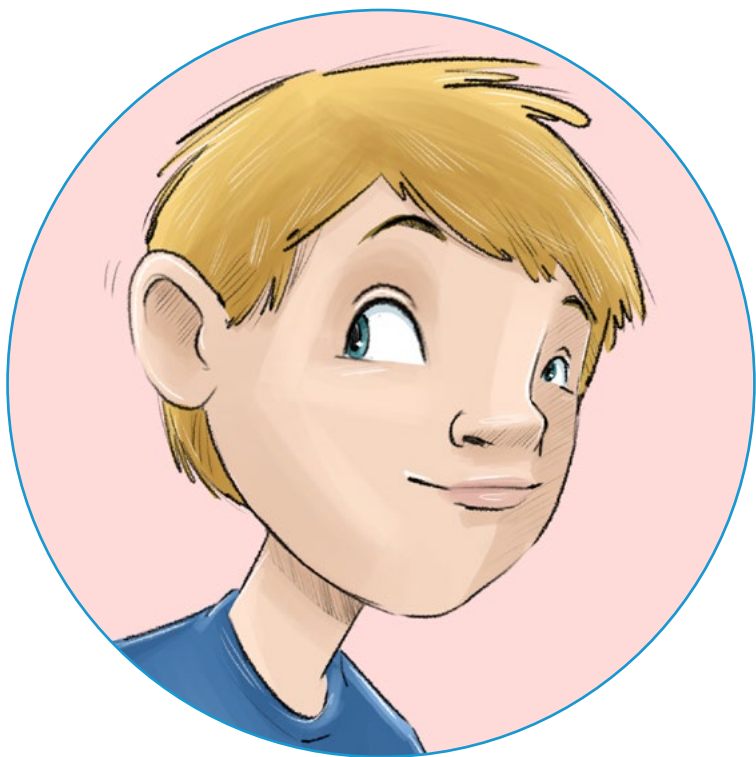


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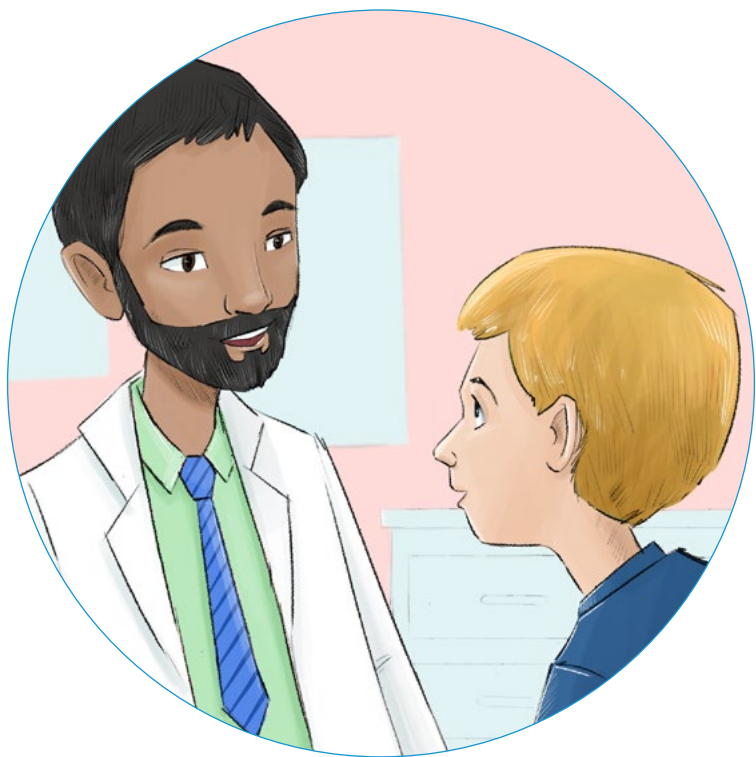
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When we visit the doctor's office for a check-up, the doctor might want to examine my ears. This is called an ear exam.



The doctor checks my ears to make sure they are clean, healthy, and working well. Ear exams are important because they can help the doctor find out if I have an ear infection, earwax build-up, and if my hearing is okay.



To look inside my ears, the doctor uses a special tool called an otoscope. An otoscope looks a little like a flashlight with a tiny cone on the end. It has a light that helps the doctor see inside my ear.



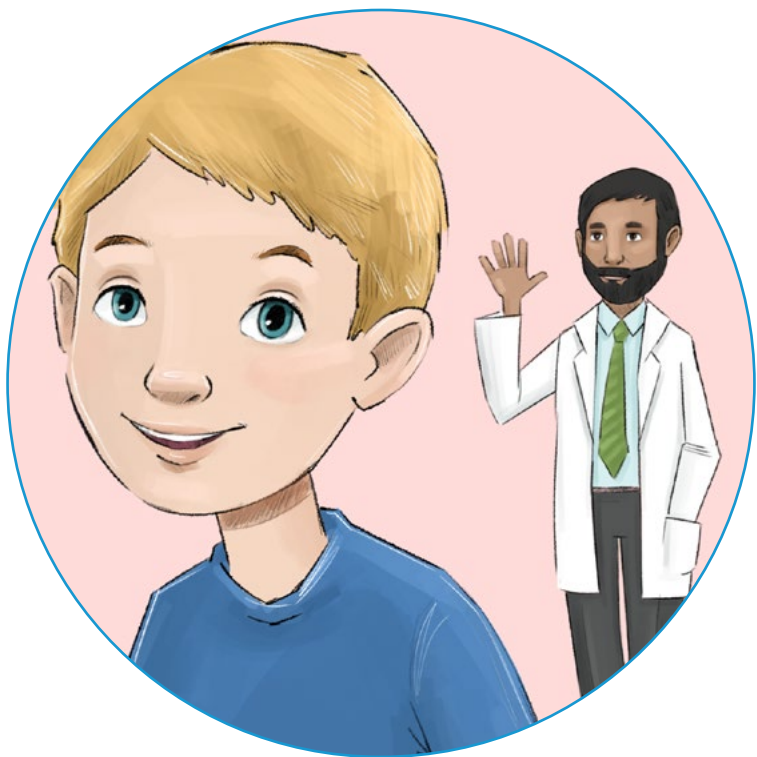
When it's time for the ear exam, the doctor might say, "I'm going to check your ears now." I can sit still while the doctor gently looks into one ear, and then the other.

The doctor will hold the otoscope, gently place the tip in my ear, and look inside for a few seconds.



The ear exam does not hurt. It might tickle a little or feel warm because of the light on the otoscope. The otoscope does not go in very far—it just sits near the opening of my ear. The doctor is very careful.

The ear exam only takes a few seconds for each ear. Then it's done!



If I need a break or want to ask a question, that is okay.
Telling the doctor how I feel can help.

Ear exams help keep my ears working well. Getting my ears checked is a smart thing to do.



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