

# Railroad Terms

Write the letter of the correct match next to each problem.

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1.	_____ berths	a. a brief personal appearance especially by a political candidate usually on the rear platform of a train
2.	_____ coupling	b. a circular building for housing and repairing locomotives
3.	_____ cupola	c. dictates the departure times of trains
4.	_____ firebox	d. the area where the fuel is burned, producing heat to boil the water in a steam engine's boiler
5.	_____ gauge	e. the foundation layer of earth on which the track is built
6.	_____ jitney	f. auxiliary track, connected to the main track, normally used to allow other trains to pass
7.	_____ main line	g. sleeping space, generally in a bunk arrangement that could be folded up out of the way when not in use
8.	_____ roadbed	h. a connection between two lines of track with movable rails to divert rolling stock from one track to another
9.	_____ roundhouse	i. generally used to refer to a small, inexpensive service that carries passengers over a regular route on a flexible schedule
10.	_____ side track	j. the distance between the two rails forming a railroad track, measured from the inner side of the rail
11.	_____ siding	k. A system or grouping of tracks connected to, but not part of, a main line; used for switching or storing cars
12.	_____ signal	l. to switch a train to a siding
13.	_____ switch	m. principal line or lines of a railroad
14.	_____ tie	n. a visual sign used to tell the train engineer how to proceed, such as speed, direction or train route
15.	_____ timetable	o. a small structure built on top of a roof
16.	_____ "whistle-stop" tours	p. the device that fastens cars and locomotives together
17.	_____ yard	q. these rest in a bed of gravel ballast and support the railroad tracks, usually made of wood or concrete