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Bad teeth top reason for children in hospital

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-2.html>

Tooth decay is the biggest reason for U.K. children going to hospital. Britain's health service just reported that 500 children a week go to hospital because of sugary drinks and poor dental hygiene. Fruit juice and fizzy drinks (sodas) are the biggest reasons. Researchers said over 25,000 children needed to have teeth removed last year. Some children had all 20 of their milk teeth removed because of tooth decay. Most kids had four to eight teeth removed. Sugary drinks and fruit juices are also leading to higher levels of obesity in kids.

The report found that the number of children aged zero to four having teeth pulled out increased from 8,060 in 2011 to 8,758 last year. A children's dentist said there are several reasons for this. One reason is very painful teeth. Another reason is that dentists cannot save the tooth. A final reason is the child has many decayed teeth that need to be removed. In all of these cases, children need an injection that puts them to sleep so they can have an operation. A health expert told parents to give children water instead of fruit juice and fizzy drinks.

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2690441/500-children-suffering-tooth-decay-hospitalised-WEEK-sugary-drinks-fruit-juice-toll.html#ixzz37Pd41WLO>
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/most-child-hospital-stays-for-teeth-30427382.html>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Tooth decay is the | a. and fruit juices |
| 2. Britain's health | b. decay |
| 3. poor dental | c. service |
| 4. 25,000 children needed to have | d. hygiene |
| 5. removed because of tooth | e. of obesity in kids |
| 6. Most kids had four to | f. biggest reason |
| 7. Sugary drinks | g. teeth removed |
| 8. leading to higher levels | h. eight teeth removed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. children aged | a. expert |
| 2. having teeth pulled | b. dentist |
| 3. A children's | c. teeth |
| 4. there are several | d. of fruit juice |
| 5. decayed | e. out |
| 6. an injection that puts them | f. reasons for this |
| 7. health | g. to sleep |
| 8. give children water instead | h. zero to four |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140716-tooth-decay-2.html>

Tooth decay is (1) _____ for U.K. children going to hospital. Britain's health service just (2) _____ children a week go to hospital because of sugary drinks and (3) _____. Fruit juice and fizzy drinks (sodas) are the biggest reasons. Researchers said over 25,000 children needed to have teeth (4) _____. Some children had all 20 of their milk teeth removed because (5) _____. Most kids had four to eight teeth removed. Sugary drinks and fruit juices are also leading to higher (6) _____ kids.

The report found that the number of children (7) _____ having teeth pulled out increased from 8,060 in 2011 to 8,758 last year. A (8) _____ there are several reasons for this. One reason is very painful teeth. (9) _____ dentists cannot save the tooth. A final reason is the child has many decayed (10) _____ be removed. In all of these cases, children (11) _____ puts them to sleep so they can have an operation. A health expert told parents to give children (12) _____ fruit juice and fizzy drinks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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