

# Sparkly Teeth

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Thomas did not like to brush his teeth. His brother Jake loved to brush his teeth.

“It feels weird.” Thomas whined.

“My teeth feel clean after I brush.” Jake smiled.



Thomas did not like to floss his teeth either. Jake did not mind.

“It hurts when I floss.” Thomas complained.

“It feels okay after you do it a few times. It feels cleaner, too.” Jake replied.



Thomas loved to eat junk food and drink soda. Jake loved junk food and soda also, but Jake did not have it often.

“It is so good. I can eat this stuff forever, unless I get a toothache.” Thomas grinned.

“I like it too, but I do not want to eat too much. It is bad for me.” Jake said.



Thomas did not like to go to the dentist. Jake did not mind going, because the dentist took care of his teeth.

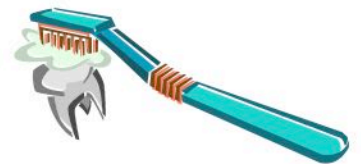
“I get shots in my gums. Then they have to drill my cavities. It hurts so much!” Thomas moaned.

“I get a sugar-free lollipop and a new toothbrush when I go.” Jake replied.

“Maybe I need to start brushing and flossing.” Thomas said. He held his aching cheek.

“I will help teach you.” Jake promised.

“Thanks!” Thomas tried to smile. “Ouch.”



After that, Thomas cleaned his teeth better than before.

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