

# A Ride on a Steam Train

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## Complex Combinations

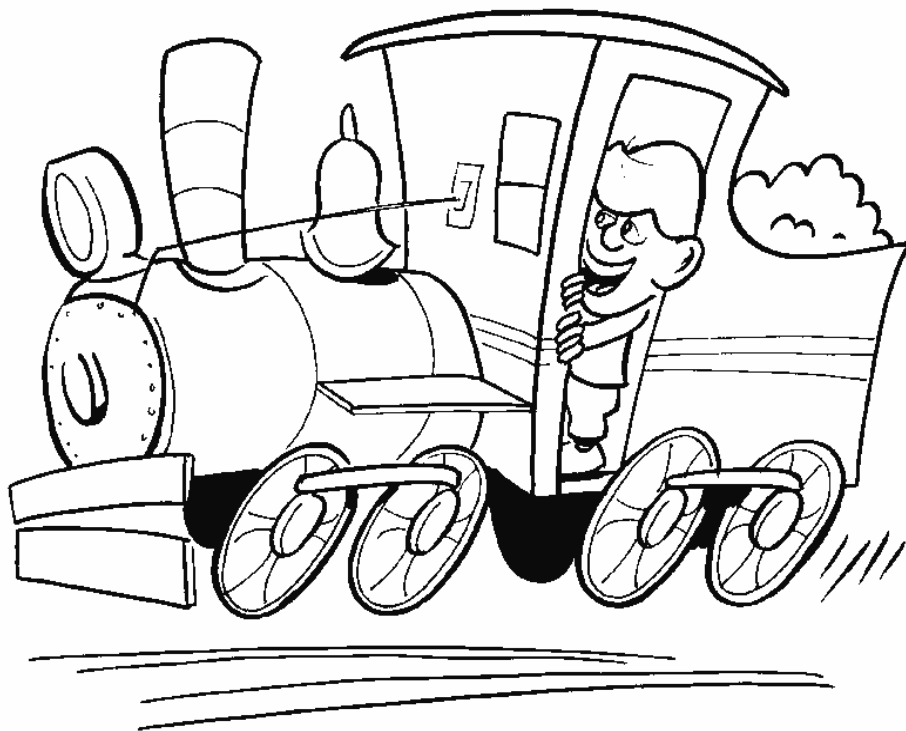
Reinforce "whole" words (the, and, said, was, my).  
these should now be **Sight Words** - intuitive and fluent decoding.

### Phonic Decoding

Explain how 'beam', 'steam' share a common Sound of '..eam'  
Explain how 'track', 'black' share a common Sound of '..ack'  
Explain silent 'e' as in 'fire', 'engine'.

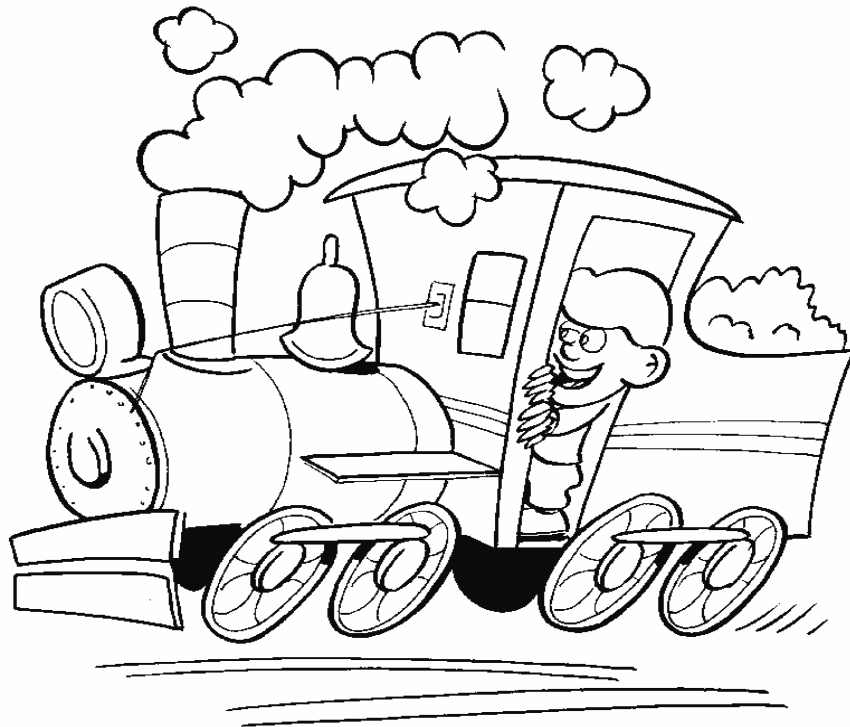
## Try These New Words

beam steam gleam scream  
dream track black engine coal  
worked tunnels silver fire driver

