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Vocabulary:

"Could This Dragon Save Your Life?"

- 1. antibiotic (an-ti-bahy-OT-ik)** *noun*; An antibiotic is a type of medicine used to kill or slow the growth of harmful bacteria—that is, bacteria that make us sick—and cure infections. Antibiotics work only for infections caused by bacteria; they do not fight infections caused by viruses, such as colds or the flu.
- 2. carcass (KAHR-kuhs)** *noun*; A carcass is the dead body of an animal.
- 3. immune system (ih-MY00N SIS-tuhm)** *noun*; Your immune system is a system of cells, tissues, and organs in your body that protects it from infection and disease and helps you stay healthy. If you do get sick, your immune system helps you get well again. (Sometimes, though, your immune system is not able to fight off an illness; that's when you might need antibiotics or some other type of medicine.)
- 4. paralyzed (PAIR-uh-lahyzd)** *adjective*; The verb *paralyze* means "to make something unable to move or function." Someone who is paralyzed is unable to move. An illness or injury might cause an entire body or part of a body to become paralyzed. People can also be paralyzed by an emotion. If Nate is paralyzed with fear, he is—at least at that moment—so scared that he can't move.
- 5. robust (roh-BUHST)** *adjective*; A person who is robust is strong and healthy. A thing that is robust is well-built and unlikely to fail or weaken.

A misstep can also be a slip or error in judgment—an action or decision that is a mistake. Sarah might realize that handing out birthday invitations at recess was a misstep; some kids who weren't invited were upset.
- 6. venom (VEN-uhm)** *noun*; Venom is a poisonous fluid produced by certain animals such as snakes, spiders, and jellyfish. Animals inject venom into their prey and their enemies, usually by biting or stinging. Strong feelings of anger and hatred are sometimes called venom too, as in "Jill's comments were full of venom."