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I went to the dentist to get a **check- up** and cleaning. I **showed up** at the dentist's office a few minutes before 10. I gave the receptionist my name and told her that I had a 10 a.m. appointment. She said that the doctor **was running a little late** and that I should take a seat. After about 15 minutes, a **dental assistant** came out and told me to follow her. She led me to a room and told me to take a seat in the **exam chair**, and then she put a **dental bib** on me.

The dentist came into the room.

Dentist: Hello, how are you today? Here for your six month check-up?

Gary: I'm fine, Dr. Meecham. Yes, just a cleaning and check- up today.

Dentist: Oh, fine. Let's take a look.

She **probed** my teeth and checked my **gums**.

Dentist: Well, it looks like you have a **cavity** and your **crown** is loose. We need to **fill** that cavity before it gets any worse and the crown needs to be **refitted**. Make an appointment for next week and I'll take care of them.

Gary: Okay, I'll do that, but my crown was just put on last year. Will my **dental insurance** cover the work?

Dentist: Since you had that done here, we'll take care of it. There won't be a **charge**. And, your insurance should cover the work on the cavity. Now, I'm going to have the **hygienist** do your cleaning and I'll see you soon for the other work.

Gary: Thanks, doctor.

The hygienist came into the room and had me **rinse** with **mouthwash**. She began her cleaning and finished by **polishing** my teeth. On my way out, I tried to make an appointment for the following week. Unfortunately, there were no appointments available for two weeks, and the time they had was an inconvenient one, but I said **I'd manage. I have to say**, going to the dentist can be a **pain**, in the mouth and **in the butt**.