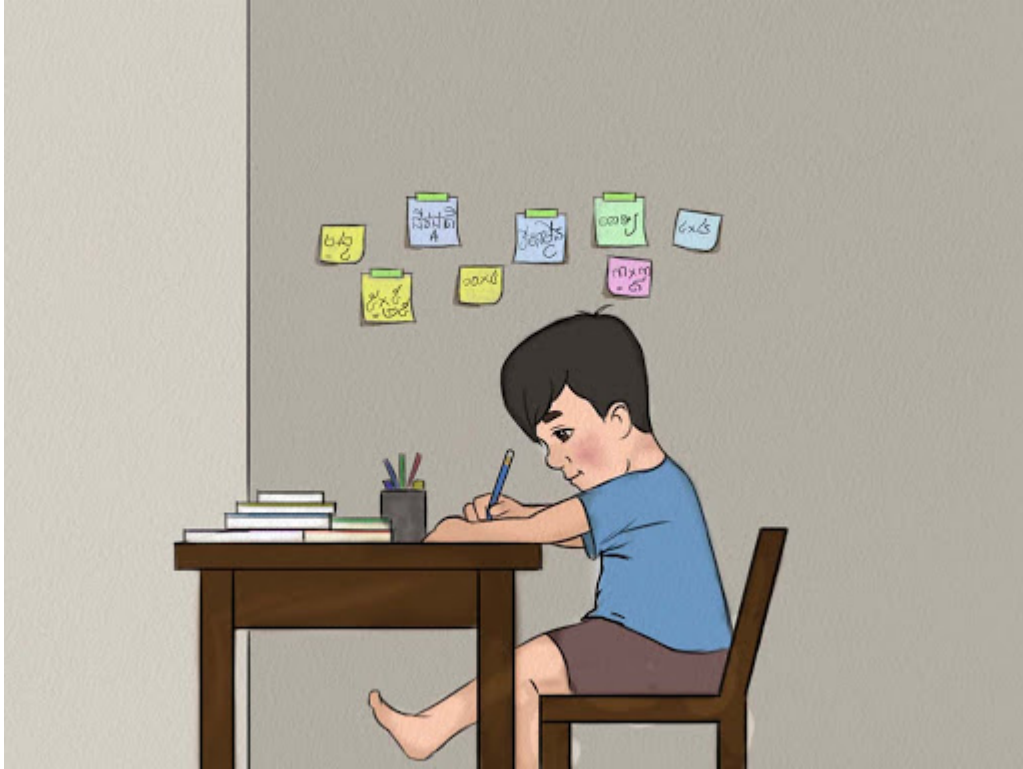# Doctor Vin

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Vin was a third grader who usually liked school. But he didn't understand why it was important to study so many subjects.
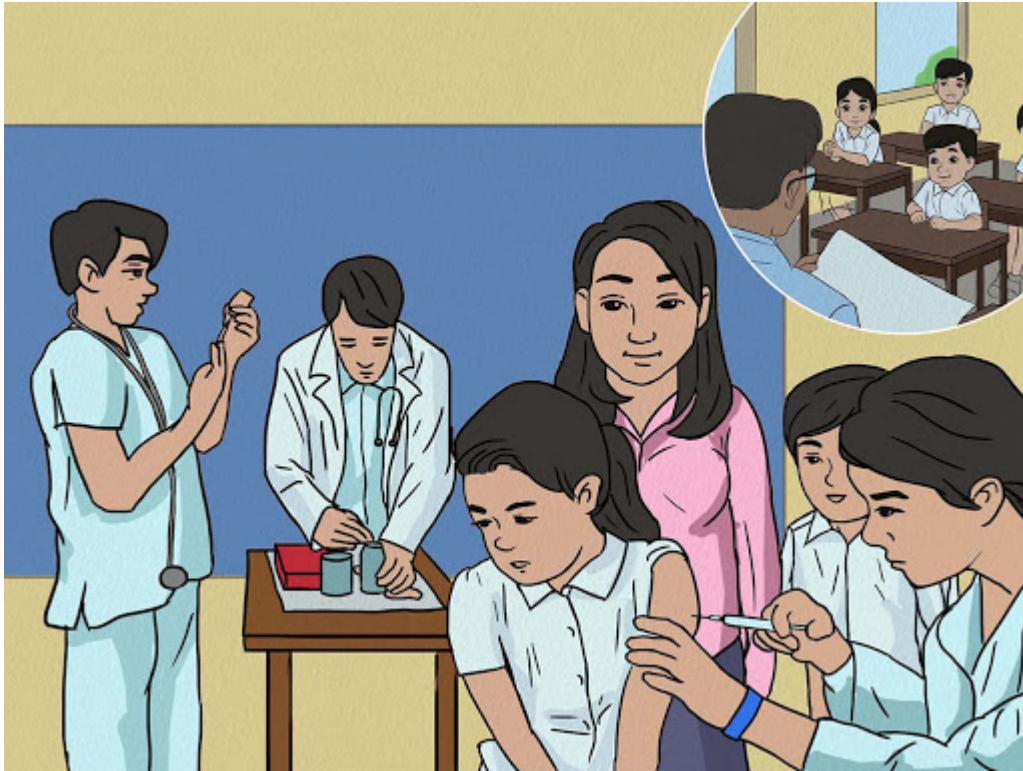
'Why do I need to know about so many different things?' Vin asked his teacher. 'How will I use it all when I grow up?'