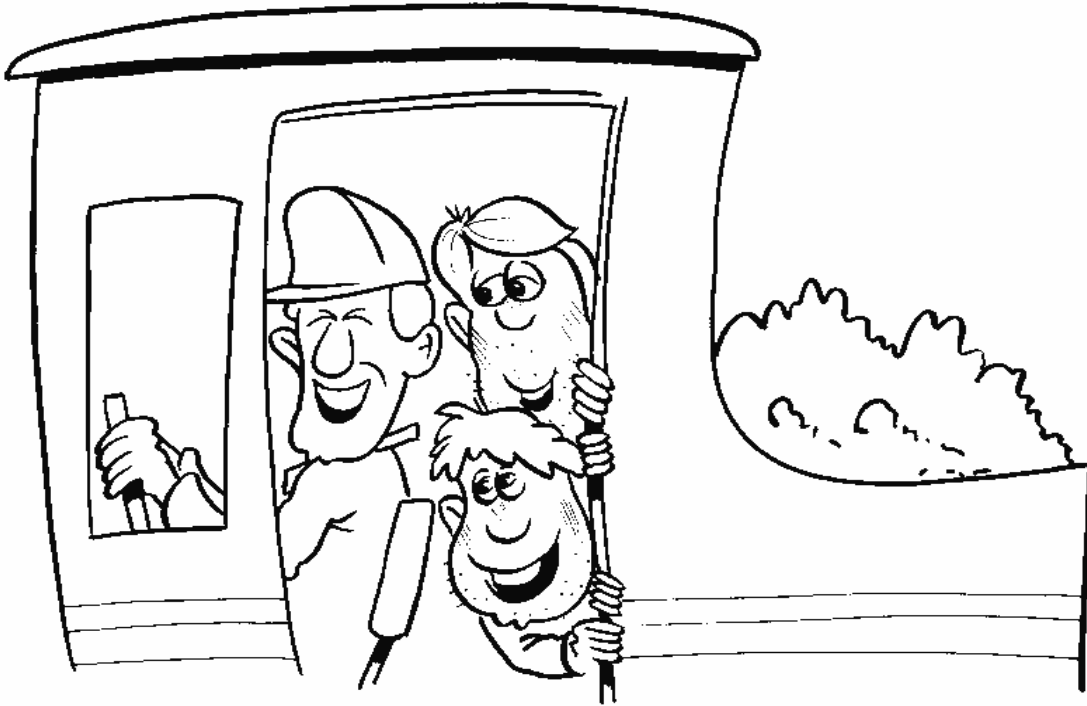


I had a ride on a steam  
train in my dream.

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The train had lots of smoke and  
hissed jets of steam.

