

Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing

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When we were outside we took the crosstown _____ Noun then walked a few blocks to his _____ Noun.

As soon as the nurse saw Fudge she said, "How's my favorite _____ Noun?"

She gave him a _____ Noun and a little book to read. To me she said, "Good morning, Peter."

It burns me up the way people treat Fudge. He's not so _____ Adjective. He's just _____ Adjective, that's all!

But some day he's going to be nine years old too. I can't wait until he is. Then he'll know there's nothing so
_____ Adjective about him after all.

Soon the nurse said, "Fudge, Dr. Brown is ready for you. Come with me now." Fudge took the nurse's
_____ Noun Dr. Brown has this rule about _____ Noun Plural in the examining room with kids-they're not
allowed! Mothers are a _____ Noun Plural problem, Dr. Brown told me once. I agreed.

I looked through a National Geographic magazine while I _____ Verb Past Tense. After a few minutes the nurse
came out and whispered something to my mother. I looked up, wondering what the big secret was.

Then my mother said, "Peter, Dr. Brown would like you to _____ Verb Base Form him with Fudge."

"Help him?" I said. "I'm no _____ Noun!"

The nurse said, "Peter, dear ... if you'll just come with me I'm sure everything will _____ Verb Base Form out fine
." So I went with the _____ Noun. "What do I have to do?" I asked her.

"Oh, not much. Dr. Brown just wants you to _____ Verb Base Form Fudge how you open
your mouth and how he _____ Verb Present ends in S your teeth."

"What do I have to do that for?" I asked. "I don't need a _____ Noun yet. I just had one last month."

"Your brother won't open his _____ Noun this morning," the nurse whispered.

"He won't?" I whispered back. "No, he won't!" she said again.

I thought that was pretty _____ Adjective. I never considered refusing to open my mouth at the dentist's _____ Noun.

When he says "Open"-I _____ Verb Base Form!

When we reached the examining room Fudge was _____ Verb Present ends in ING in the _____ Adjective chair. He had a _____ Noun around his neck and he looked all ready for action.

Dr. Brown was showing him lots of little things and explaining what he does with each one. Fudge kept nodding but he wouldn't open his _____ Noun.

"A... Peter!" Dr. Brown said when he saw me. "Would you open your mouth so I can count your _____ Noun?"

That's what he tells little kids he's _____ Verb Present ends in ING their teeth. Little kids will believe anything!

I went along with Dr. Brown's joke. I opened my mouth very _____ Adjective.

Much wider than when I'm the _____ Adjective patient. He put his _____ Noun in and said, "Wonderful teeth . Just _____ Adjective. A regular chip off the old block. Such a shame your brother can't open his mouth the way you do."

"Can so," Fudge said.

"No," Dr. Brown told him, "you can't open your mouth nearly as _____ Adjective as Peter."

"Can so ... see!" Fudge _____ Verb Past Tense his mouth.

"No, I'm sorry, Fudge," Dr. Brown said, "it's still not as Adjective as Peter."

So Fudge opened his mouth really wide. "Verb Base Form teeth!" he said. "Count Fudgie's teeth!"

"Well. . . ." Dr. Brown pretended to think about it.

"Verb Base Form!" Fudge shouted.

"Well. . . ." Dr. Brown said again, Verb Present ends in ING his head. "I guess as long as you're here I might as well count your teeth." So he checked Fudge's mouth.

When he was through Fudge said, "See ... see ... just like Pee-tah."

"Yes," Dr. Brown said, Verb Present ends in ING. "I can see that. You're just like Peter." He gave me a Noun.

I liked the way Dr. Brown tricked Fudge into Verb Present ends in ING his mouth. So when he was through examining him I whispered, "Couldn't you make Fudge some Adjective teeth... until his grown-up ones come in?"