

UNIT 2

Health Matters

PREVIEW

COMMUNICATION GOALS

- 1 Show concern and offer help.
- 2 Make a medical or dental appointment.
- 3 Discuss types of treatments.
- 4 Talk about medications.

ENGLISH FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Understand English speakers from different language backgrounds
 Guest / Patient = Spanish speaker
 Clerk and Dentist = Russian speakers

International Dental Services (IDS)

Your dentist away from home...

Whether you are having a dental emergency away from home, or you just want to save some money on dental care, schedule an appointment online or ask your hotel to help. You'll be surprised at our low prices! IDS has offices in 16 major cities around the world.

[SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

Red or swollen gums

Don't wait to get back home if you have tooth pain or your gums are swollen.

"I was on vacation in Japan and had a problem with my gums. It was pretty scary, but your dental gave me the services I needed. I was able to continue my vacation in comfort."

—JUNE C.
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

A broken tooth

If you break a tooth, see a dentist right away—especially if there is any pain.

"I was having dinner with my colleagues from the Korea office. All of a sudden, an accident happened and broke a tooth! Your clinic provided a temporary solution until I could see my own dentist."

—KEITH A.
NEWLY, ITALY

A loose tooth

If your tooth moves when you touch it, make an appointment. Our dentists can determine if you need emergency treatment.

"I was in Jeddah on business and ate something really chewy. One of my things came out! Your clinic got me an appointment the same day. Thank you!"

—BELL J.
TORONTO, CANADA

Fillings

Whether you need a new filling or need to fix an old one, we can help.

"I woke up and discovered that one of my teeth was loose. Your clinic took care of it in the same day. I was able to get it fixed and I was so happy to see you!"

—MARTIN
MEXICO, MEXICO

B PHOTO STORY Read and listen to someone with a dental emergency during a trip.

Guest: I need to see a dentist as soon as possible. I think it's an emergency. I was wondering if you might be able to recommend someone who speaks English.

Clerk: Let me check. Actually, there is one not far from here. Would you like me to make an appointment for you?

Guest: If you could. Thanks. I'm in a lot of pain.

Dentist: So I hear you're from overseas.

Patient: From Ecuador. Thanks for fitting me in.

Dentist: Luckily, I had a cancellation. So what brings you in today?

Patient: Well, this tooth is killing me.

Dentist: When did it first begin to hurt?

Patient: It's been bothering me since last night.

Dentist: Let's have a look. Open wide.

Patient: Ah ...

Dentist: Well, let's take an X-ray and see what's going on.

C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Find the following expressions in the Photo Story. Use the context to help you match the expressions and their meaning.

..... 1 I'll do it as soon as possible.	a causing a lot of pain
..... 2 I'll make an appointment.	b making time for an appointment
..... 3 Thanks for fitting me in.	c arrange a time to come
..... 4 It's killing me.	d what the problem is
..... 5 Let's see what's going on.	e right away

SPEAKING

A Have you—or someone you know—ever had an emergency that required dental or medical attention? Complete the chart.

Where did it happen?	When did it happen?	What happened?

B Tell your classmates about the emergency.

“Last year, I went skiing, and I broke my arm. I had to go to the emergency room at the hospital.”

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