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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?"