

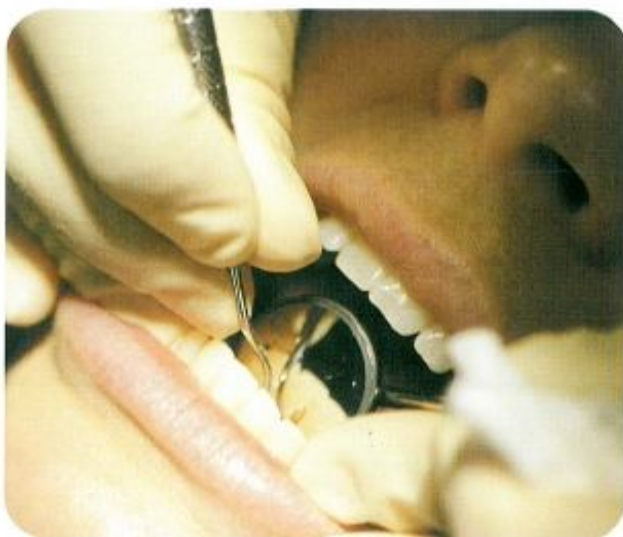
Unit 2. Loose Teeth

I HATE GOING TO THE DENTIST!

1 I run and hide when it is time to go to the dentist. I brush my teeth every day. But I still get **cavities**. Every three months I go to the dental clinic. It is time for fear and pain. I hate the *Dentist*! It's not surprising that I hate the dentist.

5 The office stinks. The lights are too bright. There are sharp-looking tools. There are little hoses that shoot air and water. They feel like a vacuum cleaner inside my mouth.

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Last time, the dentist put his fingers and tools in there too. He started putting stuff in my **gums**. I couldn't say anything. I had this big needle in my mouth. I **grabbed** his hands. I almost jumped out of the chair. He said it shouldn't hurt. But it did. He kept shouting at me!

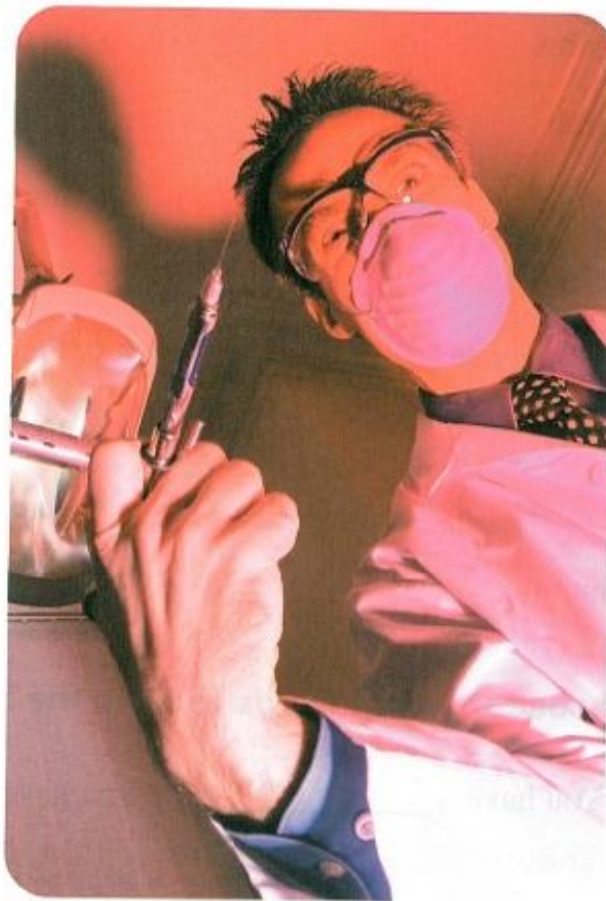
20 “Ron, sit still!”

“Ron, your **wiggling** only makes it worse!”

“Ron, you need to brush more.”

Then he reached for some gauze.

25 He had to stop the **bleeding**. It was the worst **experience** of my life!



Today my mother says the dentist has new things. She says they are really cool. First the dentist rubs my gums. It **tastes** like candy.

30 There's a **wand**. It looks a lot like a ballpoint pen. It has a really thin needle.

35 “You can't even feel it,” he says.

“Pretty soon your mouth will go **numb**.”

“You will come home with a beautiful smile.”

I hope he is right. For now, however, I still hate the dentist.

Vocabulary Build Up

A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. cavity | • | • not able to feel |
| 2. gums | • | • to take hold of something or someone |
| 3. grab | • | • a special thin stick |
| 4. wiggle | • | • the flesh inside the mouth around the teeth |
| 5. bleeding | • | • something that happens to you |
| 6. experience | • | • the act or process of losing blood |
| 7. taste | • | • to be loose and move with quick |
| 8. wand | • | • to have some flavor |
| 9. numb | • | • a hole in a tooth |

B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

1. You have a _____. Do you have feel some pain?
(a) stuff (b) cavity (c) tool (d) mouth
2. His nose was _____. I took him some tissues.
(a) brushing (b) bleeding (c) numb (d) building
3. When you brush your teeth too hard, your _____ hurt.
(a) gums (b) candies (c) hands (d) fingers
4. I _____ my tooth with my tongue. It was going to come out.
(a) put stuff in (b) wiggled (c) shouted (d) hated
5. After swimming in the cold lake, my body felt _____.
(a) wiggled (b) numb (c) hot (d) thin

Comprehension Check Up

A. Check True or False.

1. Ron does not have any cavities because he brushes his teeth. ☐ T ☐ F
2. Ron likes the dentist at the end of the story. ☐ T ☐ F

B. Choose the best answers.

1. What does Ron think of the dentist?

(a) He hates the dentist.	(b) He wants to be a dentist like him.
(c) He thinks the dentist is the best.	(d) He wants to see the dentist.
2. What do the little hoses do?

(a) cut gums	(b) vacuum	(c) show teeth	(d) brush teeth
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3. What is not true about the dentist's office?

(a) bad smell	(b) too bright
(c) pretty nurses	(d) sharp-looking tools
4. What is not true about the dentist's new thing?

(a) tastes like candy	(b) makes Ron's mouth numb
(c) wiggles Ron's teeth	(d) has a thin needle

C. Write the best answers.

1. How many times does Ron go to the dentist a year?

2. What did the dentist use to stop bleeding?

Reading Skill Up

Drawing a Conclusion

You can **draw a conclusion** based on facts and opinions in the story. The conclusion is the main idea of the story.

Write why Ron hates to go to the dental clinic.

Supporting Sentences

Conclusion

Ron hates to go to the dental clinic.

- Ron brushes his teeth every day.
- The office stinks.
- Ron grabbed the dentist's hands.
- The dentist kept shouting at Ron.
- The dentist has new things.
- The dentist started putting stuff in Ron's gums.
- Ron will come home with a beautiful smile.
- There are sharp-looking tools in the office.
- The dentist hurt Ron.
- The lights are too bright.
- The dentist had a big needle in Ron's mouth.
- Something tasted like candy.

Story Summary Up

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

bleed dentist gums needle shouting still

Ron does not want to go to the dental clinic. The dentist put stuff and a _____ in Ron's _____. It was really painful. The dentist kept _____ at Ron and he made Ron _____. Because of these reasons, Ron hates to see the _____. Today Ron goes to the dental clinic. Things get better but Ron _____ hates the dentist.

Think and Act Out

Write or say your own opinions.

- He said it shouldn't hurt. But it did. What does the underlined part mean?
- What was Ron's worst experience of his life?