**1. Emily, the Rat Who Could Not Read**

Once upon a time, there was a lady rat called Emily who could not read. She lived in a small town and every morning used to put on her glasses to read the local newspaper, but she wasn’t able to read it.

“My glasses might be dirty,” thought Emily.

She met a squirrel one day and asked her, “Do you read every day?”

“Of course,” said the squirrel.

“I can’t because my glasses are too old and dirty,” replied Emily

“You have to go to school to learn to read,” said the squirrel before leaving.

This didn’t convince the lady rat, and she continued walking until she saw a rabbit.

“Can you read?” asked Emily.

“Of course. I’m coming from school and have my bag full of books,” said the rabbit.

“I can’t. My glasses are too old,” said Emily, and left the place sad.

She kept walking and when she saw a dog she asked him, too.

“Have you read the newspaper today?”

“Yes, I do every day.”

“Do you wear glasses?”

“No, I go to school.”

Emily stood there thinking and decided to act, so the next day she bought pencils, a book bag and a notebook, and started school.

After a few weeks she was so proud of what she had learned that when she saw a hen walking past one day, she ran to ask her, “Can you read?”

“Of course. I read every day,” said the hen.

Emily was very happy and could finally say, “Me too! I’m learning at school.”

She was so happy that she had a party and invited all her friends, just to announce that she was able to read and was reading a book every night, and advised those who couldn’t read to go to school to learn.

**2. The Brave Monkey Pirate**

One day, the brave monkey pirate Modi was out with his mom. They shopped for groceries and ate peas at Modi’s favorite restaurant.

Then the pirate Modi's mom said, "We need to stop off at the doctor's office. You need a quick checkup."

The doctor checked Modi's heart, his blood pressure, and his knees. Then he explained that Modi needed to come back the next day and get a shot to protect him from scurvy or some other bad thing.

The pirate Modi did not like shots. That evening his father came home and Modi told him all about the visit to the doctor.

Modi's father said, "Modi, I know of something that can help you. Take this map and my fastest pirate ship and find this special thing. Also, if you stay very still for the doctor you can have some ice cream after."

So Modi followed the map through the wildest seas, and climbed up volcanoes filled with fiery lava, and sneaked past creatures so terrible that they will not be described in this story, until he reached a castle at the top of the mountains. Inside, he found a great crab wizard on a crab wizard throne.

The crab wizard spoke these words, "Pirate Modi, because you have braved many obstacles to get here, I will give you this rock. When you get a shot, you must squeeze the rock very tightly, and count to three. You will be magically taken into the future where the shot will be finished. Also, you can have some ice cream after."

The monkey pirate thanked him and sailed back home to get some sleep.

The next morning, Modi took the rock with him to the doctor's office.

The doctor hummed a little song and filled up the pirate's shot.

Modi closed his eyes very tightly, squeezed the rock as hard as he could, and counted 1, 2, 3!

The crab wizard was right! The shot was finished.

The Brave Monkey Pirate was now immune to scurvy and other stuff. And, he got to have ice cream on the way home.