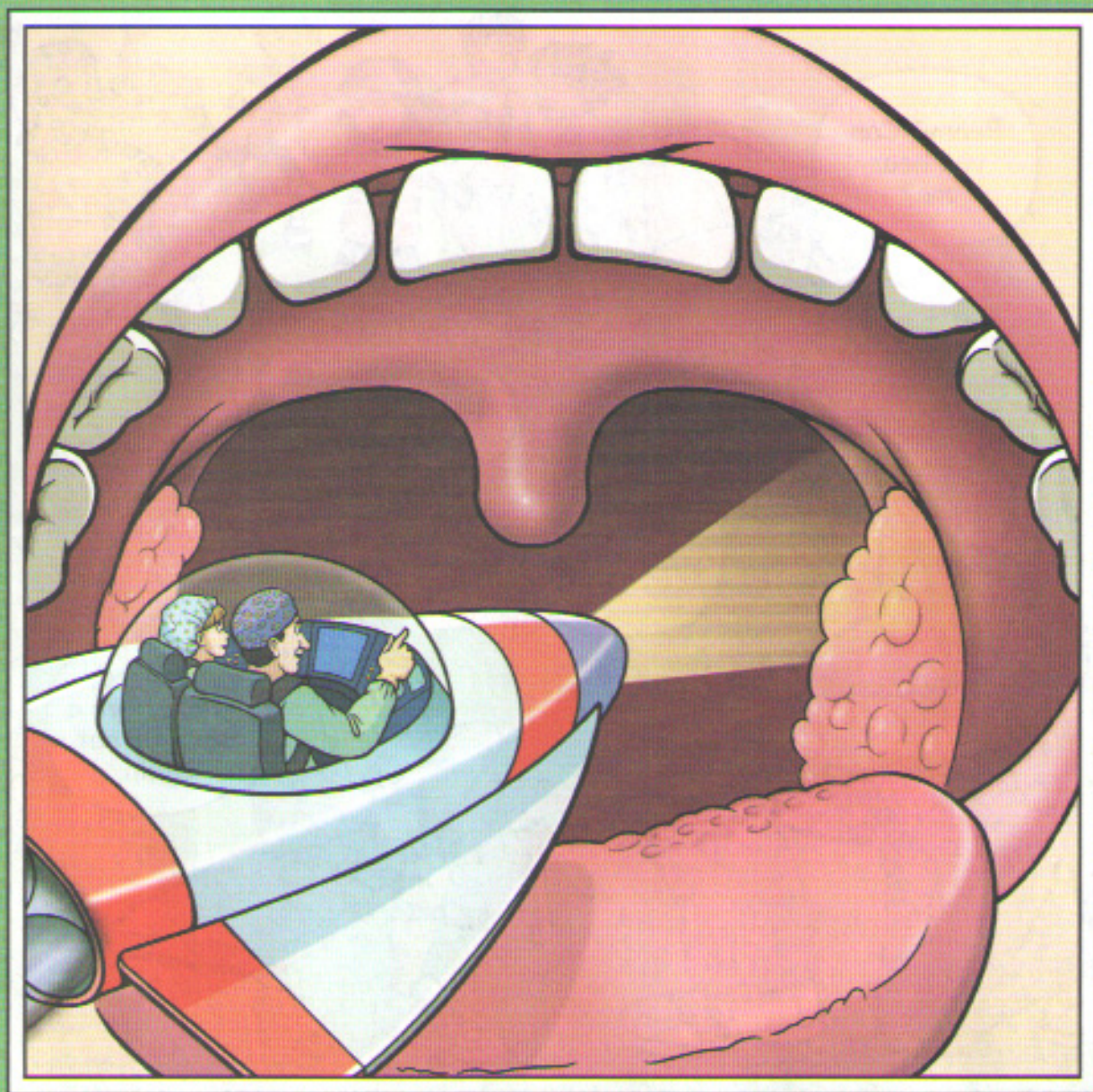


Your T&A Journey



Tonsillectomy, Adenoidectomy,
and Ear Tube Surgery

Benny's T&A Journey

Meet Benny. Benny is really good at soccer. But sometimes he doesn't feel well enough to play. And a lot of times he can't hear what people say.

Benny? Can you hear me?

