**Vocabulary Word Search**

Find the words.

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battles hundred letter pressed shine
clabber hunts lye radio smelled
cleaning imagine money railroad women
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Complete the puzzle.

**Word Bank**
- clabber
- stopping
- wood
- attached
- tears
- possum
- battles
- shine
- women

**Across**
3. Grandma brought more ___ in for the stove.
5. Grandma listened to the radio and about the ___ being fought.
6. Ada Ruth blinked hard, but the ___ still tried to come.
8. Ada Ruth thought about the ___ working on the trains.
9. A pretty rain fell outside and made the brown fields ___.

**Down**
1. They ate corn bread and ___ milk for a morning meal and supper.
2. Grandma hunted ___ and rabbit.
4. Grandma told Ada Ruth not to get ___ to the kitten.
7. Grandma told Ada Ruth not to cry when the postman came by without ___.
Unscramble the words. Use the words in the text boxes to help you.

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13. twsvooeod ____________________________
14. giifgnht ____________________________
15. draaoil ____________________________
Complete the sentences using a word from the text box.

writing  fighting  saucer  smelled  postman  folded
lye  woodstove  pressed  loving  soft  money

1. Mama’s hands were warm and ________.
2. Ada Ruth’s mother went to Chicago to work since the men were off __________ the war.
3. Her mother ____________ another dress and put it in the bag.
4. She pulled Ada Ruth close to her and ____________ her face against Ada Ruth’s face.
5. Ada Ruth’s mother was gone for a long time with no letter or ________ coming from her.
6. Grandma told Ada Ruth to keep __________ to her mother.
7. Grandma poured milk into a ____________ and placed it on the floor.
8. Ada Ruth tried to remember the way her mother ____________.
9. The _____ soap turned her hands yellow, but got the wash really clean.
10. When they got home, Grandma got the ______________ going.
11. The ____________ put a letter with Mama’s beautiful cursive in Grandma’s hand.
12. Somewhere Ada Ruth’s mother is ____________ her more than rain.
What do you think happened when Ada Ruth’s mother came home from Chicago?
Coming on Home Soon
by Jacqueline Woodson

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