

Please listen to the audio track and fill in the gaps:

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A: You look really different without your glasses on. I almost didn't recognize _____.

B: Yep, the specs have gone! I'm officially no longer _____!

A: No way! You had them lasered then? Wasn't it scary?

B: Not at all. Honestly, if I'd known, I would've done it years ago.

A: Right, really? So what actually happens?

B: Well, they _____ your eyes with drops and keep them open with this thingamajig, oh... what was it called?

A: A clamp?

B: No, it had a special name. Oh... it'll_____. Anyway, they basically slice this tiny little flap open in the cornea.

A: What? They're doing all this _____ you're awake -they don't _____ you under?

B: They don't, no. I mean there's some discomfort but no worse than dental work.

A: Well that's bad enough... but what about the laser? I mean isn't it dangerous if you_____?

B: It's not an issue. Apparently, the machine tracks the eyeball and shuts off if it moves _____ and then somehow it picks up where it left off after.

A: Wow! Amazing.

B: I know.

A: So what about after the op? Do you notice the difference immediately?

B: I mean, it's not like instant. My vision was kind of blurred still and I had this weird sort of itchiness like inside my eyes and _____ to rub them. But it settled down fairly quickly. I'd say it was all sorted in two or three weeks.

A: That's incredible. I don't know though, it's still quite a hurdle_____ , that idea of them cutting your eyes while you're awake!

B: I know. But honestly, it's not that bad. And they'll give you tranquilizers if you're really that anxious.

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C: So, where did you rush off to_____, then?

D: Oh, sorry. Didn't I tell you? I had to _____ the dentist's.

C: Oh, right-just for a check-up?

D: No. I actually had to have a root canal.

C: Really? That sounds nasty, what exactly is that? I've heard people_____ , but I've never actually understood what it involves.

D: Achh... It's not that dramatic. It's basically when you get an infection throughout the root, and they have to drill into it to clean out all the whatchamacallit the, the... the_____.

C: Really, sounds hideous... just the thought of that drill sound _____ down my spine.

D: I know, ... but my dentist actually gave me these headphones which kind of cancel out the noise.

C: Really? Do they work?

D: Yeah... pretty much. And obviously, you have a _____.

C: Right, still it's never fun having dentists mess _____.

D: True.

C: So is that it or will you have to go back again sometime?

D: Oh yes... it has to be _____, which means at least two more visits.

C: Poor you. That can't be cheap either.

D: Let's just say shelling out is painful but not as bad as the _____ pain I had beforehand.

C: So what caused it?

D: They can't be sure - I mean I'm quite careful about cleaning and flossing every day. The dentist said it _____ by some kind of blow to the teeth.

C: Really? Have you been in a fight?!

D: No! But you know what? A couple of months back, I was changing my daughter's nappy and she was kind of thrashing about and she actually whacked me in the mouth.

C: Really? You think that was it?

D: Well, I did have a bit of bleeding and pain afterwards. I mean, it's the only thing I can think of.

C: Wow! They don't know their own strength, those babies.

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