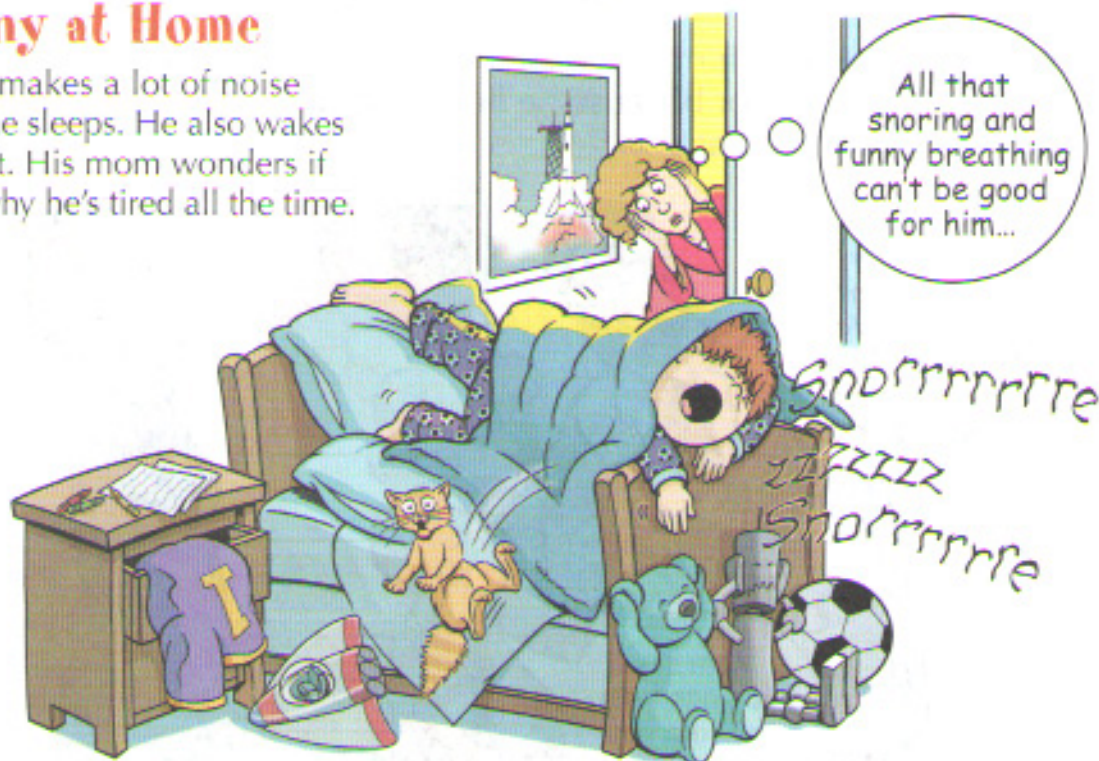
Huh?

How are you feeling?

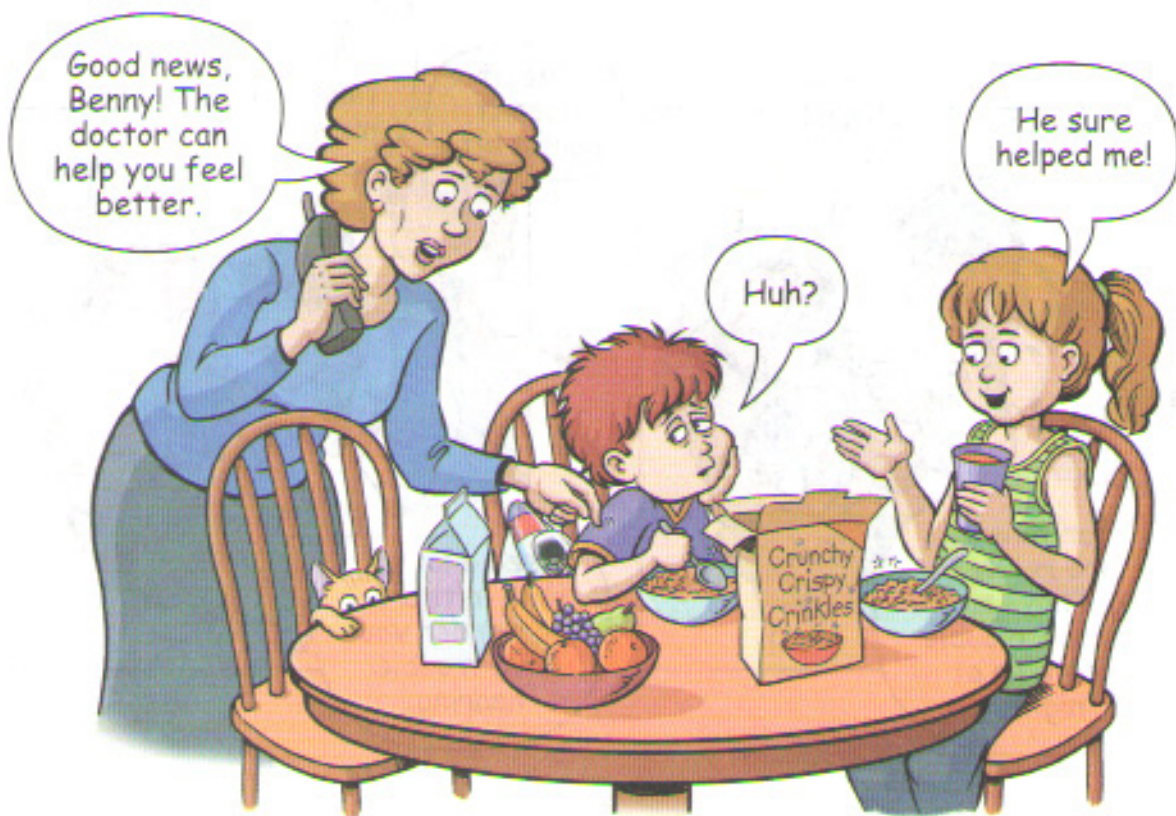
I'm tired. And I have a sore throat again.

