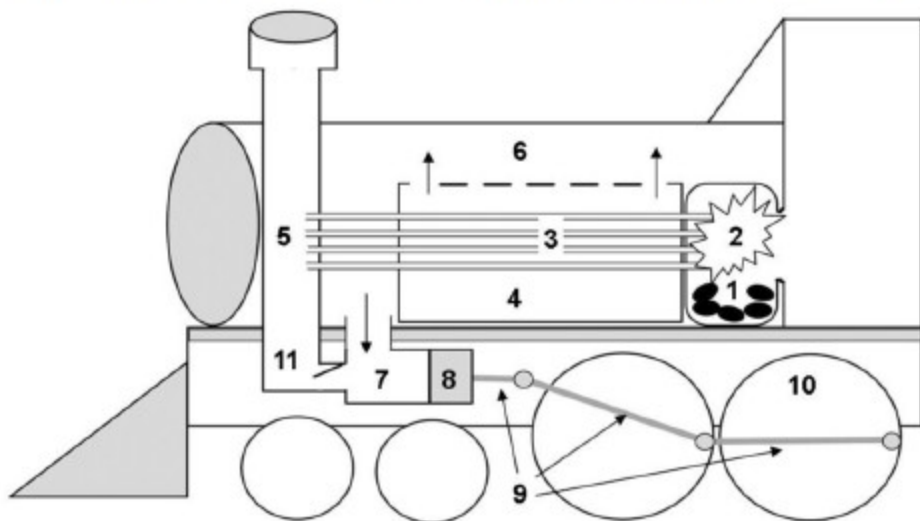


## Inside a Steam Engine

Follow a piece of coal step by step as it turns into steam and makes the train's wheels go around. Color carefully! Watch how a steam train works at this link:

[CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#fair](http://CircleCBooks.com/beginnings/#fair)

1. **COAL**: The train burns coal inside the firebox.
2. **FIREBOX**: Color the firebox **RED** for a **HOT** fire!
3. **HEATING TUBES**: The heat, smoke, and coal dust go through these tubes. Color the heating tubes **RED**. They are **HOT**.
4. **WATER TANK (BOILER)**: the tubes run through the boiler and heat up the water. Color the water in the boiler **BLUE**.
5. **SMOKESTACK**: the smoke and soot (burned coal) go up the smokestack. Draw **BLACK** smoke going up the smokestack.
6. **STEAM**: The water in the boiler gets so hot it turns into steam and goes up. Color everything here **GRAY**, like hot steam.
7. **CYLINDER**: The steam goes into the cylinder. Color the cylinder **GRAY**. It is full of steam too.
8. **PISTON**: The steam pushes the piston. Color the piston **PURPLE**.
9. **RODS**: The piston pushes the rods. Color the rods **GREEN**.
10. **WHEELS**: Rods push and pull the train's wheels. Color the wheels **BROWN**.
11. **SMOKESTACK**: The piston pushes the steam back through a little door. It goes up the smokestack too. Color this part of the smokestack **GRAY**



## New Words Chapters 4-6

Turn back to page 7 in *Indian Summer* and find the word that means a place “where the cowboys eat their meals.” \_\_\_\_\_

Cook fixes food for the cowboys. Circle the food Cook might have fixed in 1874. Cross out the 4 foods that are too modern. (Hint: There were no freezers in 1874).



beef stew

pancakes

TV dinners

coffee

bacon

ice cream sundaes

fried potatoes

scrambled eggs

Hot Pockets

apple pies

beans

doughnuts

biscuits

popsicles

cornbread

## More Fun with New Words

Circle the meaning of each underlined word in these sentences.

1. “I don’t think I like that dime novel,” Andi told Riley. “It’s disgusting.”

*Disgusting means . . .* A. scary B. icky C. old

2. Andi turned her back on Riley and stomped away.

*Stomped means . . .* A. marched loudly B. tiptoed quietly C. ran quickly

3. “Come back, Taffy!” Andi’s heart thumped.

*Thumped means . . .* A. slowed down B. stopped C. beat fast

4. “I’m *not* little,” Andi said in a huff.

*A huff is . . .* A. a bad mood B. a scared gasp C. a warning

5. “Sure I’m sure!” Riley said crossly.

*Crossly means . . .* A. sadly B. happily C. grumpily

## New Words Chapters 1-3

Look at the New Words list on page 7 to find the word that fits.

1. Taffy gave a happy \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw Andi.  
(a friendly horse greeting)
2. Taffy \_\_\_\_\_ Andi's shoulder. She nibbled Andi's hair.  
(when a horse rubs or pushes gently with its nose)

## More Fun with New Words

Circle the meaning of each underlined word in these sentences.

3. Andi perked up. A penny could buy lemon drops. Or taffy candy.

*Perked up means . . .* A. became cheerful    B. cried    C. laughed

4. "Johnny is a bully," Melinda said.

*A bully is . . .* A. a big boy    B. a mean, bossy person    C. a grown-up

5. Duke nipped Coco's legs and barked.

*Nipped means . . .* A. took a small bite    B. pinched    C. grabbed

6. "Chad will skin you alive if you try to rope a calf," Andi said.

*Skin you alive means . . .* A. spank you    B. laugh at you    C. yell at you



Andi has her lasso and she's ready to rope an animal. She even has Pickles in her pocket to help her lasso. Draw the animal you think might be a good one for Andi to lasso!