

## Task 1

✧ Read the text. Fill the gaps



**decorations, childhood, cave, twin, furred, unwanted, reindeer, neighbor, face-to-face, overworked, trap**

In the town of Whoville, the humanoid creatures called Whos are filled with **excitement** about celebrating Christmas. The only one who isn't amused is a green \_\_\_\_\_ creature called The Grinch who has a heart "two sizes too small" and lives as a **hermit** in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the top of Mount Crumpit just north of Whoville. The Grinch has a pet dog named Max and they both only visit Whoville when the Grinch needs to buy food and do **nasty things**.

Meanwhile, a 6-year-old girl named Cindy Lou Who notices that her mother Donna Lou Who is \_\_\_\_\_ trying to take care of herself and her baby \_\_\_\_\_ brothers, Buster and Bean. At first, she decides to send a letter to Santa Claus to help her mother, but after **encountering** the Grinch who sarcastically says that she'll have to talk to Santa \_\_\_\_\_ about it, she decides to go to the North Pole to talk to Santa, but when Donna tells her that it would take a month to get there and back home, her final decision is to try and \_\_\_\_\_ Santa.

With Christmas approaching, all the Whoville festivities **give** the Grinch a **flashback**, recalling his \_\_\_\_\_ spent mostly alone and \_\_\_\_\_ in an **orphanage**. The Grinch soon decides that he'll steal Christmas from Whoville and gets a fat \_\_\_\_\_ whom he calls Fred to help him **pull a sleigh** that he stole from his \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Bricklebaum. After a test run, the Grinch discovers that Fred has a wife and child. With a **heavy heart**, he lets Fred go home with them. On Christmas Eve, after making a Santa Claus **disguise** and dozens of gadgets to help him with his plan, the Grinch and Max, who pulls the sleigh in Fred's place, go down to Whoville to steal the \_\_\_\_\_ and presents.

