

DR. VOCAB'S GREAT ESCAPE!



PREVIOUSLY...

Previously, Schoolville was saved from the evil Dr. Vocab.

We now follow her in a quest to escape prison. Will she succeed and continue her attacks on the city? Will she fail and remain trapped? Keep reading to find out!

The “protagonist” of a story is the main character. Most of the time, they are a hero, but they don’t have to be. Who is the protagonist of this story?

The root word for “heinously” is “heinous.” What do you think “heinous” means?

TRAPPED!

“I can’t believe that I, the spectacular, magnificent and amazingly evil Dr. Vocab, was defeated by Mathman and his friends yet again! However, with my incredible smarts, I’ll surely be able to easily escape this jail cell.”

What is Dr. Vocab’s goal? What does she want?

What do you think the words “spectacular,” “magnificent” and “amazing” mean?

FILE IT AWAY!

“The answer is so easy to see! How did I not perceive it with my eyes before this moment? I never leave home without my nail file (because you can’t be evil without looking your best). I can remove the bars by slowly filing them away! Not enough to raze them to the ground, but I don’t need to destroy them to escape!”

What do you think “perceive” means?

They sound the same, but “Raze” doesn’t mean the same thing as “raise,” which means to go upward. What do you think “raze” means?

LASER CUTTER!

“Wait a minute... I guess I DID leave home without my nail file. Well, these idiotic guards forgot the trick I have up my sleeve... literally! I always keep my Technological Super Laser Machine™ in my coat sleeve. It will easily cut the bars and grant me freedom!”

When you read the text, what did Dr. Vocab’s Technological Super Laser Machine™ look like in your imagination? Draw it below.

CALL SOMEONE!

“The guards didn’t know about my laser machine, but they did force me to wear a uniform instead of my normal outfit, so that trick is inaccessible... They did forget to take my communication device, so I’ll just call in some helpful assistance!

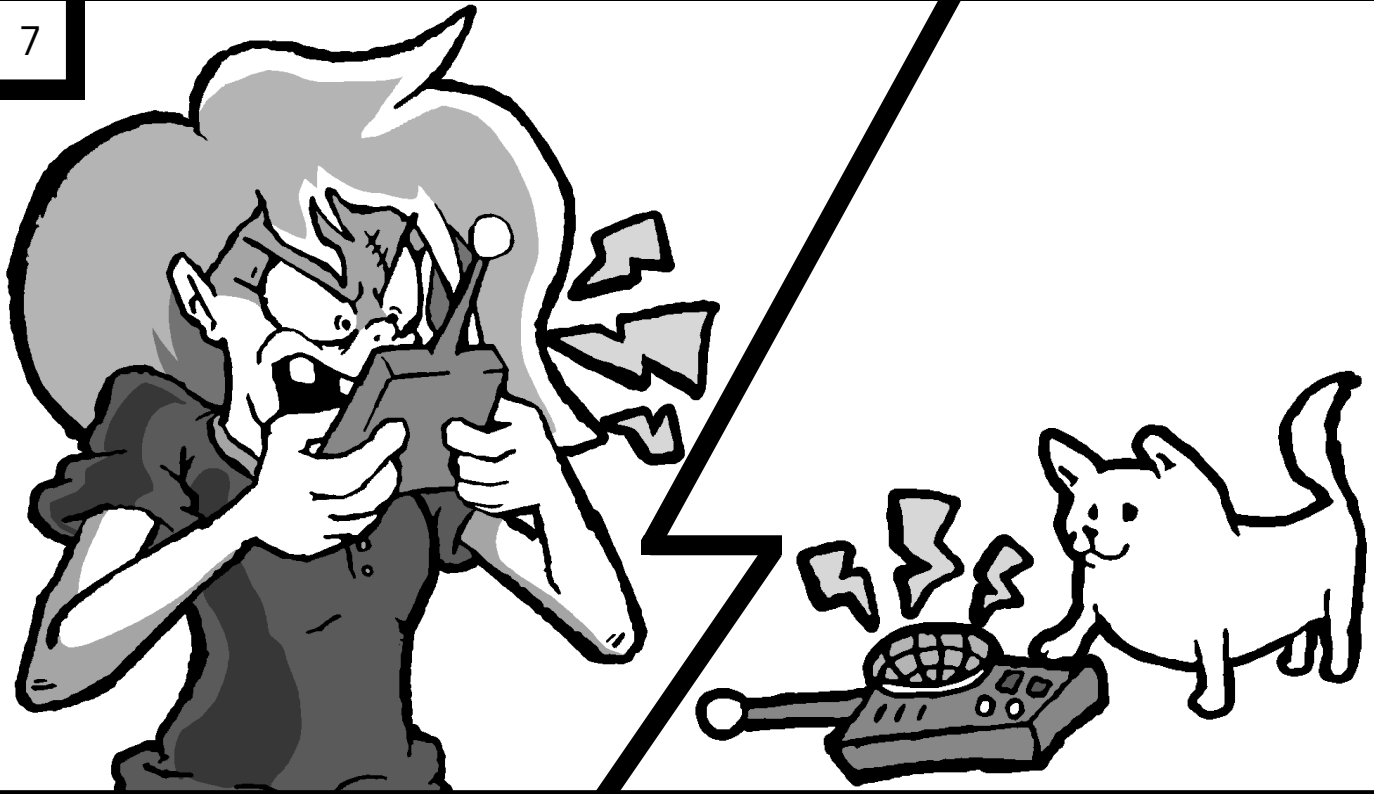
What do you think “inaccessible” means?

