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# Brush and Shine

with  
FLAPS  
and  
SLIDERS



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Pick a child's toothpaste, as adult ones contain more fluoride. Try out a few flavours: many children dislike mint. Only use a small smear of toothpaste.

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