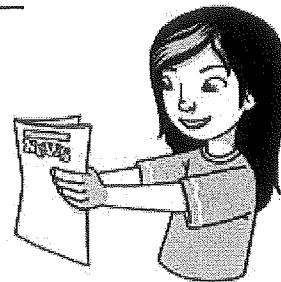


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## Read and Think

Read your issue of *Scholastic News*.

As you read, stop and answer the questions below.



1. Read the section called "Patient 1: Hippo." Then .

How do you clean a hippo's teeth?

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2. Read the section called "Patient 2: Bald Eagle." Then .

Why does the eagle need a prosthetic beak?

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3. Read the section called "Patient 3: Jaguar." Then .

Why do you have to make the jaguar angry before its checkup?

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4. Why do you have to put the jaguar to sleep during its checkup?

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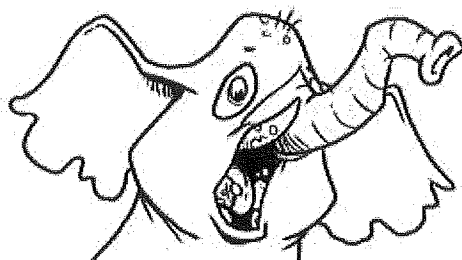
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# You Be the Animal Dentist!

These zoo animals need some help from a dentist. Think about what you learned in the article. Then write what you would do if you were an animal dentist.

1. This elephant has food stuck in its huge teeth. (Fun fact: Tusks are teeth too!)



If I were an animal dentist, I would

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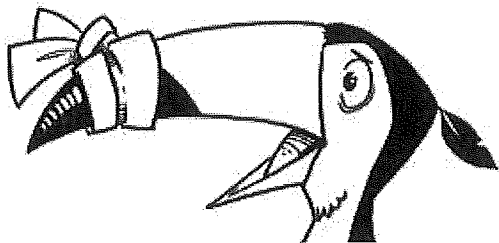


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2. This toucan broke its beak! It needs a new one.



If I were an animal dentist, I would

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3. This lion has a toothache! You need to figure out what's wrong.



If I were an animal dentist, I would

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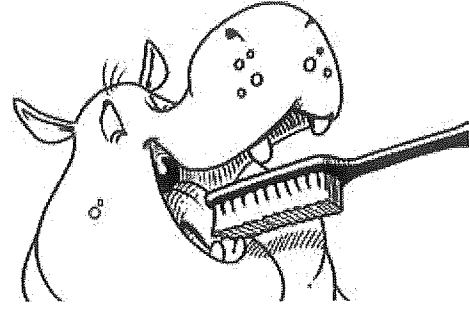
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# Word Work

Answer the questions about vocabulary words from your issue of *Scholastic News*.



1. Where would you find **cavities**?

- in your teeth     
  in your shoes     
  in your hair
- .....

2. What does a **prosthetic** body part do?

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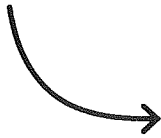
3. What is one way you can be **independent**?

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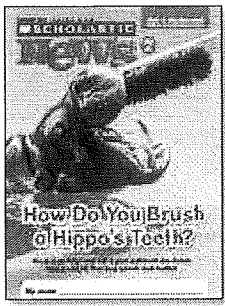
4. Draw a picture of an animal **snarling**.



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## Reading Checkpoint: How Do You Brush a Hippo's Teeth?

Fill in the circle for each correct answer.

1. What is this article *mostly* about?

[main idea/details]

- (A) how animal dentists care for their patients
- (B) how human dentists care for their patients
- (C) how to make a prosthetic beak for an eagle

2. Look at the photo at the top of page 2. A hippo's toothbrush is \_\_\_\_\_ a human's toothbrush.

[use visuals]

- (A) smaller than
- (B) the same size as
- (C) bigger than

3. When you are independent, you \_\_\_\_\_ . [vocabulary]

- (A) need help to do everything
- (B) are able to do things for yourself
- (C) have holes in your teeth

4. Why does a jaguar need to be asleep for its checkup? [cause/effect]

- (A) The jaguar is too tired to stay awake.
- (B) The jaguar is too dangerous when it is awake.
- (C) The checkup is during the nighttime.

5. What is one way an animal dentist is like a human dentist?

[compare/contrast]

- (A) Both of them use huge toothbrushes on their patients.
- (B) Both of them make their patients snarl.
- (C) Both of them take care of patients with different problems.