

Ouch!

'Diane! Are you in bed yet?'

'Yes, Mum,'
Diane called
back. 'Just
reading!'

'Good girl. Have
you tidied your
room?'

'Yes, Mum.'

'Have you cleaned
your teeth?'

There was no answer.

'Diane! Have you cleaned your teeth?'

'No, Mum,' Diane sighed. 'I'll do it now.'

But she didn't. It was too cold to get out bed, she told herself. And too late. And her teeth were fine, it wouldn't matter if she missed out just this once.

And that was the way she thought every night. She just kept making excuses until, in the end, she was only cleaning her teeth once a day, in the morning—and sometimes not even then.

Then, one afternoon she came home from school and her mother said, 'Guess what? It's time for your checkup with the dentist tomorrow. You have an appointment after school.'

That night, Diane did clean her teeth. In fact, she scrubbed them until her gums were sore. They look all right, she told herself, inspecting them in the mirror. The dentist will never know the difference.

'Diane?' said the nurse the next day. 'Mr Buckland will see you now.'

'Hmmm,' said Mr Buckland, looking in Diane's mouth with his mirror. 'This doesn't look too good. Have you been cleaning your teeth properly, the way I showed you?'

Diane couldn't speak, so she just shook her head. She felt very ashamed.

'What a pity,' said Mr Buckland, picking up a long needle from the tray. 'If you *had* cleaned them properly, twice a day, none of this would be necessary.'

Moral: A stitch in time saves nine.



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Level A—Use one word or a short phrase to answer these questions.

1. What excuses did Diane use for not cleaning her teeth? _____

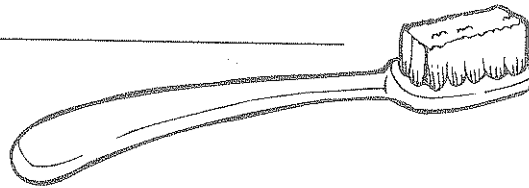
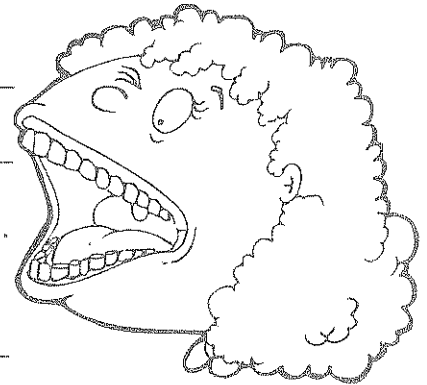
2. Mr Buckland is a schoolteacher. True or False? _____
3. How many times a day was Diane supposed to clean her teeth? _____
4. What time of the day was Diane's appointment with the dentist? _____

Level B—Use brief sentences to answer these questions.

1. Why do you think Diane didn't clean her teeth properly?

2. Why did Diane suddenly scrub her teeth the night before seeing the dentist?

3. The dentist used a mirror to look in Diane's mouth. Why is this?



4. What does the writer want you to think about cleaning your teeth?

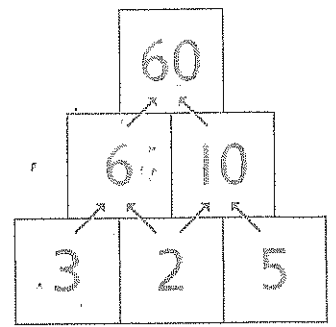
Level C—Use full sentences to answer these on a separate piece of paper.

1. In your own words, explain what the moral of this story means.
2. Do you think Diane's mother will feel sorry for her? Why?
3. Whose job is it to make sure your teeth are cleaned properly? Yours? Your teacher's? Your mother's? The dentist's? Why?
4. Why is it important to look after our teeth?

Multiplication pyramids

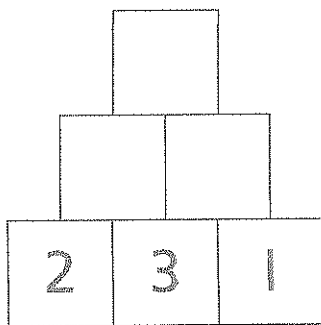
In a multiplication pyramid, pairs of numbers on each row multiply together to make the number above them.

