



None of this would have happened if it wasn't for Forest.

Forest is not a thicket of trees. Forest is a boy. A sick boy.

A boy sneezing and coughing all over my desk and pencils.

I caught Forest's cold and had to stay home from school on Tuesday. Tuesday is Vocabulary Day at Webster School.

Follow my advice: Never get sick on Vocabulary Day.





## VOCABULARY WORDS

1. dinosaur snake 3. museum 4. reptile 5. Constrictor 6. herpetologist 7. Fossil 8. carnivore 9. herbivore 10. nest 11. species 12. theory 13. hypothesis 14. category 15. Miss Alaineus

I didn't feel much better on Wednesday, so my mom called Mrs. Page, who is not a single side of a printed sheet of paper usually found bound in a book. She's my teacher, and actually Mrs. Page is a good name for her because she reads to us every day. My mom told her yes, I had my math problems and vocabulary words, and yes I would get better soon.

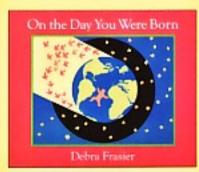
Every week Mrs. Page gives
us a list of words with a theme
like Story Writing or Musical
Performance or Electricity.
We're supposed to look up eac
word in the dictionary, but
sometimes I already know the
words, so I try to make the
definitions sound like I looked
them up.

## A riotous vocabulary calamity!

Sage has misheard and misunderstood one of Mrs. Page's weekly vocabulary words. Her error leads to a humbling catastrophe: a momentous tragedy, in front of the entire class. Can Sage turn her vocabulary disaster: an event bringing great misfortune, into a triumph: a true success?

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