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## **Level 1**

### **Bad teeth top reason for children in hospital**

**16th July, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-1.html>

The biggest reason why U.K. children go to hospital is bad teeth. Up to 500 children a week go to hospital because of fruit juice, soda and poor dental hygiene. Over 25,000 children had teeth removed last year. Some children had all 20 of their milk teeth removed because of tooth decay. Most kids had four to eight teeth removed. Sugary drinks and fruit juices also lead to higher levels of obesity in kids.

The number of very young children having teeth pulled out increased a lot last year. A children's dentist said one reason for this is very painful teeth. Another reason is that the tooth becomes too bad. A final reason is the child has many decayed teeth. The children need an injection. This puts them to sleep so they can have an operation. Parents should give children water and not fruit juice or soda.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2690441/500-children-suffering-tooth-decay-hospitalised-WEEK-sugary-drinks-fruit-juice-toll.html#ixzz37Pd41WLO>  
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/most-child-hospital-stays-for-teeth-30427382.html>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The biggest reason why U.K.            | a. hygiene                 |
| 2. Up to 500 children                     | b. decay                   |
| 3. poor dental                            | c. teeth removed           |
| 4. Over 25,000 children had teeth         | d. drinks                  |
| 5. Some children had all 20 of their milk | e. children go to hospital |
| 6. tooth                                  | f. obesity in kids         |
| 7. Sugary                                 | g. a week                  |
| 8. higher levels of                       | h. removed last year       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The number of very | a. an operation        |
| 2. very painful       | b. reason              |
| 3. the tooth becomes  | c. give children water |
| 4. A final            | d. teeth               |
| 5. the child has many | e. to sleep            |
| 6. This puts them     | f. young children      |
| 7. they can have      | g. too bad             |
| 8. Parents should     | h. decayed teeth       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ U.K. children go to hospital is bad teeth. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a week go to hospital because of fruit juice, soda and (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 25,000 children had teeth (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Some children had all 20 of their milk teeth removed because of tooth decay. Most kids had four to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Sugary drinks and fruit juices also lead to higher (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in kids.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ children having teeth pulled out increased a lot last year. A children's dentist (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this is very painful teeth. Another reason is that the tooth (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A final reason is the child has (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The children need an injection. This (11) \_\_\_\_\_ so they can have an operation. Parents should give children (12) \_\_\_\_\_ juice or soda.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-1.html>

Write about **teeth** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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