

☺ FRIENDLY DENTAL CARE ☺

Work with a partner. Match the following expressions with their appropriate definitions and the context sentences at the bottom of the page.

• plaque (noun) • cavity (noun) • wisdom tooth (noun) • decay (noun, verb)
• filling (noun) • extensive (adjective) • crown (noun) • extract (verb):
• dull (adjective, verb) • discomfort (noun)
• alloy (noun) • porcelain (noun)

- (1) made of semitransparent ceramic (adjective)
- (2) pain or an uncomfortable feeling associated with a part of the body (noun)
- (3) large, huge, big (adjective)
- (4) remove by pulling (verb)
- (5) a substance that builds up around teeth that can damage them (noun)
- (6) to make something less sensitive (verb, adjective)
- (7) tooth decay (noun)
- (8) a metal covering over the enamel-covered part of a tooth (noun)
- (9) the last of your back teeth (adjective + noun)
- (10) a mixture of two or more metals (noun)
- (11) a gradual process of teeth going bad due to bad dental care and eating habits (noun, verb)
- (12) a substance inserted into a tooth to repair a cavity

- (1) *The dentist suggested putting a crown on the tooth since the cavity would have been too difficult to repair with a filling.*
- (2) *The dentist removed one of my wisdom teeth because it was bothering me.*
- (3) *If you take care of your teeth, you can reduce the risk of having cavities.*
- (4) *I went to the dentist because I felt a great deal of discomfort in one of my teeth.*
- (5) *I was shocked that the dentist didn't give me anything to dull the pain.*
- (6) *Different alloy fillings may be used to fill cavities, depending on the severity and location of the cavity, as well as the patient's preference.*
- (7) *Researchers have conducted extensive studies on the causes and prevention of tooth decay.*
- (8) *The dentist extracted the decayed tooth without a problem.*
- (9) *If the decay in the tooth is not removed, it could lead to a serious problem.*
- (10) *Porcelain fillings may be used to fill cavities, depending on the severity and location of the cavity, as well as the patient's preference.*
- (11) *I need to get one of my fillings replaced because it came out yesterday.*
- (12) *Brushing with toothpaste can help remove plaque.*