

OET SAMPLE TEST

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 2

DENTISTRY

SETTING

Local Dental Clinic

PATIENT

You are 24 years old and have been getting pain and redness at the back of your lower jaw on the left-hand side. The dentist has just examined you.

TASK

- When asked, say the pain started a couple of weeks ago. It's quite painful, about a six out of ten. You haven't had anything like this before. You've been taking paracetamol (acetaminophen), which has helped a little. When asked, say you haven't had any other symptoms.
- Ask what will happen if the X-ray confirms that you have an impacted tooth.
- When asked, say you really don't want to have the tooth extracted; you'd rather wait and see if it gets better.
- Say you hope there's something you can do now that will help with the pain.
- Say you understand now why your tooth may need to be taken out; you're okay to have the X-ray.

OET SAMPLE TEST

CANDIDATE CARD NO. 2

DENTISTRY

SETTING

Local Dental Clinic

DENTIST

You see a 24-year-old patient who has been getting pain and redness at the back of the lower jaw on the left-hand side. You have just examined the patient and suspect that the third molar (tooth 38) is impacted (the tooth has failed to emerge fully into its expected position).

TASK

- Find out details about patient's gum pain (onset, severity, previous occurrences, treatment tried, etc.). Explore any other symptoms (e.g., headaches, unpleasant taste when eating, bad breath, etc.).
- Give findings of examination (healthy teeth, no cavities, good oral hygiene, some redness/swelling of gums around lower left molar). Explain impacted tooth as likely cause of gum pain (e.g., insufficient room to develop/emerge, common with onset of wisdom teeth, etc.). Advise need for X-ray (e.g., confirmation of diagnosis, evaluating extent of impaction, assessment of proximity to inferior alveolar nerve canal: risk of nerve damage, etc.).
- Advise likely need for extraction (e.g., outpatient procedure: sedation/anaesthetic, removal of tooth; possible referral to specialist; etc.). Find out any concerns.
- Warn of risks of delaying treatment (e.g., damage to other teeth/bone, tooth decay, gum disease, development of cyst, etc.).
- Make recommendations to ease pain (e.g., over-the-counter pain relief, gargling warm salt water, etc.). Establish patient's consent for X-ray.