

ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS IN PRACTICE

PART THIRTY-THREE: BROKEN CROWN

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Read the sentences below. Decide if they are True or False

1. Grinding or clenching one's teeth adds pressure to the crown and may result in a crack. T
2. A cracked dental crown is serious emergency, so the patient shouldn't wait and must contact with a dentist immediately. F
3. Repairs to a cracked dental crown vary depending on the size and severity of the damage. T
4. Sometimes dentist can simply smooth and reshape the remaining crown. T
5. If the entire top of the tooth is broken off the dentist cannot save the tooth. F
6. If the tooth is seriously damaged the dentist may recommend permanent crowns which are made from metal, porcelain fused to metal, all resin, or all ceramic. T
7. Ceramic crowns are the strongest and the most resistant to damage. F
8. Porcelain and resin crowns can be made to look nearly identical to the original tooth. T
9. Getting a crown usually requires just a single visit. F
10. Before getting a crown x-rays are recommended to check the roots of the tooth and surrounding bone. T

Match words from the table with their definitions

dental fracture (4)	a pin/ a post (1)	enamel (8)	bonding (3)
dentin (7)	cuspid (6)	chipped tooth (2)	crown (5)

Rearrange the following pieces of advice to form self-care measures

1. painful / painkillers / if / use / the tooth / some / is / OTC /
If the tooth is painful use some OTC painkillers.
2. or the inside of / or jagged edge / if / has / the break / wax paraffin / sugarless / with /
caused / a sharp / it / , cover / your tongue / or / chewing gum / from cutting / to keep / it
/ your lip or cheek / a piece of /
If the break has caused a sharp or jagged edge, cover it with a piece of wax paraffin or sugarless chewing gum to keep it from cutting your tongue or the inside of your lip or cheek.
3. if / must / you / eat / and avoid / foods / biting down / soft / on the broken tooth / eat,
If you must eat, eat soft foods and avoid biting down on the broken tooth.

4. or broken / a more / a badly / procedure / tooth may / damaged / require / lengthy / and costly /

A badly damaged or broken tooth may require a more lengthy and costly procedure.

5. and measure / dental / in some / the extent / fractures / X-rays / instances, / can / locate, / of tooth / help to diagnose, /

In some instances, dental x-rays can help to diagnose, locate and measure the extent of tooth fractures.

6. does not need / care / to be protected / a crowned tooth / tooth / or gum disease / still needs / any special / but the underlying / from decay

A crowned tooth does not need any special care but, the underlying tooth still needs to be protected from decay or gum disease.