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TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION

WORKSHEET

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I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

My tooth hurts. It has been like this for the past few weeks. Meals are no longer enjoyable. With every bite, an intense pain courses through my mouth. It feels as though a million nails are pricking at my gums. Lingering pain accompanies every conscious moment of my day. Sleep becomes difficult. After a long struggle trying to manage the pain in order to fall asleep, an abrupt surge of pain will jolt me awake. It is depressing, but being depressed pales in comparison to the fear of visiting the dentist. My dentist never fails to surprise me with his recommended course of treatment. Even a simple procedure such as cleaning involves a sharp tool travelling through the edges of my gums, poking at places where I least expect it to hurt. What more can be said about extraction – the treatment that makes the dentist every patient's enemy? That would probably be my fate if I were to visit the dentist this time.

"Can you please visit the dentist?" mother pleads with me during lunch as she witnesses my ordeal of putting food into my mouth.

"I don't want to go. It is going to be very painful," I reply.

"It's not like you are not in any pain now." mother refutes. "Just go and visit the dentist, bear with the treatment, which will probably take nothing more than a few minutes, and you will no longer have to suffer this lingering pain."

Mother has a point. In fact, her argument makes perfect sense. But visiting the dentist? I can never take that first step, at least not today. Maybe, if I turn in early tonight, I will wake up with more strength tomorrow to overcome my fear, and then I will visit the dentist.

When I wake up the next morning, I tell myself that I will pluck up the courage to visit the dentist. However, when I leave my bed and prepare to call the dentist for an appointment, I back out. "Am I seriously going to visit the dentist?" I ask myself with complete truthfulness. There is no way that I can overcome that fear. Just then, mother shouts from the kitchen, "I have made an appointment with Dr. Seymour. We will get your tooth treated this afternoon." It feels like mother has just sent me to the lion's den. Fear grips me the whole morning.

Reluctantly and with terror building up inside me, I report to the dentist. After examining my tooth, Dr. Seymour says that she needs to perform a root canal filling. I have no idea what that means but it better not be painful. "It will hurt at first but not for very long. You will be fine," Dr. Seymour assures. Having accepted my faith, I open my mouth and wait for the dreaded moment. Ouch! The procedure hurts very much. Then, I feel less pain. After an hour, the procedure is over. The pain in my mouth subsides over the next few days and I am able to enjoy delicious food and peaceful sleep again. Thinking back now about the fear I had about visiting the dentist, it seems foolish.

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

1. Which two activities of the writer's daily life do the toothache affects? (Single word)

Activity 1	
Activity 2	

2. What does the writer expect to happen if she visits the dentist with her toothache?

Ans: _____

3. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (paragraph 1)	
ordeal (paragraph 2)	
argument (paragraph 5)	

4. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blank below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.

_____ The writer decides not to make an appointment with the dentist at the last minute.

_____ Mother helps the writer to make an appointment.

_____ Mother convinces the writer to visit the dentist.

5. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

Statement	True/False	Reason
The writer has a high threshold for pain.		
Dr. Seymour helps to relieve the writer's fear.		

6. What lesson has the writer learnt through this incident?
