The Land of the Midnight Sun

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| *Grandma  | Shawl    | Crawled | Awful   |
| Lawn      | Reindeer | Straw   | Sounds  |
| *Coldest  | Fawn     | Raw     |          |

| Summer    | Shining  | Shared  | *Opened |
| Midnight  |          |         |         |

### Red Words to practice every day:

| Old       | Warm    | Some    | Does    |
| Work      | Even    |         |         |
Erik Nilsson lives with his mom and dad in Stockholm. Stockholm is the capital of Sweden. It is a big city. Parts are old and parts are new. Erik has drawn a map of Stockholm. Here is his drawing.
Here is a drawing of Erik’s home. It is in the old part of the city. His mom and dad work in the new part. Each day, they drive to their office.
Sweden has lots of lakes. In the winter, Erik goes skating on the lake. Here is Erik’s drawing of the lake with ice on it.
In the winter, even the sea has ice on it. Once, Erik saw a big ship stuck in the ice. Here is his drawing. When the ice melted, he saw the big ship leave.
In May, Erik’s mom and dad took him to visit his grandma and granddad. They live a long way from Stockholm. Their home is in the Arctic. It has a big lawn, and it is near a lake.
The Arctic is the coldest place in Sweden. It is even cold in May. Erik’s grandma made him a shawl. It kept him warm when they had a picnic on the lawn.
One day, Erik ran to his grandma. He said, “A baby reindeer is on the lawn!”

“A baby reindeer is a fawn,” said his grandma. “Let’s go see it.”

The fawn had lost its mom. Erik’s grandma made a straw bed for the fawn so it stayed warm. The fawn crawled onto the straw to wait for its mom.
One day, Erik’s granddad took him to the lake near his home. Erik likes to eat the fish they catch in the lake. Granddad said, “We eat lots of fish. We even eat some raw!”

Erik made a face. He said, “Raw fish! That sounds awful. No raw fish for me!”
The Arctic has lots and lots of trees. Erik’s granddad cuts trees and ships them to Stockholm. Here is a drawing Erik made of his granddad cutting a big pine tree.
All day and all night in the summer, the Arctic sun shines. This is why it is called the Land of the Midnight Sun. But in the winter, it is night all the time. The sun does not rise at dawn!
Erik said, “I like to see the sun at midnight in the summer. I like staying up all the time!”

But Erik needed to sleep. He crawled into bed and slept while the sun was shining at night.
In the fall, it was time to go back to Stockholm. School opened. Erik was glad to see his pals at school. He shared his drawings of the Land of the Midnight Sun with his class.
1. How do you know that Stockholm is cold in the winter?

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2. Write the answer on the blank line.
Erik’s mom and dad drive to their __________________________. drawings
Stockholm is a __________________________. city
Erik made __________________________ of ships. office

1. Think about all the things Erik did. Which would you like to do?

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2. Write the answer on the blank line.
Erik saw a __________________________. straw
Grandma made a __________________________ bed for it. fawn
Erik wore a __________________________ to keep warm. shawl

1. Why is the Arctic called the Land of the Midnight Sun?

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2. Write the answer on the blank line.
In the Arctic, the sun was __________________________ at night. shared
Erik __________________________ into bed. shining
Erik __________________________ his drawings with his pals. crawled
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