Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

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Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939 as an assignment for a department store called Montgomery Ward. The store worker had been buying and giving away coloring books for Christmas every year and it was decided that creating their own book would save money. Mr. May thought about naming the reindeer "Rollo" and "Reginald" before deciding on using the name "Rudolph". In its first year of publication, 2.5 million copies of Rudolph's story were distributed by Montgomery Ward. The story is written as a poem and was also written as a song. May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, adapted the story of Rudolph into a song. A singer named Gene Autry's recording of the song hit No. 1 on the Billboard pop singles chart the week of Christmas 1949. Autry's recording sold 2.5 million copies the first year, eventually selling a total of 25 million, and it remained the second best-selling record of all time until the 1980s.

To Do Today:
Underline all the pronouns
Put a box around all proper nouns
Circle all the common nouns.
One Christmas not too long ago, Rudolph, that's the name of this special deer, was standing alone on the day before Christmas. He watched as the other reindeer ran and played together, they had such fun. Rudolph was small but that wasn't the reason the others didn't ask him to join the reindeer games. Rudolph had a big, bright red nose. It was not a regular reindeer nose at all. It was so bright it seemed to glow.

To Do Today:

Circle all the nouns
Underline all the past tense verbs
List 2 adjectives ___________________ ___________________
Illustrate the passage in the space below
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The other deer teased him, and they laughed about Rudolph’s nose. They rolled in the snow with delight as poor Rudolph walked back to the stable, lonely and very, very sad. The others soon went back to their games and Rudolph tried to have fun by himself, because it was Christmas after all. It wasn’t as much fun as playing with the others would have been, Rudolph sighed.

To Do Today:

Circle all the adjectives.
What is a synonym for “delight”? ______________________
List 2 verbs ___________________ ___________________
Illustrate the passage in the space below.
The light faded from the day and everyone was scurrying to load Santa’s sleigh. It was getting dark fast, and a fog was making matters worse. The mood was somber and even the reindeer began to quarrel about who would be the best one to lead the team this evening. Soon all was set and Santa climbed into the sleigh and he set off. He was already late, and it was so dark he couldn’t even see the lead reindeer. Time was passing and it became clear that no headway was being made. Santa was flying in circles.

To Do Today:

Underline all the verbs.
Put a box around all the nouns.
What is a synonym for “quarrel”? ________________
Illustrate the passage in the space below.
What would happen to Christmas? Santa was quite worried. He didn't even know how to get back to the North Pole! Then dimly at first, he could see a faint red light. Santa directed the sleigh towards the light, and it grew steadily stronger. What could it be he thought? It was very bright. Carefully, Santa brought the sleigh to rest close to the light. He found Rudolph playing by himself trying to enjoy Christmas Eve.

To Do Today:

Circle all the past tense verbs.
Put a box around all the present tense verbs.
Underline all the pronouns.
List 2 words in this passage that rhyme.

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Illustrate the passage in the space below.
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Santa asked Rudolph if he would mind helping out with the sleigh, that big shiny nose is just what he needed to stay on track. Rudolph was thrilled, and jumped at the chance. The other reindeer knew this would save Christmas and they smiled their approval as Rudolph went to the front of the team. Jingle bells rang out crisply on that dark night as Rudolph and his shiny nose lead Santa and the sleigh full of toys around the world. From that day forward Rudolph became proud to be known as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer...a very special reindeer indeed!

To Do Today:

Circle all the verbs.
Underline all the prepositions.
What is an antonym for “big shiny nose”? ________________
Illustrate the passage in the space below.