

Dental Hygiene (Health)

Vocabulary

Oral	Teeth	Bacteria	Cavity	Floss	Tooth decay
Brush teeth	Plaque	Gums	Gingivitis		

Directions: Write the correct vocabulary word next to the definition.

1. _____ -- The firm area of flesh around the roots of the teeth in the upper or lower jaw.
2. _____ -- An essential part of the tooth-cleaning process because it removes plaque from between teeth and at the gumline, where periodontal disease often begins.
3. _____ -- Of or involving the mouth or mouth region.
4. _____ -- Small calcified structures found in the jaw used to crush and tear food so that it can be swallowed.
5. _____ -- Invisible masses of harmful germs that live in the mouth and stick to the teeth. It can lead to gum disease and destroy gum tissue and teeth.
6. _____ -- A form of hygiene, in which a person cleans their teeth with a brush.
7. _____ -- Inflamed gum tissue caused by bacteria in dental plaque. If left unchecked it can become severe.
8. _____ -- Tooth decay caused by bacteria that break down sugar into acid. Early decay, called dental caries, can be prevented with fluoride.
9. _____ -- Single-celled microorganisms that can exist either as independent (free-living) organisms or as parasites (dependent on another organism for life).
10. _____ -- Acid erosion of the tooth enamel, causing demineralization that can move into the pulp of the tooth if not treated with fluoride or a filling.

