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More British people fixing their own teeth

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THE ARTICLE

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People in Britain can now repair their own teeth. They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets to fix fillings (called cavities in the USA) and repair caps and crowns. The kits can cost as little as \$7. Many people are buying these kits because they cannot afford to go to the dentist. The cost of having a tooth filled at a dentist in England can cost up to \$70, which is ten times higher than the price of the dental kit. One of the biggest selling products is a kit called DenTek. Britons bought around 250,000 of these last year. Britain's Dental Health Foundation (DHF) said one in five people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of family and friends. DIY dentistry includes actually pulling out a tooth.

Britain is famous for the quality of its free health service. However, this service does not include dental work. The fact that DIY dentistry is increasing so quickly in Britain shows that there is a lot of poverty and inequality in the country. The poorest people cannot afford to go to the dentist. A spokeswoman for a local community in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry is fairly common here. They sell a lot of those dental kits – you can buy them in [supermarkets]. And you've got people taking care of their whole family's teeth." The DHF said many people would rather spend their money on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. She said different people place different importance on visiting the dentist.

Sources: <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/entertainment/05-Apr-2015/diy-fillings-caps-and-crowns-being-sold-by-supermarkets>
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<http://www.inquisitr.com/1982281/do-it-yourself-fillings-increasing-greatly-in-popularity-due-to-savings-on-dentist-bills/>

WARM-UPS

1. TEETH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about teeth. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

repair / dental kits / fillings / afford / ten times higher / dentistry / pulling out a tooth / famous / quality / poverty / inequality / local community / haircut / night out / place

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. REPAIR: How might we be able to repair these things ourselves in the future? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What we'll be able to fix	How
Teeth		
Broken bones		
Broken heart		
Obesity		
Baldness		
Poor eyesight		

4. DIY DENTISTRY: Students A **strongly** believe that DIY dentistry is a great idea; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. DENTIST: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about the dentist at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the chair
- fillings
- polishing
- the waiting room
- the sounds
- the smells
- the staff
- the magazine rack

6. FIX: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fix". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The article talks about a dentistry kit available in the USA. | T / F |
| b. The dentistry kit costs just over \$10. | T / F |
| c. The article says people who hate the dentist are buying the kits. | T / F |
| d. A dental group says 20% of British people would do DIY dentistry. | T / F |
| e. Britain's free health service includes free dental treatment. | T / F |
| f. The article says the kits show there are many poor people in Britain. | T / F |
| g. The article says some people look after their family's teeth. | T / F |
| h. Some people prefer spending money on their hair than on their teeth. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. repair | a. purchased |
| 2. fillings | b. reasonably |
| 3. products | c. extracting |
| 4. bought | d. fast |
| 5. pulling out | e. looking after |
| 6. famous | f. items |
| 7. quickly | g. fix |
| 8. fairly | h. put |
| 9. taking care of | i. cavities |
| 10. place | j. well known |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The kits can cost | a. selling products |
| 2. they cannot afford to | b. community |
| 3. One of the biggest | c. out a tooth |
| 4. one in | d. free health service |
| 5. pulling | e. as little as \$7 |
| 6. famous for the quality of its | f. whole family's teeth |
| 7. dental | g. go to the dentist |
| 8. spokeswoman for a local | h. out |
| 9. taking care of their | i. five people |
| 10. a night | j. work |

GAP FILL

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People in Britain can (1) _____ repair their own teeth. *cost*
They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets to *fix*
(2) _____ fillings (called cavities in the USA) and repair *five*
caps and crowns. The kits can cost as (3) _____ as \$7. *out*
Many people are buying these kits because they cannot afford to *now*
go to the dentist. The (4) _____ of having a tooth filled at *little*
a dentist in England can cost up to \$70, which is ten times higher *own*
than the price of the dental kit. One of the biggest *selling*
(5) _____ products is a kit called DenTek. Britons bought
around 250,000 of these last year. Britain's Dental Health
Foundation (DHF) said one in (6) _____ people in the UK
would do DIY dentistry on their (7) _____ teeth or the
teeth of family and friends. DIY dentistry includes actually pulling
(8) _____ a tooth.

Britain is famous for the (9) _____ of its free health *care*
service. However, this service does not include dental work. The *afford*
fact that DIY dentistry is increasing so (10) _____ in *night*
Britain shows that there is a lot of poverty and inequality in the *quality*
country. The poorest people cannot (11) _____ to go to *importance*
the dentist. A spokeswoman for a (12) _____ community *quickly*
in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry is fairly common here. They sell a *rather*
lot of those dental kits – you can buy them in [supermarkets]. And *local*
you've got people taking (13) _____ of their whole
family's teeth." The DHF said many people would
(14) _____ spend their money on a haircut or a
(15) _____ out than on their teeth. She said different
people place different (16) _____ on visiting the dentist.

