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When we were outside we took the crosstown _____Noun_____ then walked a few blocks to his _____Noun_____.

As soon as the nurse saw Fudge she said, "How's my favorite _____Noun_____?"

She gave him a _____Noun_____ and a little book to read. To me she said, "Good morning, Peter."

It burns me up the way people treat Fudge. He's not so _____Adjective_____. He's just _____Adjective_____, that's all!

But some day he's going to be nine years old too. I can't wait until he is. Then he'll know there's nothing so

_____Adjective_____ about him after all.

Soon the nurse said, "Fudge, Dr. Brown is ready for you. Come with me now." Fudge took the nurse's

_____Noun_____ Dr. Brown has this rule about _____Noun Plural_____ in the examining room with kids-they're not

allowed! Mothers are a _____Noun Plural_____ problem, Dr. Brown told me once. I agreed.

I looked through a National Geographic magazine while I _____Verb Past Tense_____. After a few minutes the nurse

came out and whispered something to my mother. I looked up, wondering what the big secret was.

Then my mother said, "Peter, Dr. Brown would like you to _____Verb Base Form_____ him with Fudge."

"Help him?" I said. "I'm no _____Noun_____!"

The nurse said, "Peter, dear ... if you'll just come with me I'm sure everything will _____Verb Base Form_____ out fine

." So I went with the _____Noun_____. "What do I have to do?" I asked her.

"Oh, not much. Dr. Brown just wants you to _____Verb Base Form_____ Fudge how you open

your mouth and how he _____Verb Present ends in S_____ your teeth."

"What do I have to do that for?" I asked. "I don't need a _____Noun_____ yet. I just had one last month."

"Your brother won't open his _____Noun_____ this morning," the nurse whispered.

"He won't?" I whispered back. "No, he won't!" she said again.

I thought that was pretty _____Adjective_____. I never considered refusing to open my

mouth at the dentist's _____Noun_____.

When he says "Open"-I _____Verb Base Form_____!

When we reached the examining room Fudge was _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ in the _____Adjective_____ chair. He

had a _____Noun_____ around his neck and he looked all ready for action.

Dr. Brown was showing him lots of little things and explaining what he does with each one. Fudge kept nodding

but he wouldn't open his _____Noun_____.

"A... Peter!" Dr. Brown said when he saw me. "Would you open your mouth so I can count your _____Noun_____

?"

That's what he tells little kids he's _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ their teeth. Little kids will believe anything!

I went along with Dr. Brown's joke. I opened my mouth very _____Adjective_____.

Much wider than when I'm the _____Adjective_____ patient. He put his _____Noun_____ in and said, "Wonderful teeth

. Just _____Adjective_____. A regular chip off the old block. Such a shame your brother can't open his mouth the

way you do."

"Can so," Fudge said.

"No," Dr. Brown told him, "you can't open your mouth nearly as _____Adjective_____ as Peter."

"Can so ... see!" Fudge _____Verb Past Tense_____ his mouth.

"No, I'm sorry, Fudge," Dr. Brown said, "it's still not as _____Adjective_____ as Peter."

So Fudge opened his mouth really wide. "_____Verb Base Form_____ teeth!" he said. "Count Fudgie's teeth!"

"Well. . . ." Dr. Brown pretended to think about it.

"_____Verb Base Form_____!" Fudge shouted.

"Well. . . ." Dr. Brown said again, _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ his head. "I guess as long as you're here I might as well count your teeth." So he checked Fudge's mouth.

When he was through Fudge said, "See ... see ... just like Pee-tah."

"Yes," Dr. Brown said, _____Verb Present ends in ING_____. "I can see that. You're just like Peter." He gave me a _____Noun_____.

I liked the way Dr. Brown tricked Fudge into _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ his mouth. So when he was through examining him I whispered, "Couldn't you make Fudge some _____Adjective_____ teeth... until his grown-up ones come in?"

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