

## ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS IN PRACTICE

### *PART TWENTY-EIGHT: DIASTEMA Part One – answers*

#### VOCABULARY PRACTICE

*Complete the sentences with linking words from the table*

1. A diastema is a space or gap between two teeth. It appears most often between the two upper front teeth. **However**, gaps can occur between any two teeth.
2. Diastema can be sometimes categorised as false and true one. **As far as (false diastema) is concerned**, it is formed on the stage of the replacement of milk teeth with permanent ones.
3. **In comparison/On the contrary** true diastema is formed when there was a replacement of the tooth itself and if it does not disappear by itself, a correction by orthodontist is required.
4. Habits can lead to gaps between the teeth. **For instance** thumb sucking tends to pull the front teeth forward, creating gaps.
5. Children may have temporary gaps as they lose their baby teeth. **Generally** these spaces close as the permanent teeth reach their final positions.
6. If the gap is caused by periodontal disease, then **obviously** periodontal treatment by a dentist or periodontist is necessary.
7. Many European patients want to have diastema corrected. **On the contrary** in other countries, for example, Ghana or Nigeria, diastemata are regarded as being attractive and a sign of fertility, and some people have even had them created through cosmetic dentistry.
8. Diastemas usually cause no complications to your dental health, **still/however** many people choose diastema closure for cosmetic purposes.
9. **In most cases**, the treatment of diastema can be performed with the help of orthodontic or complex methods, with the help of surgery and further movement of the teeth using special tools.
10. Diastema is an adjustable dental condition and **that is why/therefore** patients may be recommended braces, Invisalign or dental bands.
11. Sometimes incisors are too small **therefore/that is why** dentist may suggest widening them by using crowns, veneers or bonding.
12. Orthodontic treatment seems to be a good option for diastema correction, **nevertheless** one problem with it is relapse.

*Match the terms A-E with definitions 1-5*

- A. 4
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 5
- E. 1