

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

Donna c\_\_\_\_ not sleep. In the morn\_\_\_\_ she had to go to the dentist. She was not look\_\_\_\_ forward to it. In fact, she was dread\_\_\_\_ it. She had not been to the dentist in many years. She was afraid it was go\_\_\_\_ to hurt. A lot.

“Ooooooooooh,” she moaned into her pillow.

The next day Donna was a mess. She had hardly slept at all. She almost didn’t go, but she knew she sh\_\_\_\_. She made herself get in the car and drive to the dentist’s office.

“Hello Donna,” said the girl at the desk. “You’ll be see\_\_\_\_ Jen first this morning. She’s our dental hygienist. Jen will clean your teeth; then Dr. Lin will see you.”

Donna sat in the big dental chair. It leaned her body back. A bright l\_\_\_\_ shone in her mouth. She tried to relax.

Jen kept talk\_\_\_\_ to her and ask\_\_\_\_ her questions. Donna thought to herself, “It’s hard to chat when you

have your hands in my mouth.” She did her best to be polite.

Donna’s gums were bleed\_\_\_\_. Jen told her that she needed to floss every day. She showed Donna how to brush her teeth the right way, and how to floss.

“We need to take a full set of x-rays of your mouth,” said Jen. Donna didn’t like that part. It made her gag.

Dr. Lin looked at the x-\_\_\_\_\_ and at Donna’s mouth. She checked every tooth. “Well Donna,” she said, “you have a few fill\_\_\_\_\_s that are very old. We should replace them with new \_\_\_\_\_ings. And your gums are in pretty bad shape, but not too bad. I am going to give you a prescription for a special mouth wash. Use it three times a day. If you start do\_\_\_\_that, and you start floss\_\_\_\_\_ every day, you will be able to prevent \_\_\_\_\_um disease. You don’t want to get g\_\_\_\_\_ disease. It’s a good thing you came in when you did.” Then she gave Donna a new soft tooth brush.

Donna’s \_\_\_\_\_th felt so clean. As she left the dentist’s office, she smiled at herself in the mirror. “I’m not so stressed out any more. Now I’m go\_\_\_\_\_ to the drug store to get my prescription filled,” she thought. “And I won’t forget the dental floss.”