Benny at Home

Benny makes a lot of noise when he sleeps. He also wakes up a lot. His mom wonders if that's why he's tired all the time.

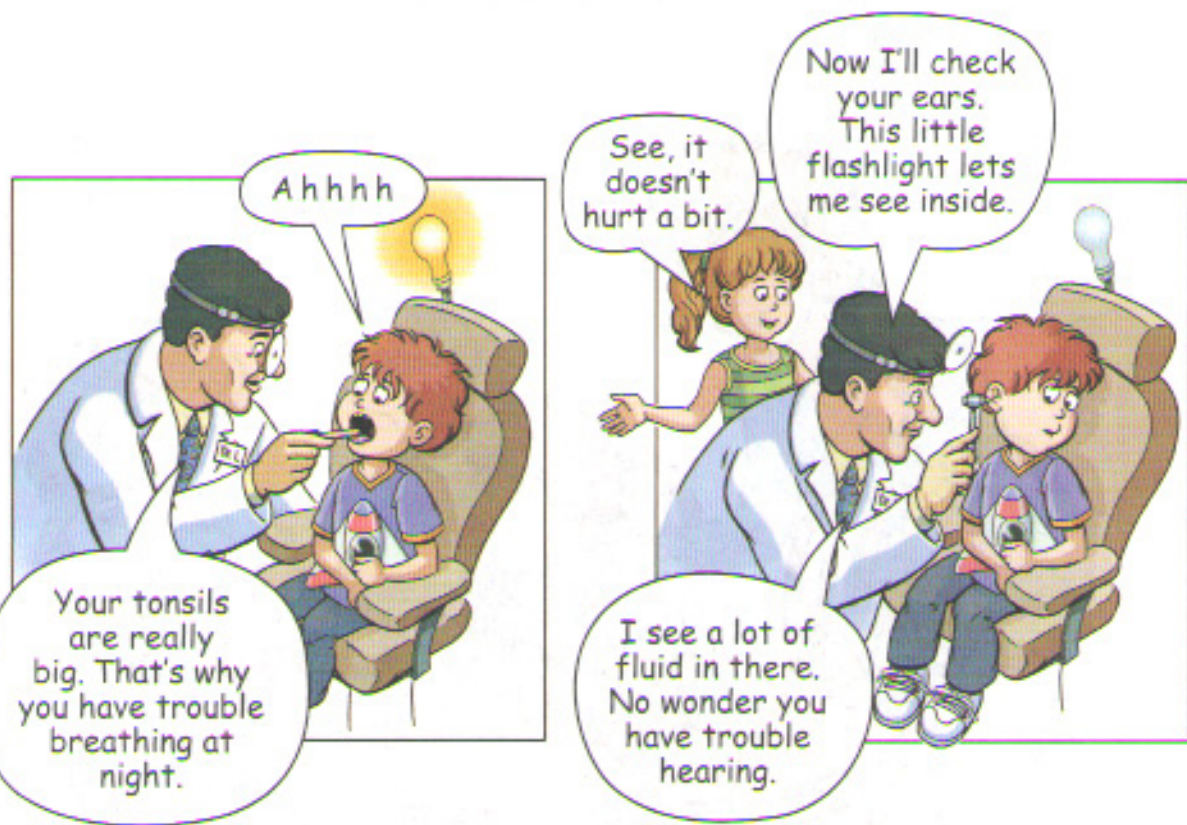
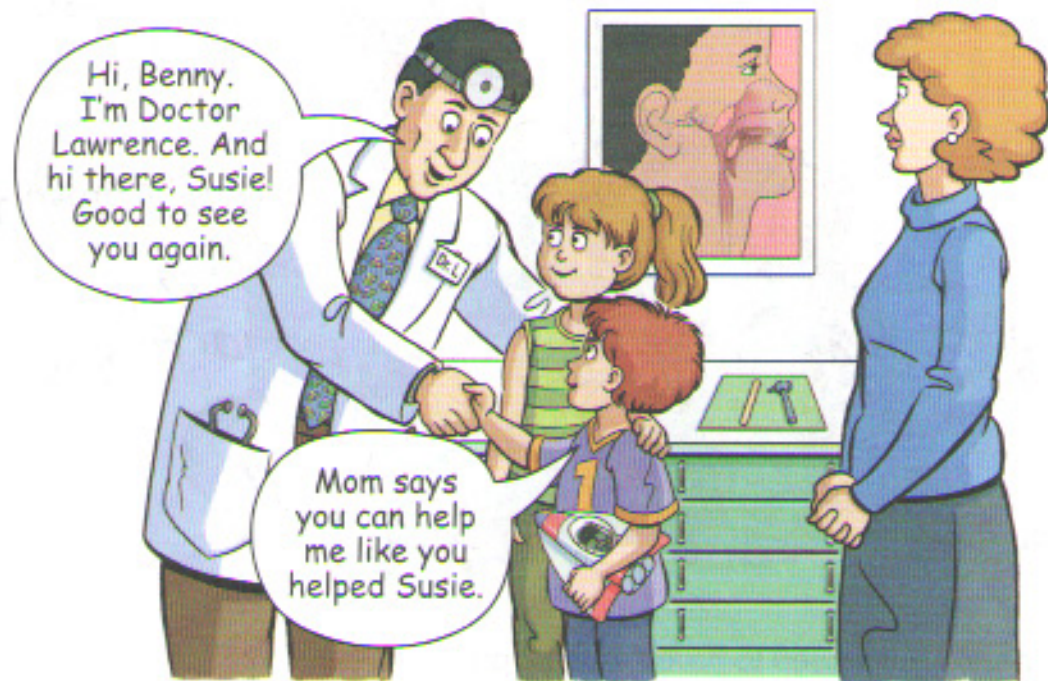