What do you think “assistance” means?

BUT WHO?

“But who to call? Well, I just caused a bunch of havoc and chaotic damage, so most people won’t want to help... I could call my villain friends, but I don’t want them to see me in jail like this... ah! I’ve got it! My faithful companion Vocabudog will save me!”

What do you think Dr. Vocab’s villain friends look like? Make your own supervillain in the space below.



“Vocabudog! I was caught by that scoundrel Mathman! I need you to break me out of prison! What? You don’t have thumbs? And I forgot to feed you? I’m on my own?! You nefarious backstabber! I’d be proud of you if I wasn’t mad!”

Dr. Vocab, of course, doesn’t like the superhero Mathman. So, what do you think “scoundrel” means?

Vocabudog refused to help his owner, so she calls him “nefarious.” What do you think “nefarious” means?

REALLY LOUD!

“It seems I don’t have anyone to call... but I may have other alternatives to get help. Like yelling really loud! Surely if I were to caterwaul at the top of my lungs, someone will hear me, and help me escape!”

The root of “alternative” is “alt,” which means different. What do you think “alternative” means?

What do you think “caterwaul” means?

THE LOCK!

“No one came... It seems I am truly alone here... I’ll have to rely on my remarkable brain to find a method of escape from my confinements. Think... think... What if I were to pick the lock on the door? That would make getting out a cinch!”

Dr. Vocab is still in her cell. What do you think “confinements” are?

Picking the lock would make getting out easy. What do you think a “cinch” means?

WAIT WHAT?!

“While I was thinking about how to pick the lock, I made a massive, even prodigious, realization. The cell door is unlocked! And in fact, I don’t even think it was ever bolted at all! My ticket to freedom was always here, now I just need to take it!”

Do you think Dr. Vocab is as smart as she thinks she is?

What evil plans do you think Dr. Vocab will make now?!

ESCAPE!



SHE'S TIRED!

“Ha ha! I’m free! Now I’m ready to... take a break for a while. I’ll do more evil some time, but for now, it’s been a really long day and I want to go to bed and feed my evil little Vocabudog. But Mathman should look out... eventually!”

Did you like the story?

Did you learn any new words? Which is your favorite word you know now?

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