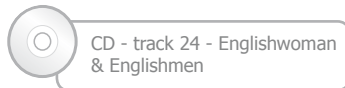


Typical *Dialogues*

This month... The Dentist

Listen to this dialogue and learn lots of useful vocabulary and expressions.

The answers are on page 24.



In this conversation, Jenny is at the dentist's. Listen to the conversation and answer these two questions.

1. What does Jenny want the dentist to do?
2. Who is really going to see the dentist?

Dentist: Good afternoon.
 Jenny: Afternoon.
 Dentist: So, how long has it been since your last **check-up**?
 Jenny: Oh, **quite a while**, actually. There's a bit of **tartar** and **plaque** to deal with.
 Dentist: OK, that's no problem.
 Jenny: Plus, there are a couple of **cavities** to deal with, so there'll be lots of drilling; and a tooth that needs pulling out.
 Dentist: Oh, really?
 Jenny: Yes, I think **root canal treatment** will be necessary, but I don't want any **fancy stuff**: no gas or **anaesthetic**.
 Dentist: Are you sure about that? This type of operation can be very painful without a **painkiller**.
 Jenny: No, it's all right. Just do it as quickly as you can.
 Dentist: You know, I wish all my patients were as brave as you. No painkillers. I've hardly ever heard that before.
 Jenny: Well, it's cheaper that way, isn't it?
 Dentist: Yes, of course, but...
 Jenny: *(To her husband.)* OK, Gordon. You can come in now. The dentist is ready to see you.
 Dentist: But who's Gordon?
 Jenny: He's my husband. *(To Gordon.)* Come on! **Don't be shy!** **We haven't got all day.** Now, Gordon, just show the nice dentist what a brave boy you are. Remember what we talked about earlier, about not crying or anything like that. It's only a bit of drilling and tooth pulling.
 Husband: **I'll do my best.**
 Jenny: Good boy. *(To the dentist.)* OK, I'll be back in half-an-hour. You'll be done by then, won't you? Try not to hurt him... too much.
 Dentist: OK, Gordon, now be a good man and open up. *(Drilling sound.)*



GLOSSARY

a check-up *n*
 a medical examination by a doctor/dentist
quite a while *exp*
 a long time
tartar *n*
 a yellow substance that forms on your teeth
plaque *n*
 a type of bacteria that forms on your teeth. It can cause tartar (see above) or gum disease
a cavity *n*
 a tooth that is bad and needs dental treatment
root canal treatment *n*
 an operation that involves making a hole in your tooth

fancy stuff *n*
 modern/sophisticated things
anaesthetic *n*
 an injection that makes a part of your body less sensitive to pain
a painkiller *n*
 a drug that makes a part of your body less sensitive to pain
don't be shy! *exp*
 come on! Be quick! Literally, "shy" means timid
we haven't got all day *exp*
 people often use this expression to mean "be quick!" or "hurry up!"
I'll do my best *exp*
 I will try to do things to the best of my ability



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