Benny's big sister Susie used to have the same problems Benny has. So their mom calls Susie's doctor to ask if he can help Benny like he helped Susie.



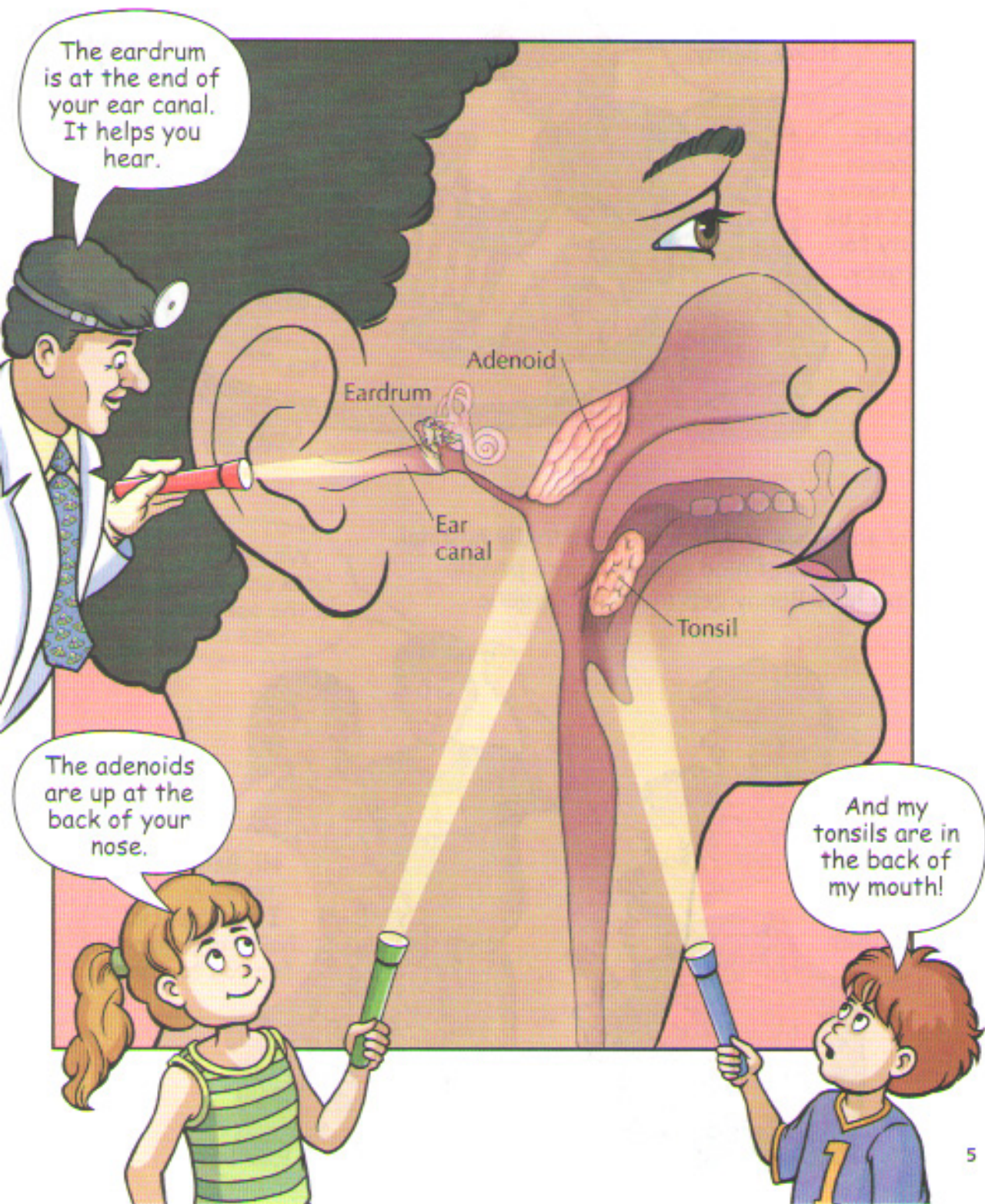
Benny Visits the Doctor

Benny's mom takes him to see Doctor Lawrence. He is called an ENT doctor because he helps kids with their Ears, Nose, and Throat.



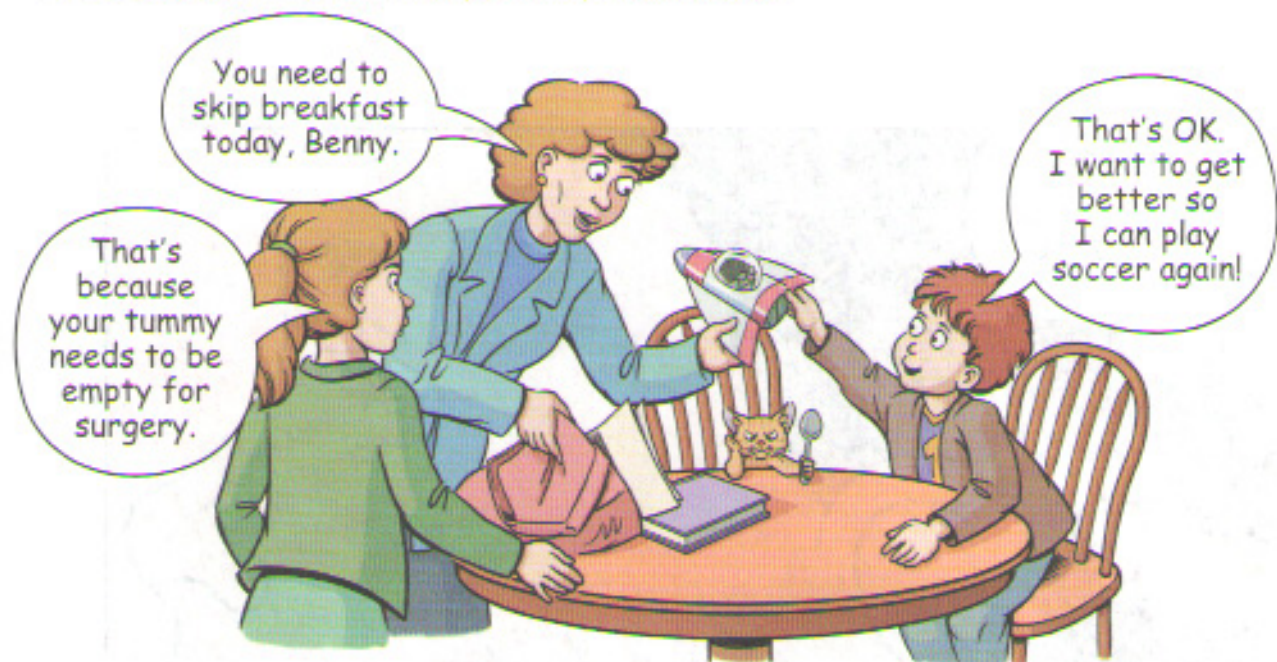
A Look Inside

Doctor Lawrence shows Benny the parts of his ears, nose, and throat that are making him sick. There is fluid behind Benny's eardrum. And his tonsils and adenoids are too big.



