

# Example text: Anecdote

## **Remember – brushing teeth is very important!**

I remember my mother telling me and my sister to remember to brush our teeth every night before we went to bed. But I never thought that when I told my three-year-old son, he would take it so seriously.

I was cleaning up in the kitchen one morning after breakfast when young Jayden came in complaining that the dog had eaten his toothbrush. When I asked him why the dog had eaten his toothbrush, he said that he had been trying to clean Max's teeth.

I thought carefully about what to say before responding with, "Dogs don't need to clean their teeth like we do. They eat bones and chew toys instead."

I added that I would get him a new toothbrush because it would be yucky to use a toothbrush with dog slobber on it!

Thinking I had solved the problem, I got back to my cleaning. But I was interrupted, two minutes later, by Jayden handing me my toothbrush. I asked him why I needed it now.

I almost fainted when he said that this one had to be thrown out because he had cleaned Max's teeth with it last week and it had doggy slobber on it too!

Next time I try to teach my son one of life's important lessons, I will remember to word it very carefully.