**The Brave Monkey Pirate (350) 6th grade**

One day, the brave monkey pirate Modi /was out / with his mom.

They shopped/ for groceries/ and ate peas/ at Modi’s favorite restaurant.
 [ˋgrosərɪ] [ˋrɛstərənt]

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

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The doctor checked/ Modi's heart,/ his blood pressure, and his knees.
 [ˋprɛʃɚ]

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.

 [ˋskɝvɪ]

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

[vɑlˋkeno] 火的；火一般的；燃燒般的[ˋfaɪərɪ]

lava, and sneaked past creatures so terrible that they will not be described in this story,

 [ˋlɑvə] 偷偷地走，溜[Q]；偷偷地躲避；狡猾地逃避

until he reached a castle at the top of the mountains. Inside, he found a great crab wizard on a crab wizard throne.

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The crab wizard spoke these words, "Pirate Modi, because you have braved many obstacles to

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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

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 cream on the way home.