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## SL12. Visiting the Dentist

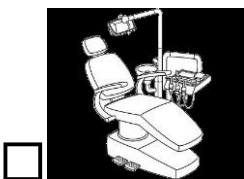
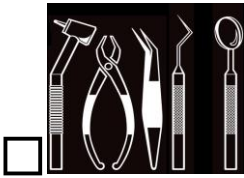
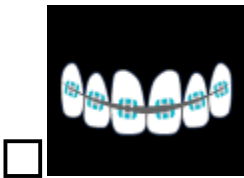
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### Section 1: Introduction Vocabulary

**Part 1:** Match the images on the sides with the correct definition in the middle.



1. Toothbrush and Toothpaste

2. Dentist

3. X-ray

4. Teeth Whitening

5. Cavity

6. Oral Hygiene

7. Dental Chair

8. Braces

9. Healthy Teeth

10. Sore Gums

11. Sweets

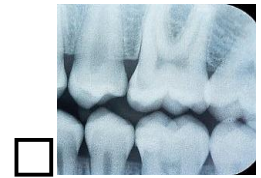
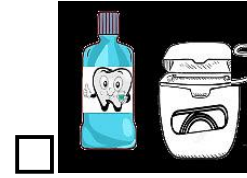
12. Extract a Tooth

13. Dental Implant

14. Instruments

15. Vitamins

16. Mouthwash and Floss





**Part 2:** Below are two conversations and some definitions of words in the conversations. Match the statements and definitions on the left with the correct answer and definition on the right. Write the correct answer on the lines.



### Having a Bad Toothache

1. **Dentist:** Hello, Jodie. How are you doing? \_\_\_\_
2. **Patient:** Is it something bad? \_\_\_\_
3. **Patient:** Ouch. But, I've been taking good care of my teeth. \_\_\_\_
4. **Patient:** Are the cavities really bad?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. To have a sweet tooth \_\_\_\_
6. Cavities \_\_\_\_
- A. **Dentist:** Well, nothing unusual for you since you have a sweet tooth. You've got another set of cavities.
- B. To be a person who likes sweet foods.
- C. **Dentist:** The gaps between your teeth make you prone to cavities. This is the reason I keep on asking you to visit me once every 6 months to maintain your oral hygiene.
- D. **Dentist:** Not that bad. We'll fix them up with composite filling.
- E. They develop when a tooth decays or breaks down. They are a hole that can grow bigger and deeper over time.
- F. **Patient:** Not good, doc! I've got a bad toothache.



### Getting your Teeth Whitened

7. **Dentist:** Hi, how are you? \_\_\_\_
8. **Patient:** Could you suggest any treatment that could remove them permanently? \_\_\_\_
9. **Patient:** How much will it cost? \_\_\_\_
10. **Patient:** Will it be painful? \_\_\_\_
11. **Patient:** Can I get an appointment for the teeth whitening? \_\_\_\_
- G. **Dentist:** The whole process will take 45 minutes. Your insurance probably won't cover it, so it will cost you \$150.
- H. **Dentist:** Sure. You can come tomorrow morning at 11.
- I. **Patient:** I'm good. I'm actually tired of these stains on my teeth.
- J. **Dentist:** No. Not at all! You might feel a little stinging.
- K. **Dentist:** Well, we have a teeth whitening treatment.





## Section 2: Listening

[Listen to "Going to the Dentist"](#) and answer the questions below. You will discuss the answers to **Part 2** with your tutor.

**Part 1:** Answer the following based on the listening. **For any "False" statement, write the correct sentence below it.**

1. ☐ True ☐ False Alejandro is afraid of some dentists.
2. ☐ True ☐ False The dentist cannot find any reason Alejandro's back teeth are sore.
3. ☐ True ☐ False The X-rays show that Alejandro has two cavities.
4. ☐ True ☐ False Three teeth will need to be extracted because the gums are bad.
5. ☐ True ☐ False Alejandro finds it easy to relax in the dentist's chair because the tools look gentle.