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets _____
 - a. to fix fillings
 - b. for fix fillings
 - c. though fix fillings
 - d. too fix fillings
- 2) Many people are buying these kits because they cannot afford to _____
 - a. go to a dentist
 - b. go to this dentist
 - c. go to that dentist
 - d. go to the dentist
- 3) The cost of having a tooth filled at a dentist in England can _____
 - a. costs up to \$70
 - b. cost up to \$70
 - c. costed up to \$70
 - d. costing up to \$70
- 4) one in five people in the UK would do DIY dentistry _____
 - a. in their own teeth
 - b. own their own teeth
 - c. on their own teeth
 - d. and their own teeth
- 5) DIY dentistry includes actually pulling _____
 - a. out a tooth
 - b. out the tooth
 - c. outer tooth
 - d. ought a tooth
- 6) Britain is famous for the quality of its _____
 - a. free health service
 - b. free healthy service
 - c. flea health service
 - d. free health services
- 7) there is a lot of poverty and inequality _____
 - a. on the country
 - b. to the country
 - c. by the country
 - d. in the country
- 8) you've got people taking care of their _____
 - a. hole family's teeth
 - b. whole family's teeth
 - c. while family's teeth
 - d. holy family's teeth
- 9) many people would rather spend their money on a _____
 - a. haircut or a nightly out
 - b. haircut or a night out
 - c. haircut or a knight out
 - d. haircut or a nights out
- 10) She said different people place different importance on _____
 - a. visits the dentist
 - b. visited the dentist
 - c. visit in the dentist
 - d. visiting the dentist

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

People in Britain (1) _____ their own teeth. They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets to fix fillings (called cavities in the USA) and repair caps and crowns. The kits (2) _____ as \$7. Many people are buying these kits because they (3) _____ to the dentist. The cost of having a tooth filled at a dentist in England can cost up to \$70, which is ten times higher (4) _____ the dental kit. One of the biggest selling products is a kit called DenTek. Britons bought around 250,000 of these last year. Britain's Dental Health Foundation (DHF) (5) _____ people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of family and friends. DIY dentistry includes actually (6) _____.

Britain is famous for (7) _____ free health service. However, this service does not include dental work. The fact that DIY dentistry is (8) _____ in Britain shows that there is a lot of poverty and inequality in the country. The poorest people cannot afford to go to the dentist. A spokeswoman for (9) _____ in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry (10) _____ here. They sell a lot of those dental kits – you can buy them in [supermarkets]. And you've got people taking (11) _____ family's teeth." The DHF said many people would rather spend their money on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. She said different people place (12) _____ on visiting the dentist.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

1. Where does the article say people can buy the dentistry repair kits?

2. What is American English for the word "filling"?

3. How much does the article say a filling can cost in England?

4. How many DenTek dentistry kits did people in Britain buy last year?

5. How many people in Britain would do DIY dentistry?

6. What is not included in Britain's National Health Service?

7. Where can the poorest people in Britain not afford to go?

8. What does the article say some people take care of?

9. What do some people prefer to use their money on instead of dentists?

10. What do different people place different importance on?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

1. Where does the article say people can buy the dentistry repair kits?
 - a) supermarkets
 - b) dentists
 - c) convenience stores
 - d) DIY stores
2. What is American English for the word "filling"?
 - a) lining
 - b) stuffing
 - c) cavity
 - d) inside
3. How much does the article say a filling can cost in England?
 - a) \$75
 - b) \$70
 - c) \$65
 - d) \$80
4. How many DenTek dentistry kits did people in Britain buy last year?
 - a) 220,000
 - b) 230,000
 - c) 240,000
 - d) 250,000
5. How many people in Britain would do DIY dentistry?
 - a) one in five
 - b) half
 - c) three out of four
 - d) 10%
6. What is not included in Britain's National Health Service?
 - a) medicine
 - b) hospital stays
 - c) operations
 - d) dental work
7. Where can the poorest people in Britain not afford to go?
 - a) the doctor
 - b) the dentist
 - c) on vacation
 - d) restaurants
8. What does the article say some people take care of?
 - a) their health
 - b) money
 - c) their toothbrushes
 - d) their family's teeth
9. What do some people prefer to use their money on instead of dentists?
 - a) doctors
 - b) chocolate
 - c) haircuts
 - d) cigarettes
10. What do different people place different importance on?
 - a) oral hygiene
 - b) visiting the dentist
 - c) gum disease
 - d) toothpaste

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

Role A – The dentist's chair

You think the dentist's chair is the best thing about visiting the dentist. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the waiting room, the magazine rack or the staff.

