

**Dialogue Reading**

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Write down any new words or phrases.

Dentist: Hi, Mr. Peacock. **Are you here for your six-month checkup?**

Mr. Peacock: Yes, but **I also have a sore tooth.** I think I might have a cavity.

Dentist: Okay. **We'll do an X-ray** before your cleaning. **Which tooth is bugging you?**

Mr. Peacock: It's a molar on the bottom right side.

Dentist: I see the one. **Actually, that's your wisdom tooth.**

Mr. Peacock: **Will it need to come out?**



Dentist: I won't know for sure until I see the X-ray. **Have you been flossing regularly?**

Mr. Peacock: **Not as often as I should,** I'm afraid.

Dentist: **It's really important to take care of your gums.**

Mr. Peacock: I know. I brush twice a day, but I just forget to floss sometimes.



Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

Are you here for a checkup?

Is there a special reason for your visit?
What brings you in today?
You're here for a cleaning, right?

We'll do an X-ray.

Open your mouth wide.
Let's take a look inside.

Actually, that's your wisdom tooth.

That's your eyetooth.
That's your molar.
That's a baby tooth.

Have you been flossing regularly?

Do you brush twice a day?
Do you rinse with mouthwash?

It's important to take care of your gums.

Flossing is actually more important than brushing.
You should get into a habit of flossing daily.
Try to make your gums a top priority.

I have a sore tooth.

I have swollen gums.
I have pain in my jaw.
I have a loose tooth.
I have a chipped tooth.
I think I have a cavity.

It hurts when I chew.

I have a sensitive tooth.
It hurts when I eat something cold.
I have a toothache.

Which tooth is bugging you?

Which tooth is bothering you?
Where does it hurt?
Where are you feeling the most pain?

Will it need to come out?

Are you going to pull the tooth?
Do I need an extraction?

Not as often as I should.

I wish I could say yes.
Not exactly.
I'm afraid not.





Vocabulary

Match the definitions on the right to the words on the left.

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| 1 | _____ X-ray | a. a picture of the inside of your body |
| 2 | _____ floss | b. worn to straighten the teeth |
| 3 | _____ toothpaste | c. to clean between your teeth |
| 4 | _____ fluoride | d. used to brush your teeth |
| 5 | _____ braces | e. dental records |
| 6 | _____ chart | f. used for deep cleaning at the dentist office |
| 7 | _____ hygienist | g. a dental assistant |
| 8 | _____ needle | h. to pull out (a tooth) |
| 9 | _____ antibiotics | i. used to freeze the gums |
| 10 | _____ extract | j. taken to cure an infection |





Dialogue Building

Complete the dialogue below with appropriate expressions.

Dentist: Good morning, _____. Are you here for a six-month checkup?

Patient: Yes, but I also _____
_____.

Dentist: Let's do an X-ray first. Then we'll clean your teeth. Which tooth is bugging you?

Patient: _____.

Dentist: Is anything else bothering you?

Patient: _____.

Dentist: Have you been taking care of your teeth like I showed you during your last visit?

Patient: _____.

Dentist: Okay. I need you to sit back in the chair so that I can get a good look. Open your mouth and stick out your tongue, please.



Answer Key

Lesson Description:

A patient speaks with the dentist in the dentist's office. Students learn vocabulary and expressions to use when going to the dentist.

Vocabulary

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| 1. a | 2. c | 3. d | 4. f | 5. b |
| 6. e | 7. g | 8. i | 9. j | 10. h |

Dialogue Building

These are suggestions. Your students may choose other words that fit.

Dentist: Good morning, **Mr. Peacock**. Are you here for a six-month checkup?

Patient: Yes, but I also **have a sore tooth. I think I might have a cavity.**

Dentist: Let's do an X-ray first. Then we'll clean your teeth. Which tooth is bugging you?

Patient: **It's a molar on the bottom right side.**

Dentist: Is anything else bothering you?

Patient: **Yes, my gums are also sore.**

Dentist: Have you been taking care of your teeth like I showed you during your last visit?

Patient: **I'm afraid not.**

Dentist: Okay. I need you to sit back in the chair so that I can get a good look. Open your mouth and stick out your tongue, please.

