



For lots of reasons some people find going for a dental procedure difficult. These Makaton symbol sentences help to support understanding of the various stages involved in preparing for a dental procedure.

The Makaton symbol sentences provide an easy read document to support understanding of the dental procedure. The Makaton users may access this independently or be supported by a member of the dental team, family member or carer. The information may also be signed to the dental patient. You should have had some Makaton training to be able to use these resources – there will be signs that will be new to you and unique to certain procedures, so there is also a sign bank resource available to support you, as well as prompt cards. You should have had some Makaton training to be able to use these resources successfully; for information on training visit makaton.org/training.

Throughout the symbol sentences resources, the dentist is referred to, please consider that some treatments may be carried out by another appropriate member of the dental team.

The symbols and signs for **'Dentist'**, **'Dental Therapist'**, **'Dental Hygienist'** and **'Dental Nurse'** can be found in the prompt cards.

This set of symbol sentences is part of a series with the intention that you can select what is relevant to the Makaton user's dental treatment plan. The series includes:

- You need a dental examination.
- You need your teeth cleaned.
- You need a filling.
- You need an x-ray picture.
- You need your tooth taken out.

These factsheets include processes involved in having certain dental treatments and investigations completed. Please note these processes will vary depending on the needs of the individual patient and the dental team will support each patient's needs.

You can access these at the Team Smile Website – accessible by scanning this QR code.



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Your dental appointment





The  dentist  has a  special chair



The  dentist will  tell you to  sit down

You  will  see the  dentists light

You  lie on the  chair

The  chair goes  up and  down

The  dentist  wears a  mask and  glasses

The  dentist  wears  gloves

Let's talk Makaton





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The  **dentist** will  **tell**  **you**  **open your mouth**

Please use the appropriate dental procedure factsheet

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