

## Is There an Oral Surgeon in the House?

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After so few days since joining the world of bloggers (covertly putting a blog on a site assured to get no visitors), I have made an alarming discovery ... my tongue appears to be permanently embedded in my cheek!!

Now, according to the Journal of Diplomatic Language (I didn't make that up, it exists ... Google it), "Sarcasm is an infrequent but important communicative behavior." But see, I'm not sure I am comfortable with the use of the word "infrequent" here. Who are these diplomatic language journalers to determine how frequently sarcasm should be used?

Of course, there is the issue of my tongue being grafted to the soft inside of my cheek. Perhaps if I were to adhere to the advice – nay, admonition of the aforementioned journalers, I would not be in this predicament.

It's not that I mind my tongue in my cheek ... it's just that it has become difficult to eat. Have you ever bitten your tongue? Ironically, if I were to bite my tongue once in a while, I wouldn't be in the situation I find myself. My head hurts from this paragraph. I think I'd better lay down for a while.

One more thing, I found this interesting etymology for the word "sarcasm" on Merriam Webster Online:

French or Late Latin; French sarcasme, from Late Latin sarcasmos, from Greek sarkasmos, from sarkazein to tear flesh, bite the lips in rage, sneer, from sark-, sarx flesh; probably akin to Avestan thwar-s- to cut.

So, if I am to understand ... if I were to bite my tongue from time to time, I wouldn't "bite my lips in rage" so often. I think I will stick with a healthy dose of sarcasm ... at least in this blog.