The Little Engine That Could

The little 1 came to a big 2. He puffed 3 from his chimney while his 4 went round and round on the 5 but the 6 was too steep. The little 7 panted, “I think I can. I think I can.” But he couldn’t. Then he tried harder.

The 8 stoked the engine and blew the 9. “I know you can. I know you can,” he coaxed.

All the 10 shouted, “We know you can. We know you can.”

“We know you can. We know you can,” called the 11 near their burrows.

“I know you can. I know you can,” droned the silver 12 zooming overhead.

The little 13 chuffed, 14 right to the top of the 15. “I knew I could. I knew I could,” he smiled happily to himself as he steamed down the hillside to the next 16.

By name