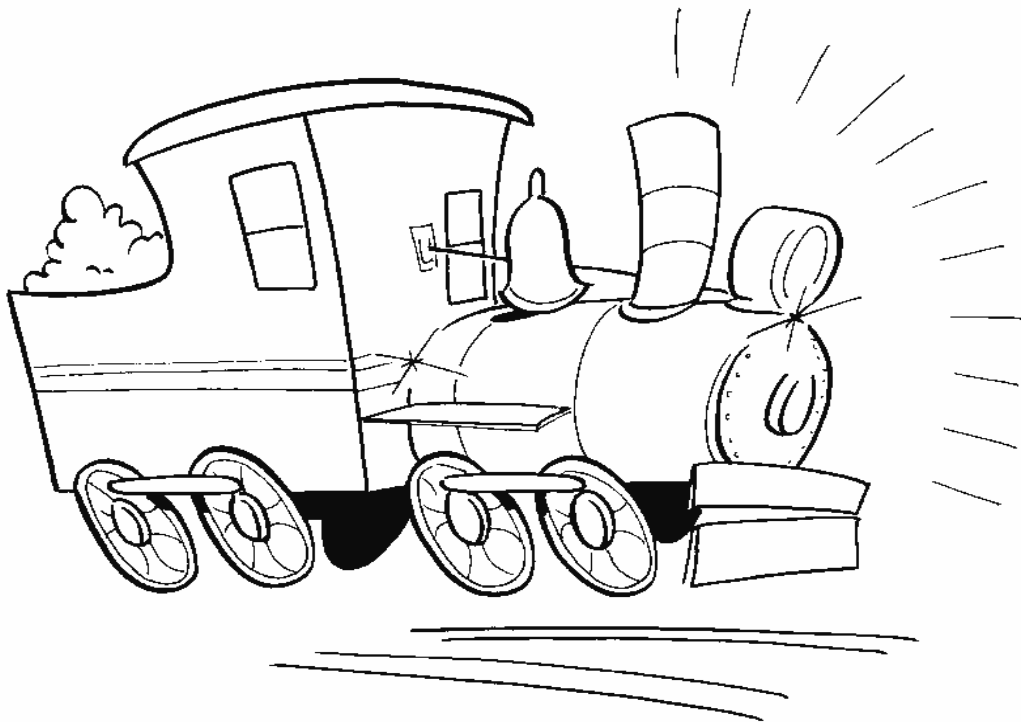


The driver and his men  
worked hard as a team.

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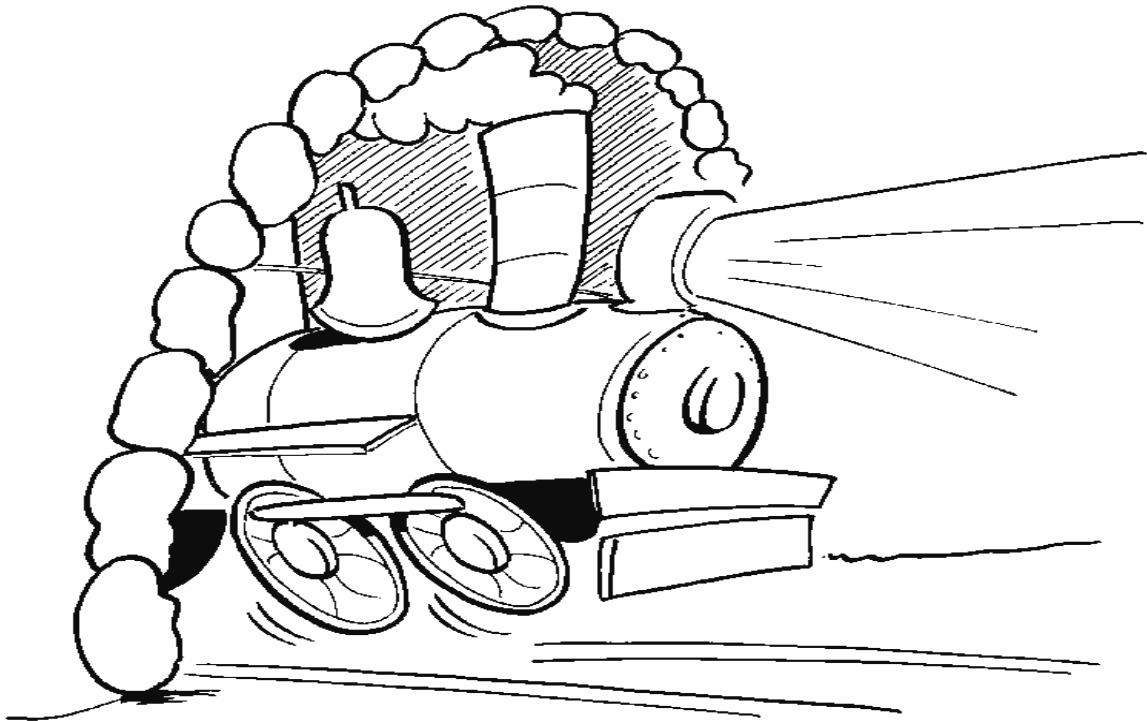


They loaded coal onto the fire to  
make the steam.

