



## Conversation Curriculum

### Trip to the Dentist

**Learning Objective:** To discuss the activity of going to the dentist, including what happens there, why we go, and how often we go

**Before class:** - Look through the lesson plan and make sure all materials are present in the packet.

- Grab the toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss from the resource room.
- If at any time you feel it would be useful, there should be copies of **Longman photo dictionary pg. 48** in the packet for you to hand out or reference. They aren't part of the lesson plan, however, so don't use them unless you need to, as sometimes students may get distracted from conversation by trying to learn or memorize words.

**Warm up Activity (15 min):** - As students arrive, hand out sets of the pictures. Have students look over the pictures and discuss with students sitting nearby. Each picture relates to teeth or the dentist.

- Have them determine **what** it is, **who** is involved, and the **purpose** of the things in each of the pictures.
- Hand out Longman pg. 48 to any beginning students that need help with vocab to describe the pictures, and use this time to give them extra help so that they can possibly participate in the we do.

**I do/ We do activity (10 min):** - Hand out the picture story worksheet. This story starts with a man that has a toothache who then goes to the dentist and ends up with a large bill. Go around the room and have each student explain one slide of the story in order until it is finished.

**They do activity (20 min):** - Have students pair off. Write these three topics on the board and have both students in each group answer each of them:

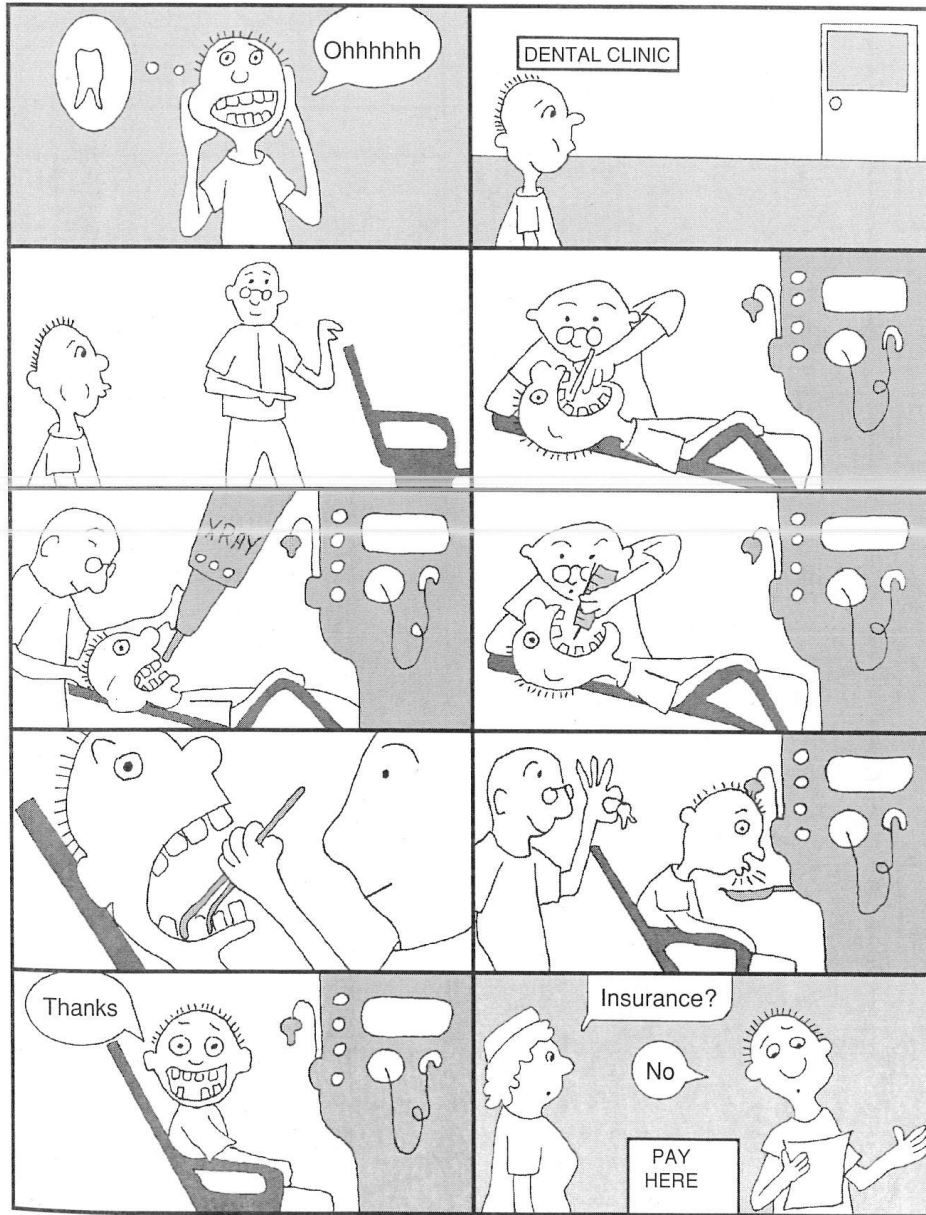
1. Describe a time that you or your kids went to the dentist. What did you go for? What did they do there?
2. Are the appearance of teeth important in life? Why or why not?

3. What is a smile? What can they mean? Are the times people smile different in your home country than in the US?

**Journal Writing (10-15 min)** Were dentists common in your home country?

- Do you make your kids brush their teeth and floss? How often?
- If you've never been to the dentist, describe a trip to the doctor

A. Talk about the pictures.



NOTE: Discussion questions appear in Exercise G.