

the cavity after CHRISTMAS

a coloring activity story





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*'Twas the day after Christmas, elves and reindeer relaxed;
They worked hard this 25th, and the days before that.
While the North Pole snoozed, Santa sat wide-awake;
But why wasn't St. Nick taking his much-needed break?*

*Mrs. Claus was nestled and snug in her bed,
While dreams of next Christmas danced in her head;
When out from Santa's mouth screamed such a clatter,
Mrs. Claus sprang from bed to see what was the matter.*

*"What's wrong my dear, do you need a candy cane?"
To which Santa replied, "No, my teeth are in pain!"
Mrs. Claus knew what to do, dialed the dentist in a flash;
She scheduled a visit and they were off in a dash.*

*"Now, Dancer! Now, Dasher! Now, Rudolph! Let's go!
Get Santa to the dentist, so his tooth pain can slow!"
The sleigh got there quickly, with minutes to spare;
The dentist greeted Santa and rushed him to his chair.*

*With tools and his gloves, he could find St. Nick's flaw
So the dentist told Santa, "Open wide and say, Ahhhh"
After using the mirror for careful inspection,
The dentist detected the site of infection.*

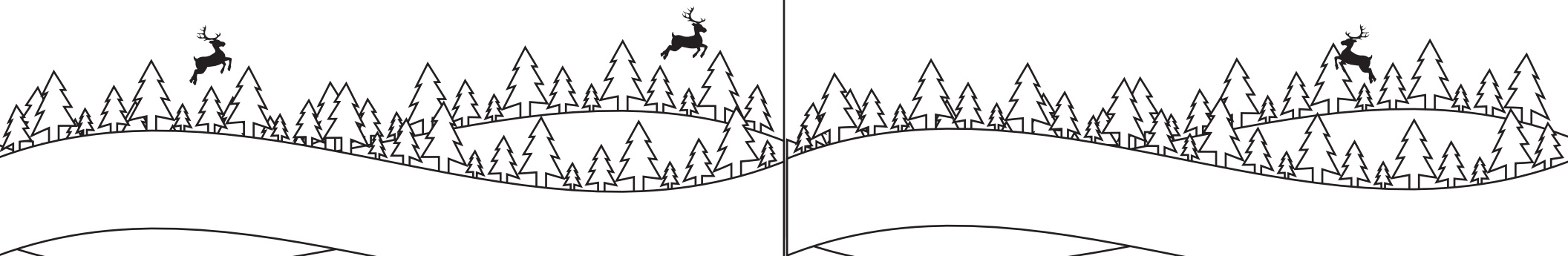
*On Santa's back tooth sat a spot that was shocking;
Black as the coal in a naughty list stocking!
He took a deep breath and told St. Nick unhappily,
"I'm sorry to say that your tooth pain's a cavity."*

*Santa's eyes lit up like a tree full of tinsel;
His smile went from jolly to a face full of wrinkles
"What did I do to deserve such a fate?
Could it be Christmas cookies left out on those plates?"*

*"You have to cut down on the cookies and sweets
Sugar causes cavities and Ho, ho holes in your teeth!
Make sure to make time for your teeth in a rush
The holidays are busy, but remember to brush!"*

*Santa smiled at the dentist, it was clear he agreed
"I'll cut down on sugar and brush to succeed!"
St. Nick was relieved the dentist had the answer
Good dental health is a sure smile enhancer.*

*The dentist filled the cavity and sent Santa on his way
Mr. Claus grabbed his Mrs. and they headed to the sleigh
With his cavity fixed, Santa echoed for miles,
"Happy brushing to all, and to all a strong smile!"*

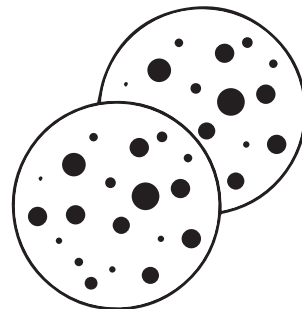
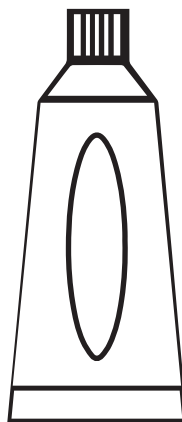
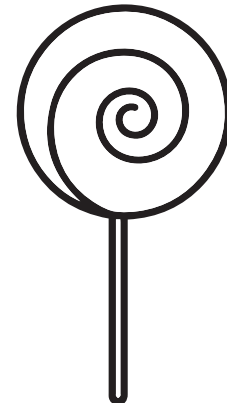


Count how many teeth are in Santa's mouth.



Santa has _____ teeth.

Circle the items that **SHOULD** be in Santa's stocking next year.



**Help Santa and Mrs. Claus find
their way to the dentist.**



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