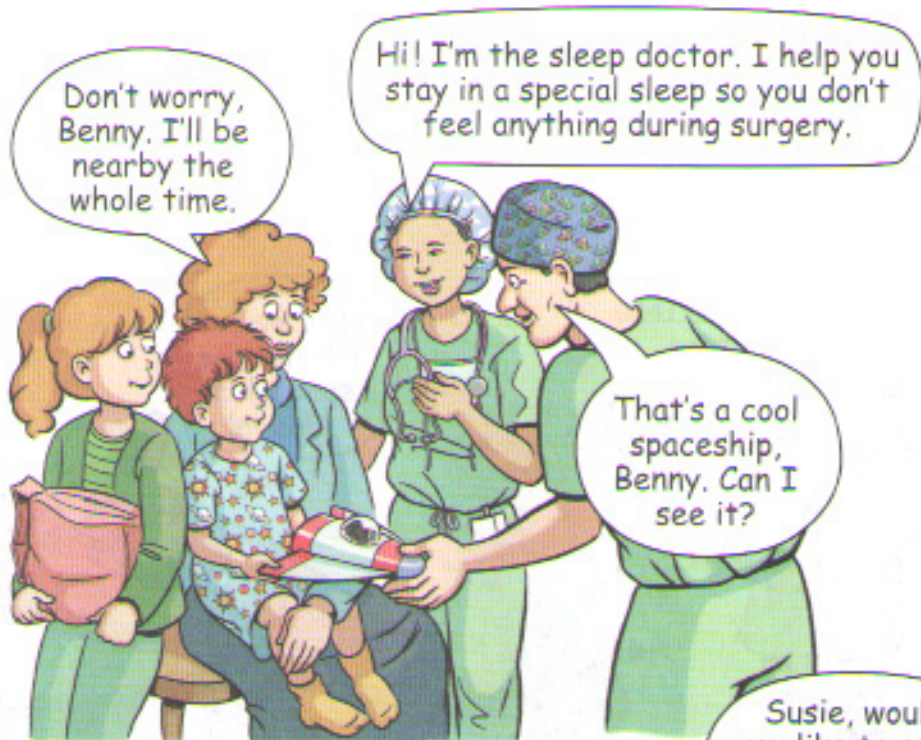
Benny Goes to the Hospital

Benny needs surgery to fix his problem. Benny will go to a hospital to have his surgery. This is a big building filled with people who can help Benny feel better.



Benny and Susie and their mom go to the hospital. They meet lots of nice people. These people explain how Benny gets ready for surgery.





