



THE TOOTHBRUSH STORY

Fun Page: The Toothbrush That Knew Too Much

Grammar Focus: Past Simple vs Past Passive

Look at these sentences from the story. Can you tell which ones are active and which are passive?

1. Gianni dropped the toothbrush behind the toilet. (active)
2. A note was taped to the mirror. (passive)
3. The toothbrush was traumatized. (passive)
4. The toothbrush applied for a transfer. (active)

Now complete the sentences below. Use either past simple or past passive.

1. The toothbrush _____ (see) things no toothbrush should see.
2. A new toothbrush _____ (hide) in the drawer.
3. Gianni _____ (laugh) when he saw the note.
4. The old toothbrush _____ (tell) the others about Gianni.

Vocabulary Challenge: Toothbrush Drama

Match the words to their meanings.

Word

Traumatized

Rinse

Transfer

Hygienic

Meaning

a. Very clean and healthy

b. Emotionally shocked or disturbed

c. To wash something with water

d. Move to a new place or job

Creative Task: Toothbrush Diary Entry

Imagine you are Gianni's old toothbrush. Write a short diary entry (5–6 sentences). Use humor and emotion.

Start like this:

Dear Diary, today was the final straw. Gianni brushed for 12 seconds again...

Teacher's Key

Grammar Focus: Past Simple vs Past Passive

Complete the sentences:

1. The toothbrush saw things no toothbrush should see. (past simple – active)
2. A new toothbrush was hidden in the drawer. (past passive)
3. Gianni laughed when he saw the note. (past simple – active)
4. The old toothbrush was told the others about Gianni. (past passive)

Note: Sentence 4 may be corrected to “The old toothbrush told the others...” if you prefer active voice here.

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