'No matter what you choose to be when you grow up,' his teacher said, 'education will help you succeed!'

So Vin listened in class and studied at home. But he still didn't understand why it was so important.

One day, volunteer nurses visited the school to give vaccinations and advice on being healthy. This was the first time Vin had met a real nurse. He was amazed by how much they knew.

The next day, Vin's best friend Elita had an accident in the street. Vin found an adult to call an ambulance. Vin was afraid but he wanted to help, so he waited with Elita until the ambulance arrived.
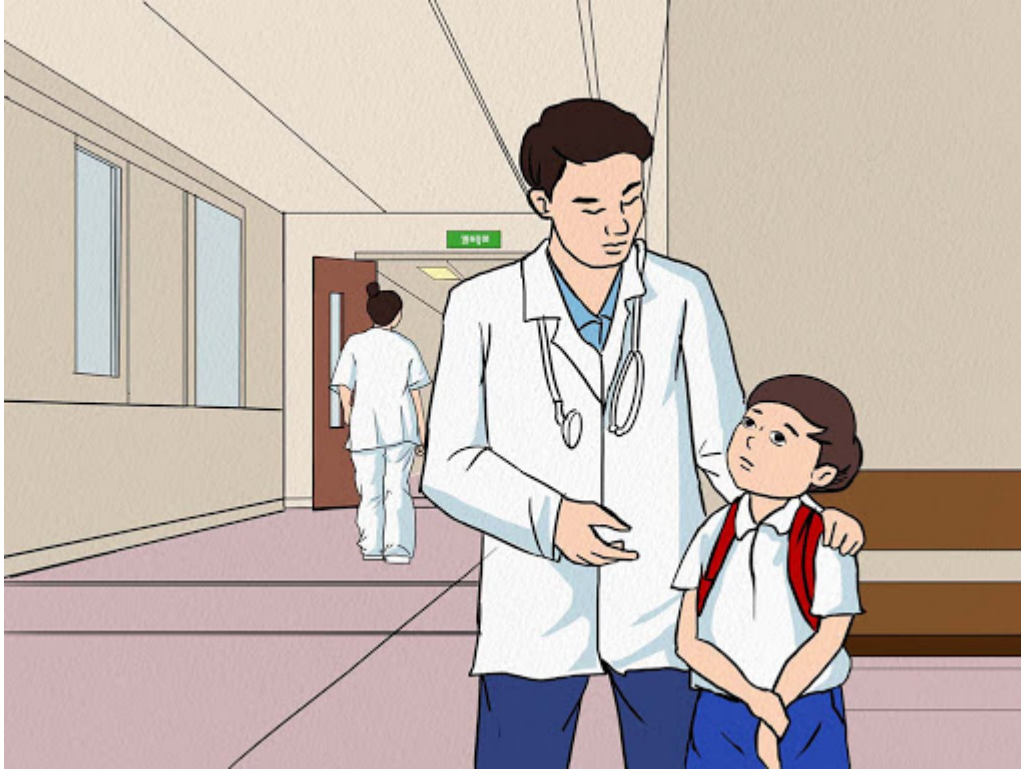
Vin rode with Elita to the hospital. When they arrived, Vin watched as doctors and nurses rushed to help her. They seemed to know exactly what to do.

