

# The Missing Words Mystery

The Boxcar Children books feature four siblings—Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny—who like to solve mysteries. Can you help them with this mystery?

**Part 1:** While visiting a town, the children overheard a man telling a story. As he spoke, a train whistle blew over and over. The whistle was so loud that some words were hard to hear. Can you figure out the story? First, read the incomplete sentences below. Then use the parts of speech clues and the word bank to fill in the missing words.



“I was driving along a long \_\_\_\_\_ when I heard a \_\_\_\_\_  
 [noun] [adjective]  
 howling sound. At first, I thought it was the \_\_\_\_\_ through the trees, but then I  
 [noun]  
 heard \_\_\_\_\_ . I shielded my eyes from the \_\_\_\_\_  
 [verb] [noun]  
 and saw a creature \_\_\_\_\_ a squirrel through the woods. It had floppy,  
 [verb]  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ears. I was sure of what it was when it began to  
 [adjective]  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . It was a \_\_\_\_\_ !”  
 [verb] [noun]

**Word Bank**

chasing      strange      wind      sun      bark  
 dog      road      growling      brown

**Part 2:** What happens next? On the back of this sheet, draw one picture of the story above. Then draw a second picture to show what you think happens next.