

Railroad Terms

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

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