

# A Dentist Appointment

Having to go to the dentist and using your second language is intimidating. Knowing some key phrases, however, can make your trip easier and less stressful. That's why we're here to help!

Below, we'll introduce you to essential phrases that you can use whenever you need to visit the dentist. You'll learn important questions that you'll need to answer, as well as common examples of sentences that dentists use during examinations. Have a look and start improving your understanding of English!

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## At the Reception

Here you'll find a collection of phrases that are used at the front desk of a dentist office. This is where you check in and make appointments. By learning these phrases, you'll be able to better understand what employees at the dentist office are saying to you.

I have an appointment for a cleaning today.

When did you last visit the dentist?

May I see your insurance card?

Could you please fill in this information for me?

Please have a seat.

The doctor will be right with you.

Can I schedule my next appointment, please?

### May I see your insurance card?

In the United States everyone with insurance receives an insurance card. When you want to visit a doctor or dentist, it's important to remember this card. Your insurance will help cover the costs of the appointment. Without insurance, dentist appointments can be quite expensive.

**Could you please fill in this information for me?**

You will often hear this phrase when checking in for your dentist appointment. Before you can meet with the dentist, you'll most likely have to fill in some forms. On these forms you will have to provide your dental history and tell any allergies you might have.

**During a Dentist Appointment**

Here we've collected phrases that are often used by dentists as they examine your teeth. These are useful to know if you want to better understand what the dentist is saying.

Have your teeth been causing you any problems lately?

How often do you floss?

Do you brush your teeth at least twice a day?

It looks like you have a small cavity.

Your filling has started to come loose.

I'm going to need to take some x-rays of your teeth.

It looks like you have very healthy gums.

Please let me know if you are uncomfortable or anything starts to hurt.

You will need to get a crown for this tooth.

We're going to have to remove your wisdom teeth.

**How often do you floss?**

To find out how well you take care of your teeth, a dentist will often ask you questions using the sentence pattern How often do you + ACTION?. Depending on the question and your habits, you will have to answer in different ways. A possible response to our example question is Not very often.

**It looks like you have a small cavity**

If a dentist finds a problem with your teeth, they will tell you by using the sentence pattern It looks like you have + PROBLEM. If you'd like to respond, then you could ask a question like Will that be hard to fix?.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the most essential English phrases to know when at the dentist's?

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