

Lesson 55: At the Dentist's Clinic

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Dr. Jones: Let me show you the x-ray of your teeth. This is where you're feeling the pain (pointing to the x-ray sheet)

Takumi: I see. What's that dark part?

Dr. Jones: That's tooth decay and it's what's causing the pain. I will have to drill out the rotten part and then patch it up with a tooth filling.

Takumi: How long will the procedure take?

Dr. Jones: The filling can be finished in an hour but your teeth need cleaning. There's a lot of dirt deposited between the teeth and gums. The cleanup will take another hour.

Takumi: I'm afraid I don't have time today, doc.

Dr. Jones: If you can stand the pain for another day, then you can come back tomorrow.

Takumi: Can you prescribe something for the pain to **get me through** the day?

Dr. Jones: Sure, I can. (writing a prescription) On your way out, arrange tomorrow's appointment with my assistant, will you?

Takumi: Thanks, doc. I'll be here tomorrow for sure.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. My doctor gave me some pain killers **to get me through** the night.
2. Jack **got through** the first round of interviews. I think he has a good chance of getting the job.
3. Because of the storm, the electricity got cut off. But we **got through** the night without any problems.

* get through ... / ...を通り抜ける、切り抜ける

3. Your Task

You have decided to get your grandmother a new set of false teeth so you are taking her to a dentist. She can't speak English so you have to speak to the American dentist (=your tutor) about it. Tell him/her that your grandmother's false teeth are very old. Tell the doctor that your grandmother is always complaining about her old false teeth. You should also ask how long it will take before your grandmother's new set of teeth will be ready.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you visited your dentist? Tell your tutor all about it. Do you regularly see a dentist? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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