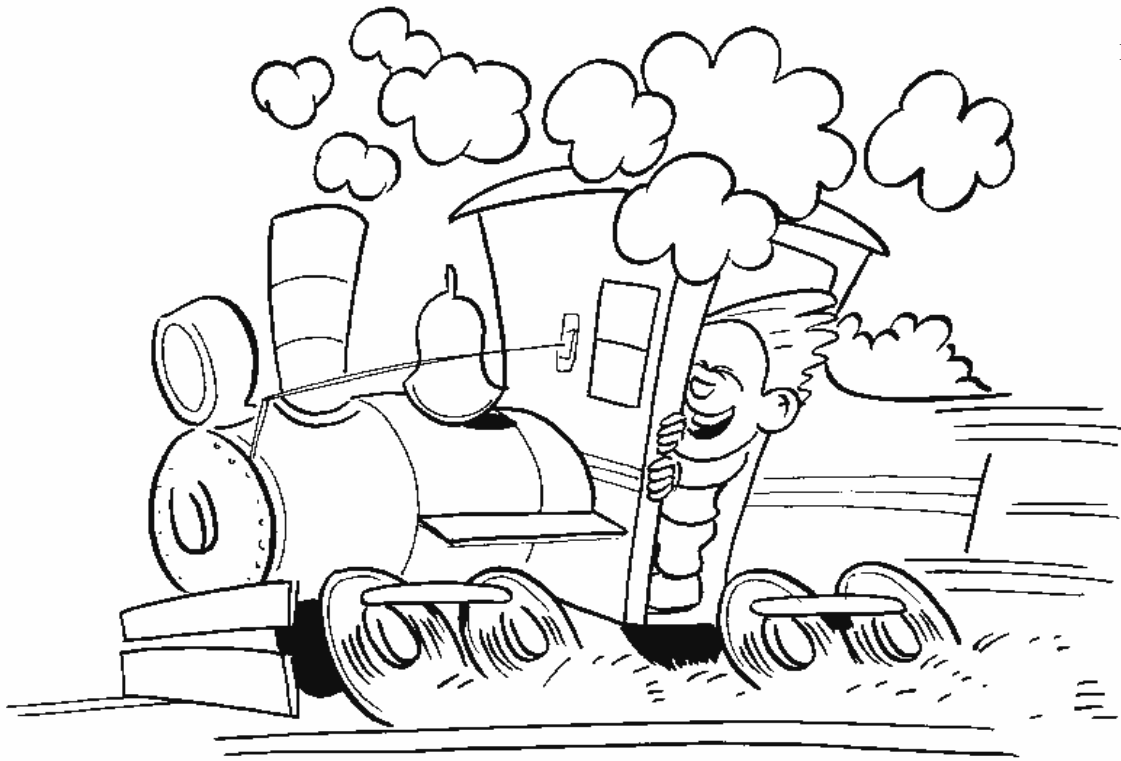


The train was big and black and  
its silver gleamed.

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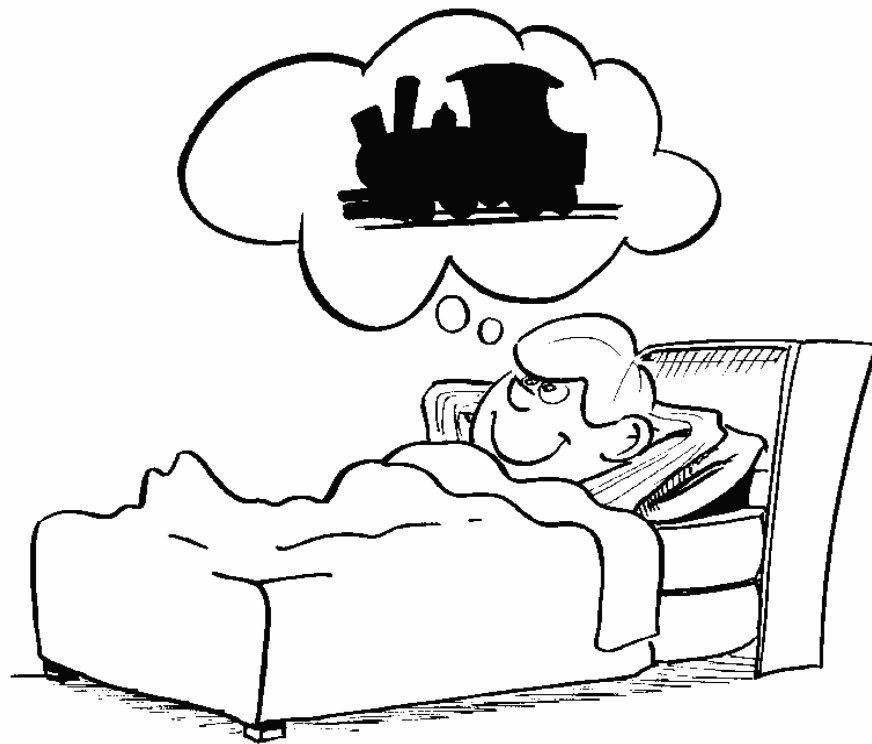


Through the dark tunnels the  
head lights beamed.



Down the track the engine screamed.

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It all seemed so real, in my dream.

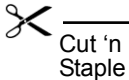
## Extra Words

team seam ream cream  
coal goal foal silver sliver liver

## Comprehension

1. What did the train have lots of?
2. What were the driver and his men doing?
3. What two colours did the train have?
4. How did the train find its way in the tunnels?
5. What noise did the engine make?

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Complete the sentences with these words.

track, steam, dream, screamed.

I had a ride on a \_\_\_\_\_ train in  
my \_\_\_\_\_. Down the \_\_\_\_\_  
the engine \_\_\_\_\_.