

What I Learned Over Summer Vacation

Balderdash and Other Stories

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Now it's your turn. Write the next chapter story. The first step is deciding what new word the chapter will be called. Here are some ideas:

imbrue

taint

soughing

invertebrate/vertebrate (If you use one, you have to use the other.)

intimation (Read this word carefully; it may not be what you think it is.)

punctilious

abate

oscillate

malodorous

Look up the words and decide on your chapter title. Words have more than one definition. You can choose one if you like. You also need to pay attention to what part of speech your word is and make sure you use it that way. Start your chapter with the title and the definition. Decide how that word will be taught through your chapter story. Use the same character, voice, tone, word choice, etc. It should sound like it's from the same book. Remember not to be cliché; this character is full of surprises. Don't forget to throw in some balderdash!

Also, include a vocabulary word from at least one other chapter in the book so far. And, (I know I'm asking a lot) you should really try to add a "I learned that from..." sentence in your story. The character is always saying that. What else does the character use a lot? Idioms, expressions, figurative speech: "sat for a spell," "hit me like a bolt of lightning," "curiosity killed the cat," "all tied up in knots," "throw caution to the wind"...

Ready, set, go!

When you are done, if you like it, you can send me your chapter. Maybe we can start a collection of stories.