Role B – The waiting room

You think the waiting room is the best thing about visiting the dentist. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the dentist's chair, the magazine rack or the staff.

Role C – The magazine rack

You think the magazine rack is the best thing about visiting the dentist. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the waiting room, the dentist's chair or the staff.

Role D – The staff

You think the staff is the best thing about visiting the dentist. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the waiting room, the magazine rack or the dentist's chair.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dental' and 'kit'.

dental	kit
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• special• 7• 70• 250,000• five• pulling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• famous• quickly• poorest• local• fairly• place
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TEETH SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about teeth in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

TEETH DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'teeth'?
- 3) What do you think of DIY dentistry?
- 4) How do you feel about going to the dentist?
- 5) What are your teeth like?
- 6) Do you think the DIY dentistry kits work?
- 7) How can poorer people get proper dental care?
- 8) How do you look after your teeth?
- 9) Would you buy one of the new DIY dental kits?
- 10) Why are dentists so expensive?

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TEETH DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think of countries that have a free health service?
- 13) How much poverty and inequality is there in your country?
- 14) What happens to people's teeth if they cannot afford a dentist?
- 15) Are you surprised that supermarkets can sell dentistry kits?
- 16) How would you feel about treating other people's teeth?
- 17) Would you spend money on a night out or a trip to the dentist?
- 18) What do you think it's like to be a dentist?
- 19) How important are dentists to you?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the boss of the dental kit company?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Britain is famous for the quality (7) _____ its free health service. However, this service does not include dental work. The (8) _____ that DIY dentistry is increasing so quickly in Britain shows that there is a lot of poverty and inequality in the country. The poorest people cannot afford to go to the dentist. A spokeswoman for a (9) _____ community in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry is fairly common here. They sell a lot of those dental kits – you can buy (10) _____ in [supermarkets]. And you've got people taking care of their whole family's teeth." The DHF said many people would (11) _____ spend their money on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. She said different people place different importance (12) _____ visiting the dentist.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) know | (b) now | (c) not | (d) non |
| 2. | (a) small | (b) little | (c) tiny | (d) down |
| 3. | (a) after | (b) affront | (c) effort | (d) afford |
| 4. | (a) highs | (b) higher | (c) high | (d) highest |
| 5. | (a) product | (b) products | (c) produce | (d) production |
| 6. | (a) actual | (b) acting | (c) actually | (d) actions |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) of | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) truth | (b) true | (c) fact | (d) real |
| 9. | (a) decal | (b) vocal | (c) focal | (d) local |
| 10. | (a) that | (b) they | (c) there | (d) them |
| 11. | (a) rather | (b) prefer | (c) instead of | (d) chose |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. fillings (called ecvaitis in the USA)
2. they cannot afofrd to go to the dentist
3. ten times ehihgr
4. the biggest selling tcupsdro
5. Britain's Dental Health notadFunio
6. claatylu pulling out a tooth

Paragraph 2

7. the ialqtyu of its free health service
8. nnaeicrigs so quickly
9. a lot of ovperty and inequality
10. a local ioumtmcyn in Scotland
11. people would ertarh spend their money
12. different treoimncpa on visiting the dentist

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of poverty and inequality in the country. The poorest people cannot afford to go to the
- (**1**) People in Britain can now repair their own teeth. They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets to fix
- () dentist. A spokeswoman for a local community in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry is fairly
- () care of their whole family's teeth." The DHF said many people would rather spend their money
- () fillings (called cavities in the USA) and repair caps and crowns. The kits can cost as little as \$7. Many people are
- () buying these kits because they cannot afford to go to the dentist. The cost of having a tooth filled
- () selling products is a kit called DenTek. Britons bought around 250,000 of these last
- () teeth or the teeth of family and friends. DIY dentistry includes actually pulling out a tooth.
- () at a dentist in England can cost up to \$70, which is ten times higher than the price of the dental kit. One of the biggest
- () on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. She said different people place different importance on visiting the dentist.
- () common here. They sell a lot of those dental kits – you can buy them in [supermarkets]. And you've got people taking
- () Britain is famous for the quality of its free health service. However, this service does not
- () year. Britain's Dental Health Foundation (DHF) said one in five people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own
- () include dental work. The fact that DIY dentistry is increasing so quickly in Britain shows that there is a lot

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

1. own People can their Britain repair teeth in now .