Vin waited in a hallway, feeling very scared and sad. He wished there was more that he could do for Elita. He wished he knew as much as the nurses who visited his school and the doctors who were taking care of her.
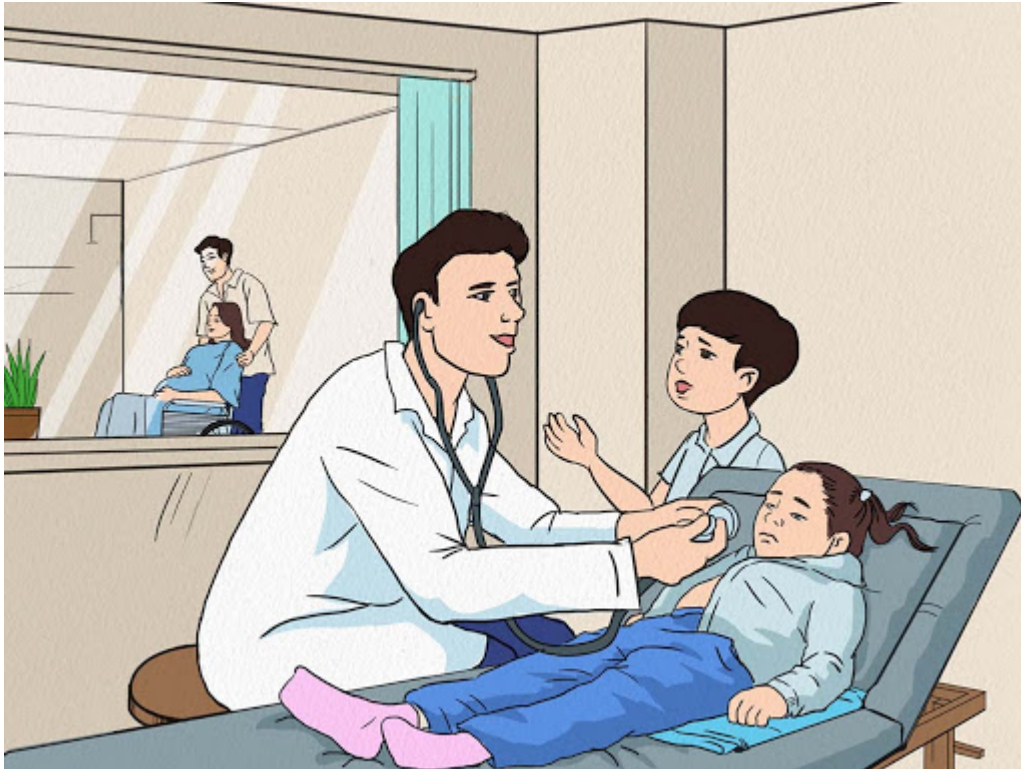
A doctor approached and asked Vin, 'Who are you waiting for?'

'My friend Elita had an accident and is in the emergency room,' Vin replied. 'Will she be okay?'

'The doctors and nurses will do their best,' the doctor said. 'They have worked very hard all of their lives to learn how to help people.'

After a while, a nurse came out and told Vin that Elita was going to be okay, and that Vin could go visit her. While Vin was in Elita's room, a doctor came to check on her.

'I want to be a doctor!' Vin said. 'Is it difficult to become one?'

'It is difficult, but you can do it if you work hard and study in school,' the doctor replied.

'So I need to study many different subjects?'

'Yes," the doctor replied. "It's important that you learn about about many subjects, especially science and mathematics.'

Vin remembered the doctor's advice. From that day on, he worked hard at his studies to make his dream of being a doctor come true.
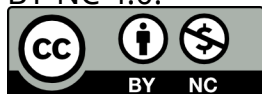
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