Fill in words, then read them into this mostly factual letter.

Something Sweet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Advective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Furniture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Noise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Liquid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Career (ending in -ing) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Noun, plural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emotion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Noun, plural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Store \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Noun, plural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

June 3, 1889

Dear Mama,

Remember that day in 1887 when John said, “Good news, Cordelia, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (something sweet), I got a job with the railroad.” It was so exciting, because the railroad was finally going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verb) across the prairie of Oklahoma Territory. I had no idea that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) Baby John and I would have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(verb) there in a wagon by ourselves once he settled there.

We lived in the pump house and slept on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (furniture) next to the stove. Every day, we heard the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (noise) of the train coming down the tracks.

As each train stopped to resupply with coal and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (liquid), I would feed the crew. It was a big job doing all the cooking and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(career ending with -ing) for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (number) railroad men. They especially liked my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (snack food) and baked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vegetable), which I cooked in the pot-bellied stove.

Sometimes Edmond Burdick, the railroad agent, would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verb) by to check on us and make sure the station had enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (noun plural) . You can’t imagine how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (emotion) it made me to hear that our train stop would be named after Edmond instead of my John.

It sometimes got lonely being the only family around. I would have enjoyed having some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (noun, plural) to talk to. Of course, I didn’t realize how much life would change after the Land \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verb) of April 22, 1889. We went from being the only family to having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (#) neighbors. It’s only been six weeks, but now the town has a church, bank, hotel and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of a store). We are raising money to build a school for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (noun, plurals), too. Little John will finally have a place to learn how to read and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verb).

Sincerely,

Cordelia Steen