



Cartoon questions

1. Describe the scene in the cartoon.
2. Who are the two figures?
3. What is the "dentist" saying to the "patient"?
4. Why do you feel the "dentist" believes his own statement?
5. What event is this cartoon referring to?
6. If the "patient" could talk what do you think he would say in response?

Answers

1. A dentist is looking into a patient's mouth while holding pliers, it looks like he is going to pull out the patient's teeth which are shaped like missiles.
2. Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev
3. "This hurts me more than it hurts you!"
4. The Soviet Union had placed missiles in Cuba, a location very close to its enemy, the United States. President Kennedy announced a blockade around Cuba to prevent any more weapons from getting in and after talk of war, finally Khrushchev agreed to remove the missiles. It might hurt him more than Castro because it was the best proximity to the US if the USSR wanted to attack.
5. The Cuban Missile Crisis
6. Answers will vary but might include: Castro would tell him to leave the weapons there and not give into the US; Castro might agree that Khrushchev is correct; Castro might tell him to hurry up and get them out, etc