

Writing Challenge for May 2024

Write a short story in 200 words or less about a trip to the doctor or dentist using the ABDCE structure. A = Action; B = Background (context), D = Development (plot & meat of the story), C = Climax, rising action, key narrative burst, significant change, E = End, character may be different because of their journey. Doesn't have to be long, in fact, can be quite brief.

Here's an example, a submission I ran across earlier this year:

One night when I was eight years old, I opened a bag of Doritos to eat while watching television. (A) Doritos were my favorite snack to eat as a child. Nacho Cheese was my favorite flavor. (B) I loved sitting in the dark hearing the 'crunch, crunch, crunch' of the chips. I'd sit there, crunching my chips, but didn't eat the chips with a napkin (what kid does?) and would forget about the powder that accumulated on my fingertips. As it got later and I got sleepier, I kept rubbing my eyes, my fingertips covered in Doritos Nacho Cheese powder. (D) When it was time for bed, I went to brush my teeth, looked in the mirror, and saw two large bags under my eyes. The Doritos Nacho Cheese powder had pooled into two large sacks underneath my eyeballs. I started screaming and crying. (C) The next day, my grandmother took me to the doctor who put industrial strength eye drops into my eyes to flush out the powder. (E)