In the Operating Room

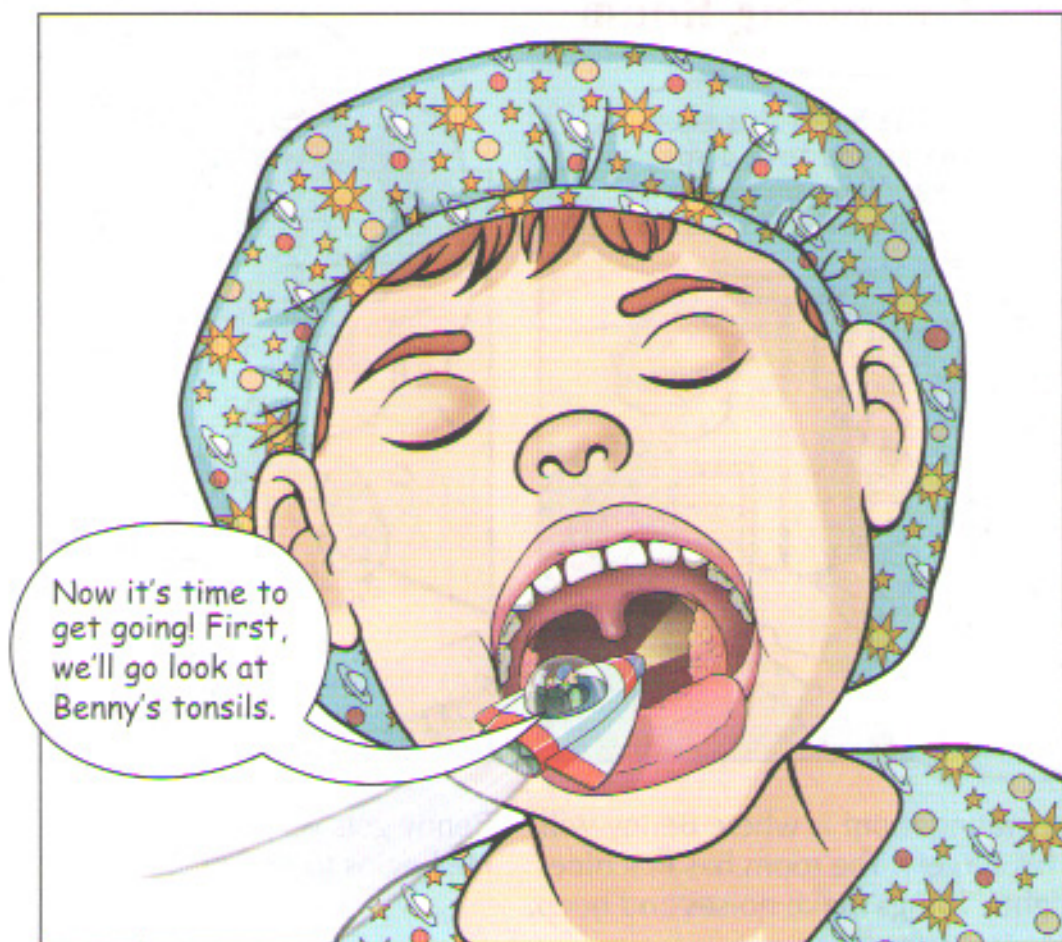


The operating room is where Benny will have his surgery. The room has machines and lights. Things make noises and