**Part 2:** What about you? Answer the following based on your experience. You will discuss these with your tutor later.

6. ☐ Yes ☐ No I am afraid of dentists. Why?
7. ☐ Yes ☐ No Every day, I take care of my oral hygiene. How?
8. ☐ Yes ☐ No I don't go to the dentist in the US. Why?
9. ☐ Yes ☐ No I think braces and straight teeth are not important. Why?
10. ☐ Yes ☐ No I think teeth whitening is not important. Why?

11. What ideas can you offer Alejandro so that he can relax while the dentist works on his teeth?

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### Section 3: Practice Conversation

Fill in the blanks for the conversation. Look up any words or phrases you do not understand. You will review this conversation with the tutor. Use the following words to fill in the blanks. If you are looking for more dental terms, use the [online Dental Dictionary](#).

gums  
sore  
extracted

wisdom  
brush  
X-ray

checkup  
flossing  
cavity

- Dentist:** Hi, Mr. Peacock. Are you here for your six-month \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Mr. Peacock:** Yes, but I also have a \_\_\_\_\_ tooth. I think I might have a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Dentist:** Okay. We'll do an \_\_\_\_\_ before your cleaning. Which tooth is bugging you?
- Mr. Peacock:** I think it's on the bottom right side, one of the molars.
- Dentist:** I see the one. Actually, it's the last one on the bottom right; it's your \_\_\_\_\_ tooth. Most people get those \_\_\_\_\_ when they are young so that they don't cause problems in the future.
- Mr. Peacock:** Will it need to be extracted now?
- Dentist:** I won't know for sure until I see the X-ray. Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ regularly?
- Mr. Peacock:** Not as often as I should, I'm afraid.
- Dentist:** It's really important to take care of your \_\_\_\_\_ as well as your teeth.
- Mr. Peacock:** I know. I \_\_\_\_\_ twice a day, but I just forget to floss sometimes.

### Section 4: Writing and Speaking

1. How important is a nice smile in finding a good job or attracting a partner?
2. Receiving proper dental care is essential for good health but having access to this care is not available to all people around the world. Use the Internet to identify and find out information about **one volunteer organization** in California that provides free dental care to people in need.
  - a. What is the name of the organization?





b. When was it first created?

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c. What types of dental procedures do they provide and how is the organization funded?





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### Section 5: What Did I Learn

Complete this table BEFORE meeting with a tutor.

Communication Skill	I can't do this YET. 	I can do this WITH help. 	I can do this WITHOUT help. 	I can TEACH this to a classmate. 
I can use new vocabulary about going to the dentist.				
I can talk with a dentist about my oral problems.				
I can find information about free dental clinics online.				

Here are some words/phrases I need to practice.

***Good job!***

☐ Now go to the [LLC Tutoring Website](#) and make an appointment with a tutor.




☐ Visit the [Virtual LLC](#) at the time of your appointment.



**Section 6: Practice with a Tutor!**

After completing the self- assessment, meet with a tutor and give this completed SDLA to the tutor. The tutor will review your work with you.

**Grading Rubric**

Possible Points	Need Practice  (0-1 Point)	Good Job  (2-3 Points)	Excellent Work  (4-5 Points)
<b>Content</b>	Not enough information provided in responses and often does not use correct vocabulary.	Provides most important information in responses and some of the time uses correct vocabulary.	Provides all necessary information in responses and most of the time uses correct vocabulary.
<b>Skill: Speaking</b>	More than 6 mistakes saying words; needs guessing more than 3 times.	Not more than 5 mistakes saying words; needs guessing on 1-2 words or sentences.	Not more than 2 mistakes saying words; needs no guess about meaning.
<b>Oral Fluency</b>	Speaks mostly in phrases, individual words; many pauses.	Sometimes speaks in complete sentences; several pauses.	Speaks in complete sentences; a couple pauses okay.

\*Students must receive at least 10 points to move on

Possible Points: \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

Tutor Comments:

☐ **Congratulations! Keep going.**

You have successfully completed this SDLA and are ready to continue to the next.

☐ **Work on this more.**

You have not yet mastered this SDLA. It is recommended that you complete it again.

Tutor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 listening activity was adapted from [esprintables.com](http://esprintables.com).

