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Tutors: Please complete ONLY if you are an ESOL Tutor in CT 208.
Please listen to student read the assignment and use PEN to mark any and all pronunciation problems you hear – stress, intonation, phonemes. Thank you very much! - Davina

Name: _____________________
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The Crocodile’s Toothache  by Shel Silverstein

The Crocodile (pause)
Went to the dentist
And sat down in the chair. (pause)
And the dentist said, “Now tell me, sir.
Why does it hurt and where?” (pause)
And the Crocodile said, “I’ll tell you the truth.
I have a terrible ache in my tooth,”
And he opened his jaws so wide, so wide,
That the dentist, he climbed right inside.
And the dentist laughed “Oh, isn’t this fun?”
As he pulled the teeth out, one by one.
And the Crocodile cried, “You’re hurting me so!
Please put down your pliers and let me go.”
But the dentist just laughed with a Ho Ho Ho.
And he said, “I still have twelve to go –
Oops, that’s the wrong one, I confess.
But what’s one crocodile’s tooth, more or less?”
Then suddenly, the jaws went SNAP.
And the dentist was gone, right off the map.
And where he went one could only guess...
To North, South, East or West ...
He left no forwarding address.
But what’s one dentist, more or less?