beep. The room is very clean.

Benny gets very sleepy. He begins to dream...

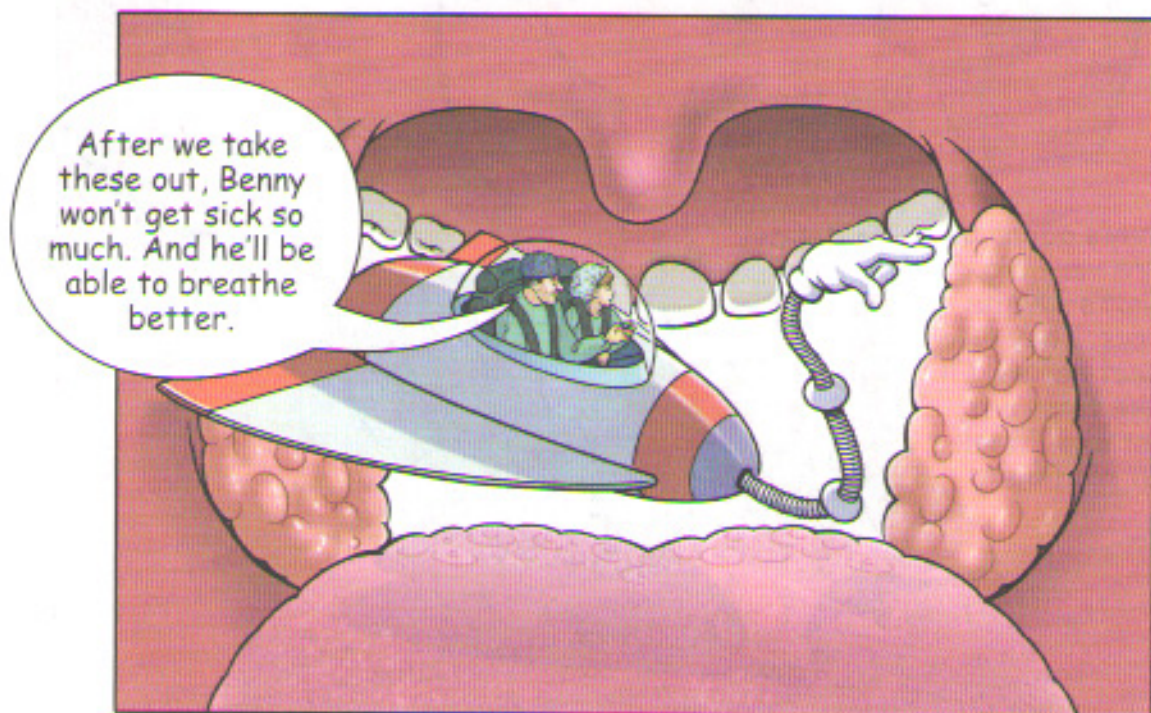
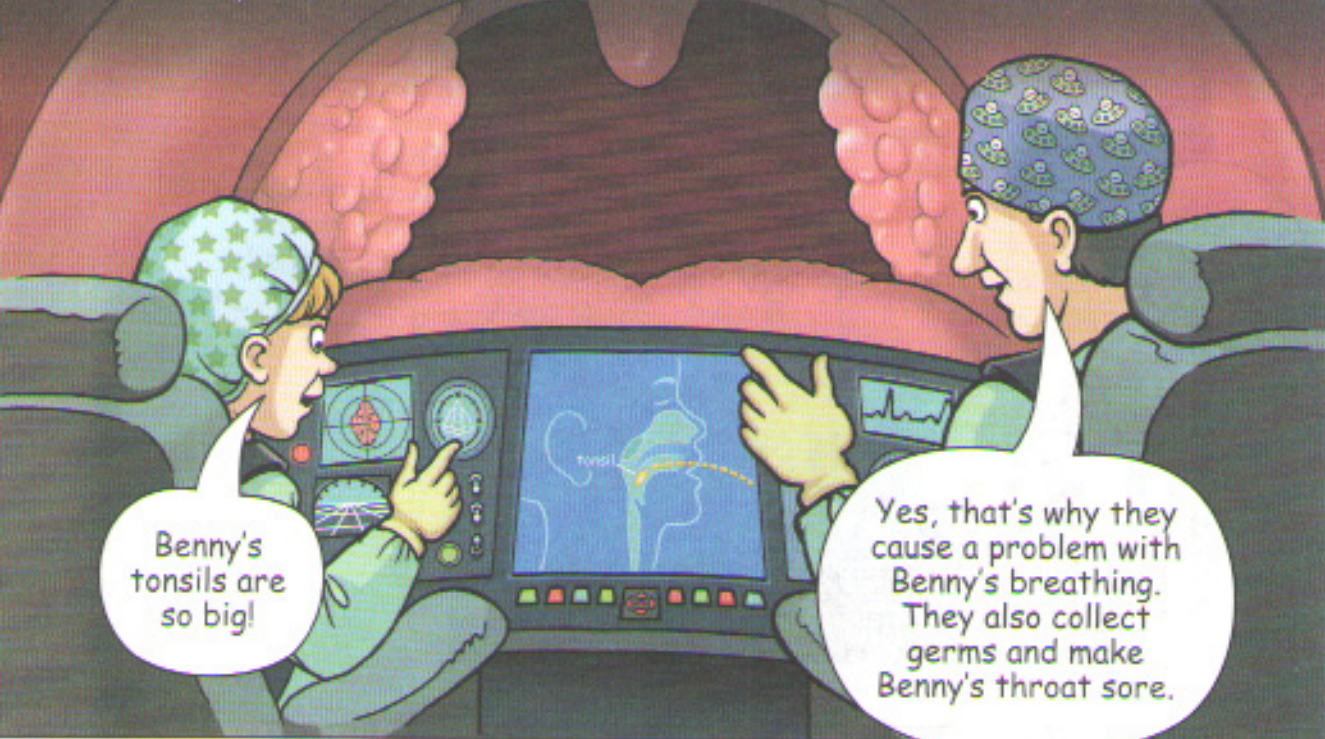
The Journey Begins...

