

**Journalist:** Blythe is chewing on anything she can find and is pretty **fussy**. She is **teething**, meaning she's getting **teeth** that are **cutting** through her gums and it's uncomfortable.

**Mother:** She started being very miserable, not eating, you know it just changes her entire temperament.

**Journalist:** Children can start teething as early as two months and continue on and off until they're about two and a half years old. Some children aren't bothered when teething, others like Blythe have swollen and painful gums.

**Dr Shu:** Some signs of teething include excessive **drooling**, lots of crying or irritability and the tendency to stick anything and everything in their mouth.

**Journalist:** You can help ease your child's discomfort by gently massaging their gums with a damp **washcloth**, offering your child a firm rubber **teething ring** and if you chill it put it in the refrigerator, not the freezer. Using **over-the-counter** pain relievers such as acetaminofen or ibuprofen when you need it and staying away from teething remedies that contain benzocaine.

**Dr Shu:** Some remedies such as teething tablets and gels have been reported to have serious side effects such as **seizures**, respiratory depression, coma.

**Journalist:** Blythe's latest round of teeth have almost come in, welcomed news for both mother and daughter.

**CNN.**

**Lexical helpline.**

**fussy** = grognon, agité

**teething** = cut teeth, faire ses dents

**drool** = saliver abondamment

**a washcloth** = un gant de toilette

**a teething ring** = un anneau de dentition

**over-the-counter (otc)** = sans ordonnance

**a seizure** = une crise d'épilepsie