2. \$7 kits as The cost as can little .

3. dentist to go They to cannot the afford .

4. these last year Britons bought around 250,000 of .

5. a includes tooth actually pulling DIY out dentistry .

6. famous is Britain service health free its of quality the for .

7. local A community spokeswoman in for Scotland a .

8. People whole taking family's care teeth of their .

9. money haircut would their a People spend on rather .

10. on importance different Place dentist the visiting .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150407-teeth.html>

People in Britain can now repair their *own / owns* teeth. They can buy special dental kits in supermarkets to *fix / fixing* fillings (called cavities in the USA) and repair caps and crowns. The kits can cost *has / as* little as \$7. Many people are buying these kits because they cannot *effort / afford* to go to the dentist. The cost of having a tooth filled at a dentist in England can cost up *for / to* \$70, which is ten times *higher / heighten* than the price of the dental kit. One of the biggest selling *product / products* is a kit called DenTek. Britons bought around 250,000 of *these / them* last year. Britain's Dental Health Foundation (DHF) said one *in / on* five people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of family and friends. DIY dentistry includes *actually / actual* pulling out a tooth.

Britain is famous for the *quality / quantity* of its free health service. However, this service does not *including / include* dental work. The fact that DIY dentistry is increasing *so / such* quickly in Britain shows that there is a lot of *poverty / poor* and inequality in the country. The poorest people cannot afford to go to the dentist. A spokeswoman for a *locally / local* community in Scotland said: "DIY dentistry is *fairy / fairly* common here. They sell a lot of *them / those* dental kits – you can buy them in [supermarkets]. And you've got people *taking / talking* care of their whole family's teeth." The DHF said many people would *prefer / rather* spend their money on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. She said different people place different importance *on / in* visiting the dentist.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P__pl_ _n Br_t__n c_n n_w r_p__r th__r _wn t__th.
Th_y c_n b_y sp_c__l d_nt_l k_ts _n s_p_rm_rk_ts t_
f_x f_ll_ngs (c_ll_d c_v_t__s _n th_ _S_) _nd r_p__r
c_ps _nd cr_wns. Th_ k_ts c_n c_st _s lttl_ _s \$7.
M_ny p__pl_ _r_ b_y_ng th_s_ k_ts b_c__s_ th_y
c_nn_t _ff_rdt_ g_ t_ th_ d_nt_st. Th_ c_st_f h_v_ng
_ t__th f_ll_d _t _ d_nt_st _n _ngl_nd c_n c_st_p t_
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d_nt_l k_t. _n _f th_ b_gg_st s_ll_ng pr_d_cts _s _
k_t c_ll_d D_nT_k. Br_t_ns b__ght _r__nd 250,000 _f
th_s_ l_st y__r. Br_t__n's D_nt_l H__lth F__nd_t__n
(DHF) s__d _n _n f_v_ p__pl_ _n th_ _K w__ld d_ D_Y
d_nt_stry _n th__r _wn t__th _r th_ t__th _f f_m_ly
_nd fr__nds. D_Y d_nt_stry _ncl_d_s _ct__lly p_ll_ng
__t _ t__th.

Br_t__n _s f_m__s f_r th_ q__l_ty _f _ts fr__ h__lth
s_rv_c_. H_w_v_r, th_s s_rv_c_ d__s n_t _ncl_d_
d_nt_l w_rk. Th_ f_ct th_t D_Y d_nt_stry _s _ncr__s_ng
s_ q__ckly _n Br_t__n sh_ws th_t th_r_ _s _l_t _f
p_v_rty _nd _n_q__l_ty _n th_ c__ntry. Th_ p__r_st
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about dentists. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TEETH: Make a poster about teeth. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DENTISTRY KITS: Write a magazine article about dentistry kits. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on teeth. Ask him/her three questions about teeth. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. repair | a. fix |
| 2. fillings | b. cavities |
| 3. products | c. items |
| 4. bought | d. purchased |
| 5. pulling out | e. extracting |
| 6. famous | f. well known |
| 7. quickly | g. fast |
| 8. fairly | h. reasonably |
| 9. taking care of | i. looking after |
| 10. place | j. put |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Supermarkets
2. Cavity
3. \$70
4. 250,000
5. One in Five
6. Dental work
7. The dentist
8. Their family and friends' teeth
9. Haircuts and nights out
10. Visiting the dentist

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)