Look at the example on the right. Starting at the bottom:
 $3 \times 2 = 6$, $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $6 \times 10 = 60$

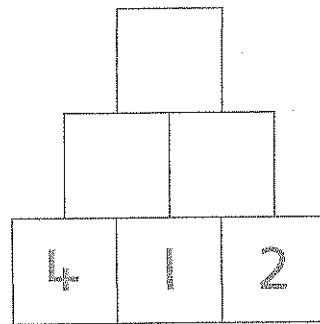


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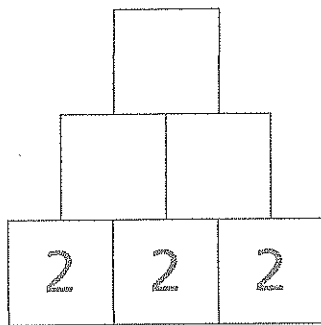
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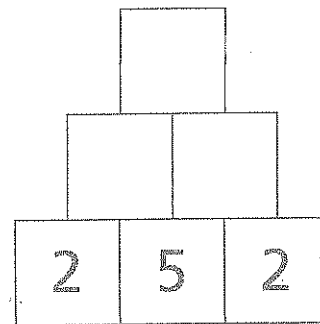
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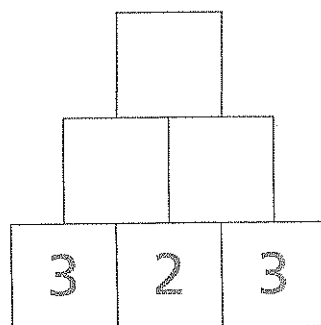
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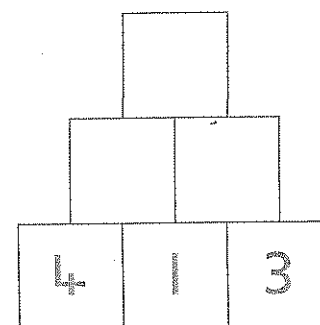
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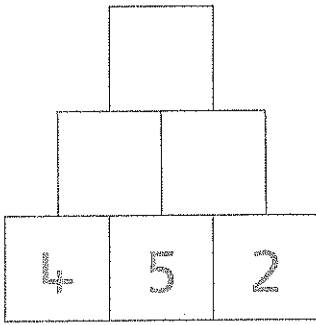
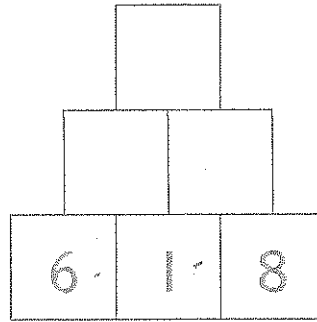
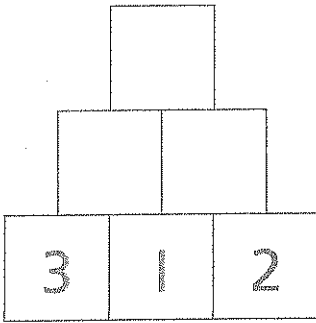
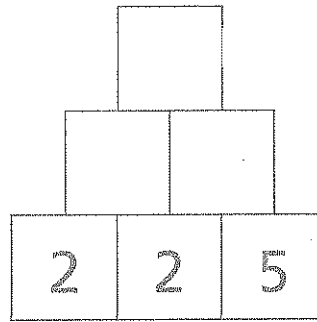


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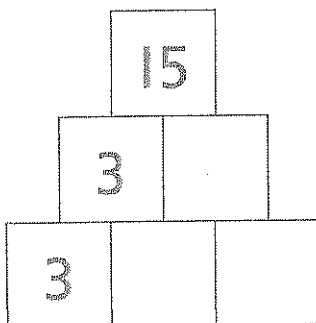
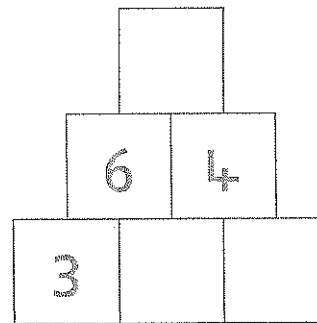
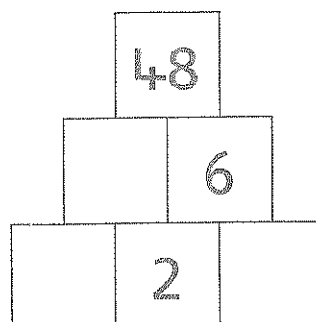


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7**8****9****10**

Here are some multiplication pyramids where some of the numbers are missing from the bottom rows. Work out the missing numbers, and write them in the pyramids.

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