



**TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE** \_\_\_\_\_ when all through the house,

not a creature was \_\_\_\_\_ not even a mouse.  
HOLIDAY  
VERB PRESENT PARTICIPLE

The smoke alarms were hung on the ceiling just right in hopes that \_\_\_\_\_ would test them tonight.  
FAMOUS PERSON

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of fire drills \_\_\_\_\_ in their heads.  
VERB PAST TENSE  
 Before bed time they planned the fire escape route. They mapped it on \_\_\_\_\_ and planned two ways out.  
NOUN

When out in the street there arose such a clatter. I sprang from the \_\_\_\_\_ to see what was the matter.  
PIECE OF FURNITURE  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ to the window and there I stayed, I tore open the \_\_\_\_\_ and rolled up the shade.  
VERB PAST TENSE NOUN

When what to my wondering \_\_\_\_\_ should I see?  
BODY PART  
 Our family meeting place right by the tree and also some \_\_\_\_\_ eating a snack.  
ANIMAL PLURAL  
 But \_\_\_\_\_ was eagerly calling them back.  
FAMOUS PERSON

Now \_\_\_\_\_! Now \_\_\_\_\_, Now \_\_\_\_\_ and Vixen!  
NAME NAME NAME  
 On \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ and Blitzen!  
NAME NAME NAME

And then I heard the creak of the door! I went down to investigate and find out more.  
 There stood \_\_\_\_\_! He didnt move from his spot.  
FAMOUS PERSON  
 But said, Forget about chimneys! That fires too hot!

He gave me a wink and said, Do not fear. He tested our smoke alarms and waited to hear the infamous warning of Beep, Beep, Beep. My family arose but he said, Go back to sleep.

This is only a test to make sure alarms work. He wiggled his \_\_\_\_\_ and turned with a jerk.  
BODY PART  
 But I heard him \_\_\_\_\_ as he drove out of sight,  
VERB  
 Test you smoke alarms and practice, your fire escape drill tonight!