



Dangerous

Dentist

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牙

yá
tooth

乚

yǐn
dental hook

Memories associated with strong emotion are the most powerful. Let's tie these characters to our own disturbing experiences at the dentist's office.

呀

ya
wow!

You sit down, open your *mouth*, and the dentist says, "**Wow!**" not in a good way.

口 + 牙

mouth + tooth

乱

luàn
chaos

He's poking around with his *dental hook* and hooks your *tongue*. **Chaos!!** Pain!

舌 + 乚

tongue + dental hook

孔

kǒng
cavity

On dental visits as a *child*, more often than not, his *dental hook* found a **cavity**.

子 + 乚

child + dental hook

吼

hǒu
roar

If his numbing shots in your *mouth* weren't precise enough, there was **roaring** when he filled that *cavity*.

口 + 孔

mouth + cavity

穿

chuān
pass through

If he's not careful, he may get a *hole* in his finger from your *tooth* **passing through** it if you decide to bite down hard!

穴 + 牙

hole + tooth

齿

chǐ
teeth

You pass out and wake up sweating from a nightmare: the *dentist* had you in a *pit* and was *stepping* on your head, demanding your **teeth**.

止 + 人 + 口

footprint + person + pit

龄

líng
age level

Losing baby *teeth* is a right of passage in many cultures, representing moving on to the next **age level**. If your baby teeth are not falling out on their own, *alarm* bells ring for the dentist, and he will recommend extraction.

齿 + 令

teeth + alarm clock

芽

yá
sprout

In one culture, baby *teeth* are buried, and the **sprouts** that come up above them represent the emerging adult.

艹 + 牙

flowers + tooth

邪

xié
wicked

Now, you are back in the waiting room daydreaming and create a story about a **wicked** dentist's ghost, who lurks by the *city walls* at night, waiting for victims.

牙 + 阝

tooth + city walls

礼

lǐ
ceremony

The only way to placate him is to offer a *dental hook* on the *altar* in an appeasement **ceremony**.

礻 + 乚

Eastern altar + dental hook

屯

tún
stockpile

In *one pit*, he stores teeth he has stolen, in another, he **stockpiles** *dental hooks*.

一 + 凵 + 乚

one + pit + dental hook

顿

dùn
pause

He carries a victim's *head* back to his haunt and **pauses** at his *stockpile* to grab a new hook.

屯 + 页

stockpile + head

扎

zhā
prick

He uses a *dental hook* to **prick** the victim's teeth, looking for soft spots.

扌 + 乚

hand + dental hook

讶

yà
surprised

You are startled out of your daydream, **surprised** to hear your name over the *loudspeaker* at the dental office.

讠 + 牙

microphone + tooth

鸦

yā
raven

Your terror is heightened by the decor in the office. This dentist seems obsessed with creepy *birds*. There is a **raven** mounted in the corner with a *tooth* impaled on his beak, like the bird was the one who removed it.

牙 + 鸟

tooth + bird

雅

yǎ
polished

In another corner is a grinning, **polished** *turkey*. Wait, turkeys don't have *teeth*!

牙 + 隹

tooth + special bird

轧

yà
flatten

You tear out of the dentist's office, slam your *car* into reverse and **flatten** a *dental hook* as you speed out of the parking lot.

车 + 乚

vehicle + dental hook



Not for another six months!

