

Ad Lib Activity - *Letter from the Trail*

We learn a lot about the Santa Fe Trail by reading historical letters. Trail travelers would often write letters to their families and friends to tell them what it was like to travel the trail.

We found an unfinished letter by a Santa Fe Trail traveler and we need your help to finish it! Fill in words that match the descriptions below (don't look at the next page yet!). Your words will automatically complete the letter on the next page. Once you have a word for every description, go to the next page to read your completed letter!

Write a word for each description below:

Family member's name

Number

Temperature description

Food

Drink

Animal

Adjective

Emotion

Number

Food

Food

Verb ending in -ing

Object

Adjective

Plural object

Plural object

Your name

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Dear _____,

We have been traveling the Santa Fe Trail for _____ days.

Today we woke at sunrise to begin our journey. It was _____. We started by eating _____ with a cup of _____. It was my favorite breakfast!

We passed through a grassy prairie today. I saw a(n) _____ for the first time! It was so _____! Everyone felt _____ when they saw it! Some people even chased after it and rode far away from the wagons following it.

After walking for _____ hours, we stopped for lunch. We had some beans and a cup of coffee. As a treat, the cook gave us some _____ and _____ for dessert. What a tasty combination!

By evening, we were all tired from _____ all day. Some people slept in the wagon, but there wasn't enough room for everyone. I decided to sleep on my _____ outside. I'm writing this letter now while looking up at the _____ stars.

I can't wait to get to Santa Fe! I brought rare _____ and _____ to sell. I know I will make a fortune!

Love,