

# ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS IN PRACTICE

## PART TWENTY-NINE: DIASTEMA Part Two – answers

### VOCABULARY PRACTICE

*Match terms with definitions*

UPPER LIP TIE	LIP-TIED/TOUNGE- TIED	LINGUAL FRENUM
MAXILLARY LABIAL FRENUM	FRENECTOMY	FRENA

1. **Frenectomy** – a surgical procedure during which a frenum in the mouth is removed.
2. **Lingual frenum** – frenulum which connects the tongue to the floor of the mouth.
3. **Maxillary labial frenum** – frenulum which connects the inside of your upper lip to your gums just above your upper two front teeth.
4. **Upper lip tie** – informal term given to a condition in which a piece of skin under the upper lip is very short or thick and is pinned too tightly to the upper gum.
5. **Frena** – plural form of frenum.
6. **Lip-tied/tounge-tied** – adjectives used to describe everything that relates with a lip-tie or a tongue-tie.

*Put these the words/phases in order to create sentences about upper lip tie*

1. to the gums / the maxillary labial frenum / the upper two front teeth / the upper lip / attaches / just above / .

***The maxillary labial frenum attaches the upper lip to the gums just above the upper two front teeth.***

2. between upper teeth / can be / the maxillary labial frenum / a thin band of muscle / felt as / and upper lip / .

***The maxillary labial frenum can be felt as a thin band of muscle between upper teeth and upper lip.***

3. between the upper two front teeth / a prominent maxillary / cause a large gap / labial frenum can / to occur / .

***A prominent maxillary labial frenum can cause a large gap to occur between the upper two front teeth.***

4. of treatment / are braces which / the first measure / move them together / should help teeth /.

***The first measure of treatment are braces which should help teeth move them together together.***

5. if the teeth / if it is determined to be the cause of the gap / , then a maxillary labial frenectomy / after braces have moved them together / begin to drift apart again / can be considered /.

***If the teeth begin to drift apart again after braces have moved them together, then a maxillary labial frenectomy can be considered if it is determined to be the cause of the gap.***

6. in children and babies / frenectomy is sometimes used / the possibility of proper / as prominent frenum impairs / speech or feeding.

***Frenectomy is sometimes used in children and babies as prominent frenum impairs speech or feeding.***

7. if a marked frenum / adults who have no natural teeth remaining / may need / and require full dentures / a frenectomy in one or more locations / is tending to unseat a denture.

***Adults who have no natural teeth remaining and require full dentures may need a frenectomy in one or more locations if a marked frenum is tending to unseat a denture.***

8. a frenectomy / with a scalpel or a laser / may be performed /.

***A frenectomy may be performed with a scalpel or a laser.***

9. the procedure only takes / in the traditional way / and stitches are placed / about 15 minutes / if it's done /.

***If it's done the procedure only takes about 15 minutes and stitches are placed in the traditional way.***

10. to use a general anesthetic / if the patient is young / local anesthesia is quite sufficient / this may be necessary / but in the older patient /.

***If the patient is young this may be necessary to use a general anesthetic but in the older patient local anesthesia is quite sufficient.***

11. frenectomy is a minor procedure / a serious risk of complications / and doesn't constitute / in the healthy patient/.

***Frenectomy is a minor procedure and doesn't constitute a serious risk of complications in the healthy patient.***

12. but the use of / minimize it / some blood loss is present / laser can /.

***Some blood loss is present but the use of laser can minimize it.***