

Doctor De Soto

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“Just stop the pain,” whimpered the fox, wiping some tears away. Despite his misery, he realized he had a tasty little morsel in his mouth, and his jaws began to quiver.

“Keep open!” yelled Doctor DeSoto. “Wide open!” yelled his wife.



“I’m giving you gas now,” said Doctor De Soto. “You won’t feel a thing when I yank that tooth.” Soon the fox was in dreamland. “M-m-m, yummy,” he mumbled. How I love them raw...with just a pinch of salt, and a...dry...white wine.”



They could guess what he was dreaming about. Mrs. De Soto handed her husband a pole to keep the fox's mouth open.



1. What did the illustrations show you that Doctor De Soto was doing that the words did not tell you? _____

2. What does the illustration show us about how Mrs. De Soto is feeling when she yells, "Wide open!"? _____

3. What does the illustration where the fox is in pain show us about why Doctor De Soto and his wife are telling the fox to keep his mouth open? _____