In Benny's dream, Doctor Lawrence and Susie get ready. They need to get very small so they can fit inside Benny's mouth.



Benny's Tonsils

Benny's tonsils are sick. Doctor Lawrence will take Benny's tonsils out. This will make Benny's throat hurt for about 10 days. But, after that, Benny will feel much better!

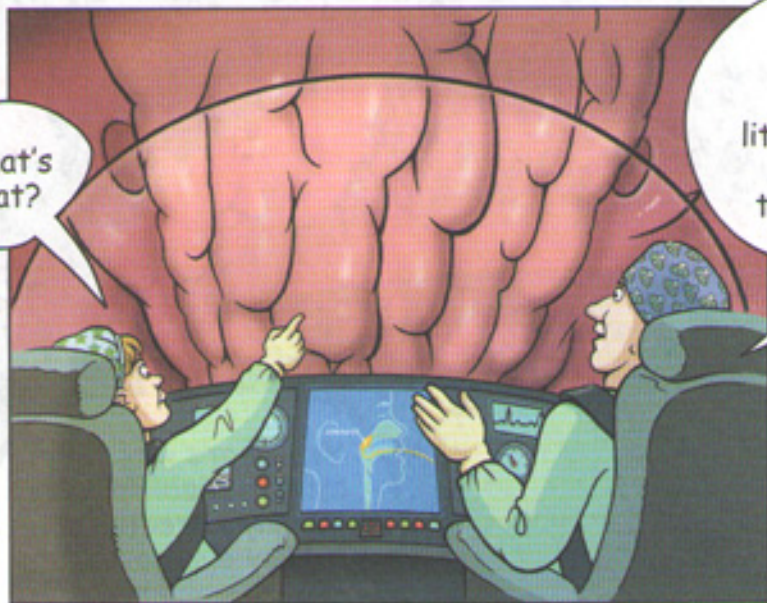


Benny's Adenoids

Once the tonsils are taken out, Doctor Lawrence and Susie fly to Benny's adenoids. Benny's adenoids are causing problems, just like his tonsils. So Doctor Lawrence will take Benny's adenoids out, too.

What's that?

Those are the adenoids! They're just a little farther back in the throat than the tonsils.



Benny's adenoids are very big. That's why he snores. They also collect germs. I'll take them out, just like I took out his tonsils.

Wow, they're huge! There's hardly any room for air to get by!

