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Tamara the tigress and her mum go for a walk.
Since it's hot, Mum buys her daughter an ice cream.
"Yay!" says Tamara happily.

When Tamara takes a bite of the ice cream, she starts to scream, "Ouch! My tooth hurts!" Her mum is so worried that she decides to take her to see Croco Doc. He will tell them what's happening to Tamara.



When they arrive at the surgery,
Croco Doc takes out a small mirror.



“With this mirror, I can see all your
teeth, even the ones at the back.
Follow me!”

Tamara and her mum follow Croco Doc
to the dental room.

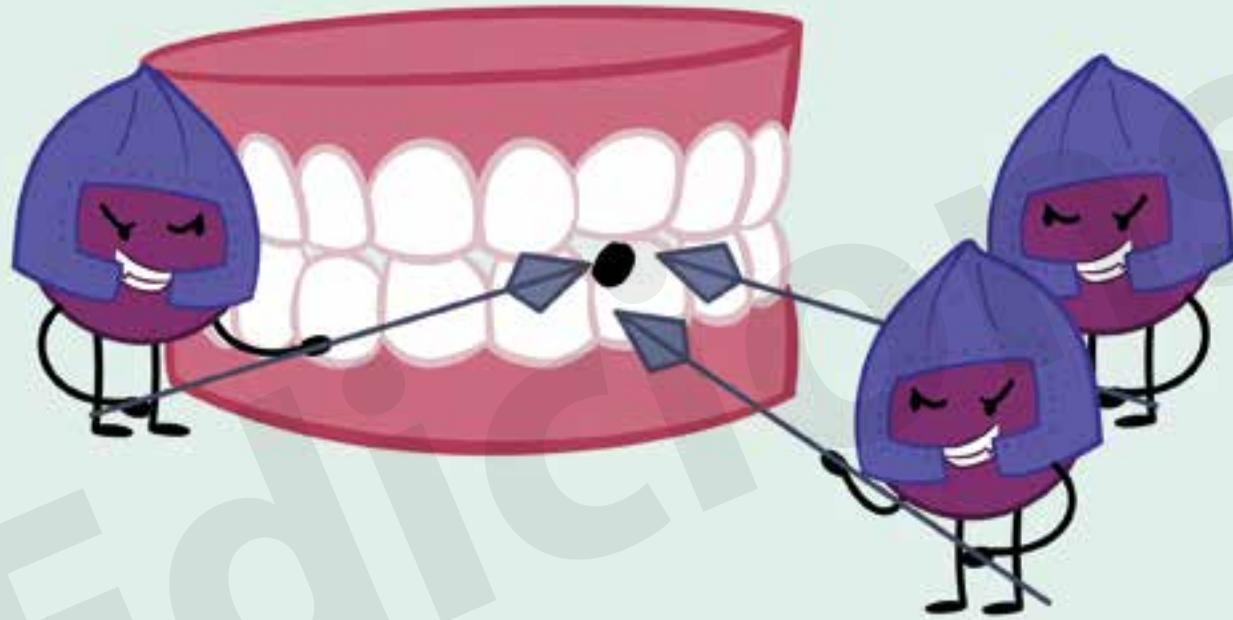


“Look, Croco Doc, Tamara has chocolate on her teeth!” says Crat as he sees a black spot.

Croco Doc corrects him: “That spot isn’t chocolate, Crat; it’s tooth decay. That’s why Tamara’s teeth hurt!”



Croco Doc explains: "Tooth decay appears because of bacteria. They are tiny little creatures that you can't even see, but they destroy the enamel, which is the white part of the teeth. You shouldn't eat too many sweets because bacteria love them!"



“Tooth decay forms if we don’t brush our teeth properly after every meal,” explains the doctor.

“Well, sometimes I forget to do it...” says Tamara. “But from now on, I’ll always remember!”



Croco Doc explains to Tamara that to remove the caries, they first need to numb her mouth.

“You’ll only feel a little pinch, and thanks to the anaesthesia, it won’t hurt afterwards.”





Croco Doc uses a small drill to remove Tamara's tooth decay. Then, he fills the hole with a white paste. "With this filling, you won't see the hole!"

When finished, Croco Doc shows the little tigress a plastic set of teeth.
“Are those a giant’s teeth?” asks Crat, scared.

“No, they are used to teach how we should brush our teeth,” answers Croco Doc. “See, Tamara? You must brush your teeth well. And don’t forget to brush the back part!”



At home, Tamara tries to brush her teeth well.

“I want them to be clean and shiny! I don’t want any more tooth decay!” she explains to her mum.

Thanks to Croco Doc’s advice, she now knows how to do it.



A few weeks later, Tamara and her mum are having ice cream when they run into Croco Doc and Crat on the street.

“Tamara, you shouldn’t eat ice cream! You’ll get tooth decay!” says Crat, taking it from her hands.

“You just want to eat it yourself, don’t you?” says Croco Doc, amused. “You’re greedy!”



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