

Daily Life - Toothache (C0264)

A: What seems to be the problem?

B: I have a really bad toothache! My cheek is swollen and I can't eat anything.

A: Let's have a look. Hmmm. This doesn't look too good. I think we may have to pull out your wisdom tooth. It's pressing against your molars and that's one of the reasons you are experiencing so much pain.

B: When you pull my tooth will you also have to extract the nerve and the root?

A: First we will take some x-rays and see what we're dealing with. I also noticed a small cavity up front here, so you are going to need a filling.

B: I guess that's what I get for not flossing or brushing my teeth three times a day.

A: It could be that, or maybe you are eating too many sweets. In any case, I'll administer an anesthetic and you won't feel a thing!

Key Vocabulary

swollen	<i>A</i>	increase in size with liquid or internal pressure
wisdom tooth	<i>N</i>	one of four rearmost molars on each side of both jaws
to experience	<i>V</i>	have the experience of; undergo; feel
that is what one gets for	<i>P</i>	that is what one deserves for
to brush	<i>V</i>	to clean with a brush
to administer	<i>V</i>	to give or apply as a remedy or relief

Supplementary Vocabulary

fluoride	<i>N</i>	a mouthwash given by the dentist that contains fluoride
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root canal	<i>N</i>	a dental operation to save a tooth by removing the diseased contents from the canal of the root of the tooth and filling it with a protective substance
rinse your mouth	<i>P</i>	put water in one's mouth, swish it around and spit it back out
gums	<i>N</i>	the firm, fleshy tissue that covers the inside of the jaws and that surrounds the bases of the teeth
molar	<i>N</i>	a type of tooth at the back of the mouth with a rounded or flattened surface for grinding food