

Last flight + At the dentist surgery

1.	Why did they change their plan?	because of a (minor) accident VAGY weather (conditions)
2.	How many people took the flight finally?	two (Amelia, the pilot + Fred, the navigator VAGY Amelia and one male crew member)
3.	Which ocean did they cross?	the Atlantic Ocean
4.	Which part of the trip started in New Guinea?	the most difficult part (of the flight)
5.	What kind of land was their destination?	an island (Howland Island)
6.	Who received their radio message?	(US) coastguard (ship)
7.	What was getting low?	fuel
8.	What was the problem with the destination?	they could not find (see) it
9.	What was wrong with the last message?	it was incomplete
10.	What was happening in the area during the days that followed?	it was searched (by US navy ships and planes)

11.	He also wanted to	A. book an appointment B. talk to her C. have his teeth cleaned	C
12.	He arrived	A. in time B. late C. early	A
13.	He met ... first.	A. a receptionist B. an assistant C. other patients	A
14.	The dentist was	A. running late B. on a training course C. away	A
15.	He was led to ... by the assistant.	A. the waiting room B. an office C. the surgery	C
16.	He was ... there.	A. informed about the problem B. asked to wait C. prepared for the examination	C
17.	He had his last check-up	A. the previous year B. half a year beforehand C. the previous month	B
18.	He was asked to	A. agree to the treatment B. come back another time C. fill out a form	B
19.	The treatment was	A. free B. paid for during the following appointment C. offered at a discounted price	A
20.	The cleaning was	A. postponed B. unnecessary C. not done by the dentist	C

Last flight

Amelia and three male crew members were to make the flight. However, a minor accident and weather conditions forced a change in plans.

So on June 1st, 1937 a silver Lockheed Electra plane left Miami, Florida. It carried pilot Amelia Earhart and just one male crew member, navigator Fred Noonan. Amelia and Fred headed south toward the equator. They stopped in Puerto Rico, Surinam and Brazil. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Africa, where they stopped in Ethiopia. Then they continued on to India, Burma and Australia.

When they reached New Guinea, they were about to begin the most difficult part of the trip. They would fly four thousand kilometers to tiny Howland Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Three hours after leaving New Guinea, Amelia sent back a radio message. She said she was on a direct path to Howland Island. Later, Amelia's radio signals were received by a United States Coast Guard ship near the island. The messages began to warn of trouble. Fuel was getting low. They could not find Howland Island. They could not see any land at all.

The radio signals got weaker and weaker. A message on the morning of July second was incomplete. Then there was silence.

American Navy ships and planes searched the area for fifteen days. They found nothing. Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were officially declared "lost at sea."

At the dentist

I went to the dentist to get a check-up and cleaning. I showed up at the dentist's office a few minutes before 10. I gave the receptionist my name and told her that I had a 10 a.m. appointment. She said that the doctor was running a little late and that I should take a seat. After about 15 minutes, a dental assistant came out and told me to follow her. She led me to a room and told me to take a seat in the exam chair, and then she put a dental bib on me.

The dentist came into the room.

Dentist: Hello, how are you today? Here for your six month check-up?

Gary: I'm fine, Dr. Meecham. Yes, just a cleaning and check-up today.

Dentist: Oh, fine. Let's take a look.

She probed my teeth and checked my gums.

Dentist: Well, it looks like you have a cavity and your crown is loose. We need to fill that cavity before it gets any worse and the crown needs to be refitted. Make an appointment for next week and I'll take care of them.

Gary: Okay, I'll do that, but my crown was just put on last year. Will my dental insurance cover the work?

Dentist: Since you had that done here, we'll take care of it. There won't be a charge. And, your insurance should cover the work on the cavity. Now, I'm going to have the hygienist do your cleaning and I'll see you soon for the other work.

Gary: Thanks, doctor.

The hygienist came into the room and had me rinse with mouthwash. She began her cleaning and finished by polishing my teeth. On my way out, I tried to make an appointment for the following week. Unfortunately, there were no appointments available for two weeks, and the time they had was an inconvenient one, but I said I'd manage. I have to say, going to the dentist can be a pain, in the mouth and in the butt.