

The Eight Train

Abigail yelled "Is that a train I see? Is it pulling freight or taking people home?"

"Freight?" said Aiden. "What's that?"

"Freight is the stuff we move from place to place so we can get it at the store. The toys, the shoes, the food. When it is on a train or a truck it is called freight."

"Today most trains bring stuff from one place to another, but long ago many people rode trains to get from place to place. There is even a saying for being on a train, it's called "riding the rails."

Aiden said, "Oh, I have been on a train many times! We take the train from Main and Eighth Street to go see Grandma. She doesn't like to drive when it is going to rain."

"Well," said Abigail, "When I turned eight, I went on a train to the zoo. We had to wait a really long time for the train. My dad called it the 'Eight Train' for my birthday."

"Have you ever taken a train in the snow?" he asked. "It's so pretty."

"No," she said. "If it is going to snow, I want to ride in a sleigh!"