

English Script – Need a tooth extraction?

This script is the English version of a Sango video found online: <https://youtu.be/M4iyKUf72bY>

If a tooth cannot be fixed, it may need to be removed. This will need injections too so there is no pain. Sometimes these can sting a bit. When your dentist is removing your tooth, you will feel lots of pushing but this should not be painful. If you experience pain, please tell your dentist to stop. The pushing and pressure can sometimes make your jaw sore. If a tooth is becoming difficult to remove, your dentist may need to cut it in half using lots of different instruments. This could take more time. If your dentist cannot remove your tooth, they will arrange for you to see a specialist to finish the treatment.

Post-operative Instructions

After having a tooth removed, you may experience pain, swelling and bruising for several days. The area may bleed. If bleeding occurs, you need to use the gauze supplied and put this on the bleeding area and gently bite on the gauze for 20 minutes. If you have bleeding that you cannot stop after some time, you must seek medical attention. You will need to eat a soft diet. You may require medication for pain. After having a tooth removed, you should rinse your mouth with warm salty water two to four times per day until healed. You should not smoke or spit for 24 hours. If you have any concerns after having a tooth removed, you should advise your case worker so an appointment can be made to check the healing.

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