

The Loose Tooth

Name: _____

Read the passage. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Theo had been wiggling the same tooth for eleven days. He wiggled it at breakfast. He wiggled it on the bus. He wiggled it during silent reading, which is how his teacher found out.

"Leave it be," she said. "It will come out when it is ready."

At recess, Bea told him about her cousin, who tied a tooth to a doorknob. Theo said that sounded like the worst idea anyone had ever had, and then he thought about it all afternoon.

He was still thinking about it at dinner when he bit into a piece of bread and felt something small and hard on his tongue. He did not even feel it come out. He sat there with the bread in one hand and the tooth in the other, a little disappointed.

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1. How long had Theo been wiggling the tooth?

2. How did the teacher find out about the tooth?

3. Why was Theo disappointed at the end?

4. Find a sentence that shows Theo says one thing but thinks another.

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1. Eleven days. (*Recall*)
2. He was wiggling it during silent reading. (*Recall*)
3. Answers will vary. After eleven days of waiting and worrying, it came out with no drama at all — the moment did not match the build-up. (*Inference*)
4. "Theo said that sounded like the worst idea anyone had ever had, and then he thought about it all afternoon." (*Character*)