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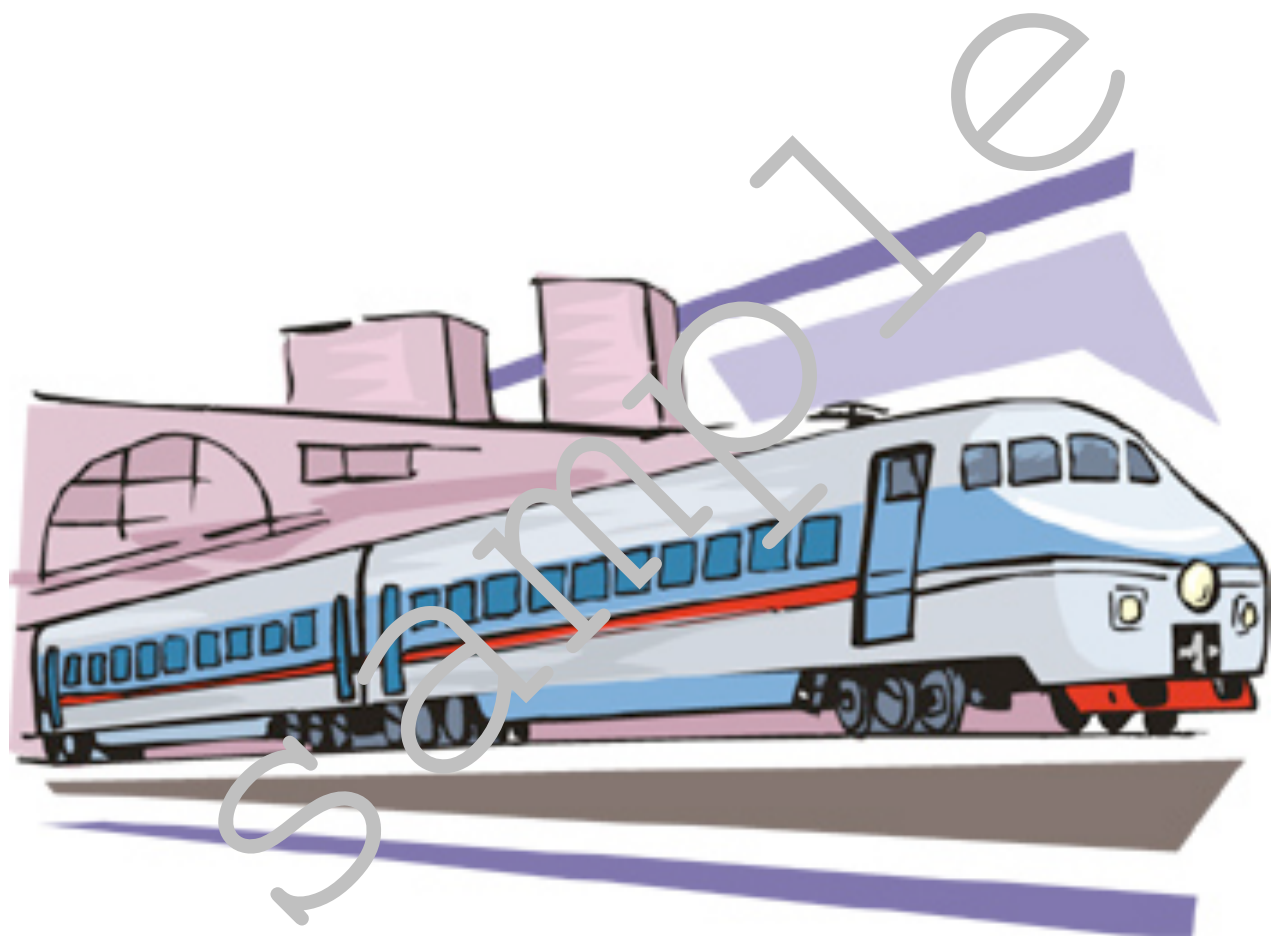
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A train can have more than one locomotive. The number of locomotives depends on the number of railway cars that are being pulled. The more railway cars being pulled, the more locomotives needed.



Some trains just provide transportation for people and some just for freight. A railway car used to transport people is usually called a coach. Trains can have both freight railway cars and coaches at the same time.

There are railway cars made specifically for different types of livestock such as cattle, sheep and pigs. There are railway cars that are made to transport automobiles. Special railway cars are used for transporting oil, coal and even containers that come directly from a ship that sailed on the ocean.



Another railway car on a train is the caboose. This is the last car on the train. The caboose originally was used by the workers who rode the train from town to town. Today many railroads do not have a caboose at the end of the train.

Look up the definition for each word. Write the definitions on the lines.

1. freight _____

2. locomotive _____

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The first coach on a train that carried passengers went between two towns in England in 1807. It was so successful that many more railways were built in England, and passengers began using trains more frequently.

There were some trains pulled along tracks by horses in the United States in the early 1800's. Then John Stevens, an American engineer, invented a railway engine and he called it a "steam wagon."

In 1825, he built a railway on property near his home in New Jersey and used this steam wagon to pull a small train.

By the 1830s, there were several railway tracks and trains running in North America. Some of the companies that started railroads at that time were the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, South Carolina Canal and Railroad Company, and the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad of Canada,

Railroads continued to be built in America throughout the 1800's. The United States government realized that railroads were important for the expansion of the country, so Congress passed the Pacific Railroad Act in 1862. This Act gave two railroad companies thousands of acres of land and millions of dollars in government loans to build railroads across America. The two companies were the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific.



One of the most important events in American railroad history happened when the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific railroad companies met at Promontory Summit, Utah in 1869. When these two railway tracks were connected, it provided intercontinental transportation for freight and people.

What does the word intercontinental mean? Write your answer on the lines below.

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

trains
locomotive

railroad
railway

travel
caboose

engine
gauge

