

What Does a Dentist Do?

It is very important that we look after our teeth as they are important tools for eating food. We must brush them twice a day, eat healthy food and see a dentist regularly. When we have trouble with our teeth or we need a check-up, we visit a dentist.

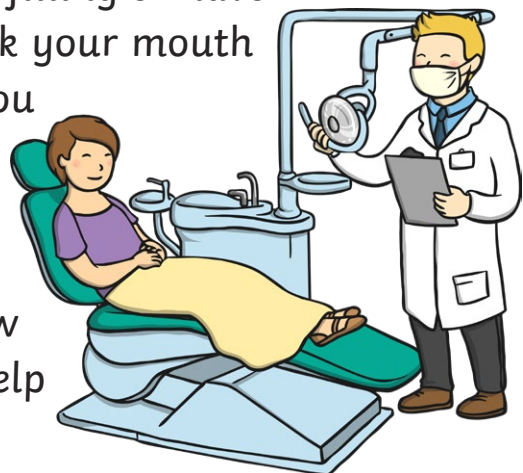


Great Dentists...

- have good dental skills;
- can put people at ease;
- work hard;
- solve problems;
- are kind;
- can work well for many hours;
- can communicate well;
- help people to keep their teeth healthy.

What Roles and Responsibilities Do Dentists Have?

Dentists help you to look after your teeth, gums and tongue. Dentists check your teeth and gums and help you with information about how best to look after your teeth. You might also visit the dentist if you have toothache, need a filling or have broken a tooth. The dentist will check your mouth and then decide what treatment you need. They may need to show you how to brush your teeth correctly or x-ray your teeth. Dentists also have to be good at learning new things, go on training courses and help other dentists.



Where Do Dentists Work?

Most dentists work in a dental practice but some also work in hospitals or with the armed forces around the world.

What Do Dentists Need and Wear?

Dentists usually wear a lab coat or scrubs over their clothes. They wear a protective mask and gloves to keep everything nice and clean and free from germs. Dentists use lots of different types of tools when checking your teeth. They use a mirror to see your back teeth, a light, a special toothpick, x-rays and other dental equipment.



Questions

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twice

three times

every hour

2. Select the right answer to complete the sentence.

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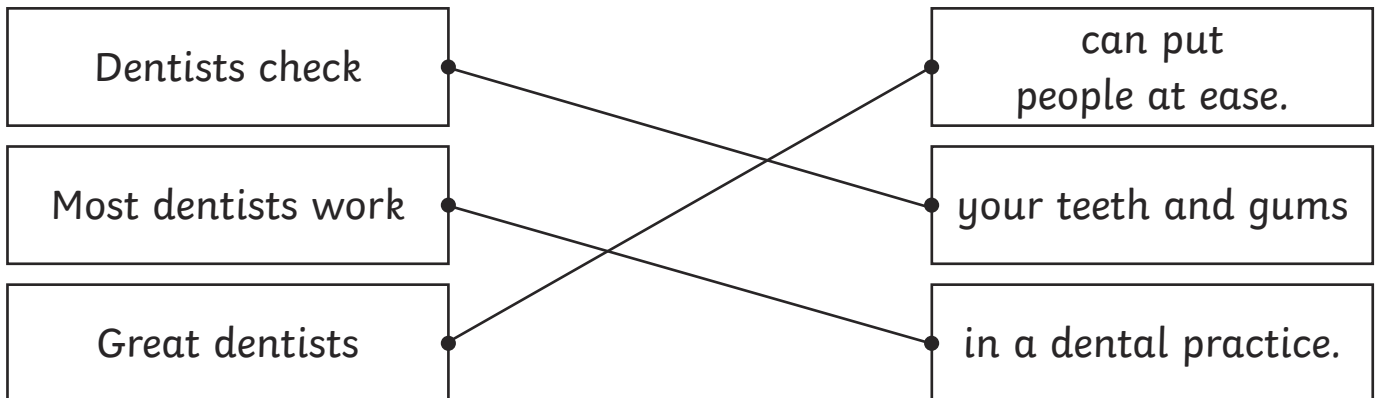
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Accept any of the following answers:

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x-rays.