




## Tooth Abscess: Dentistry: listening and vocabulary

A. Match the words and definitions.

1. abscess	a) medical term meaning bad breath
2. ageusia	b) infection of the tooth pulp (connective tissue, nerves, blood vessels in the innermost part of the tooth)
3. dysgeusia	c) enclosed collection of pus
4. endodontic treatment	d) the passageway into the root of the tooth that contains pulp, blood vessels and nerves
5. gingivitis	e) describes an altered perception of taste, e.g. sweet, sour, bitter, or metallic taste which does not match food that has been consumed
6. halitosis	f) dry mouth, often associated with hypofunction of the salivary glands
7. odontogenic pain	g) cleaning of the passageway into the root of a tooth and repairing any damage, <i>also called root canal therapy</i>
8. pulpitis	h) mild form of gum disease that causes redness and inflammation of the part of the gum around the base of the teeth
9. root canal	i) medical term meaning <i>toothache</i> ; pain initiating from the teeth or supporting structures
10. xerostomia	j) total loss of sense of taste: rare condition which may be caused by damage to the gustatory nerve

B.  Watch the video and answer the questions.

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1. Why has the patient consulted the dentist?
2. What symptoms does the patient have?
3. What does the dentist do before discussing treatment?
4. How will the dentist treat the problem?



C. Match the beginnings and endings to complete what the patient tells the dentist.  
Watch the video again if you want to.

1. It's the worst toothache	a) taste in my mouth.
2. My gums are swollen	b) and more and more painful.
3. I've got this horrible	c) control the pain?
4. I took my temperature	d) much more pain.
5. It's getting worse	e) I've ever had.
6. I can't stand	f) strong pain killers?
7. Will I still need to take	g) and really tender.
8. What if it doesn't	h) and it's quite high.