

DENTAL HEALTH

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Crazy maze

Encourage the class to design a tricky maze (with 3 paths) for a friend to solve. Ask them to match a type of unhealthy food or drink with a decayed tooth as well as some healthy food and a toothbrush to a healthy tooth or mouth.

Secret code

Ask the students to think up a short sentence or phrase to promote healthy teeth. Have them invent a secret code using pictures, numbers or symbols for a friend to solve the phrase or sentence.

Teeth research

Ask the students to use books and the Internet to research the different kinds of teeth. Have them also research other interesting parts of the mouth such as the gums and tongue, or the jaws. Tell students to design a poster or simple PowerPoint display to present their findings to the class.

Toothpaste ad

Ask the students to work in groups of 3 or 4 to make up and act out a TV ad for a new brand of toothpaste. Have them include the name of the toothpaste, its special features and why it is the best one to buy. Ask the students to perform their ad for the class.

A career in dentistry

Allow the students to use the Internet or books to find out what subjects they need to take to become a dentist or to have a career in dentistry. Ask them to find out where they can study dentistry, how long it takes and what it involves.