

**ENGLISH FOR DENTISTS IN PRACTICE**  
**PART THIRTY – SIX: REPAIR OF DENTURES – answers**

**Rearrange the words and phrases to make pieces of advice for patients with dentures**

False teeth require just as much care as natural teeth. Here are some tips for denture wearers:

1. still build up / just like on natural teeth / dentures every day/ clean and brush / because plaque and tartar can /

**Clean and brush dentures every day because plaque and tartar can still build up just like on natural teeth.**

2. specially designed for dentures / use a toothpaste and toothbrush / because regular toothpaste / to scratch the surface of dentures / and brushes are abrasive enough /

**Use a toothpaste and toothbrush specially designed for dentures because regular toothpaste and brushes are abrasive enough to scratch the surface of dentures.**

3. because dentures may lose / soak dentures at night / allowed to dry out / their shape if they are /

**Soak dentures at night because dentures may lose their shape if they are allowed to dry out.**

4. remove the dentures, / cleanser overnight / soak them in denture / clean them and /

**Remove the dentures, clean them and soak them in denture cleanser overnight.**

5. oral cancer / visit your dentist / of gum disease and / have no natural teeth / and wear full dentures / should have their mouth / as even people who / examined annually for signs / for regular hygiene checkups / and also for proper denture fit /

**Visit your dentist for regular hygiene checkups as even people who have no natural teeth and wear full dentures should have their mouth examined annually for signs of gum disease and oral cancer, and also for proper**

**denture fit.**

6. store dentures in / a few centimeters / and may break if dropped even / dentures are delicate / a safe place because /

**Store dentures in a safe place because dentures are delicate and may break if dropped even a few centimeters.**

7. children and pets / store them away from / when you do not / wear dentures, / to avoid unpleasant surprises /

**When you do not wear dentures, store them away from children and pets to avoid unpleasant surprises.**

8. to eat and speak with them / so stick with it / to dentures, and learning how / and they will become easier to wear / it takes time getting used /

**It takes time getting used to dentures, and learning how to eat and speak with them so stick with it and they will become easier to wear.**

9. constant gagging and / some people will find it / wearing a denture and may have / problems such as / very difficult to adjust to / an inability to eat with dentures /

**Some people will find it very difficult to adjust to wearing a denture and may have problems such as constant gagging and an inability to eat with dentures.**

10. a very small percentage / be used in this case / of people can be allergic to / dentures so a different type / the acrylic used in / of plastic material can /

**A very small percentage of people can be allergic to the acrylic used in dentures so a different type of plastic material can be used in this case.**

**Match common problems with dentures (1-6) with common causes (A-F)**

1. Denture slipping and moving   F
2. Speaking difficulties   B
3. Difficulty chewing certain foods   A
4. Lack of suction / adhesion   D
5. Wrinkles above / around lips or at corners of mouth   C
6. Sore spots in the mouth   E

- A. Some foods may never be 'easy to chew' with dentures, but lack of adequate chewing could be related to the alignment of your upper and lower denture(s), or your denture with natural teeth.
- B. Due to shrinkage of jaw bone and surrounding gum tissue, the gums and bone do not support the denture in speaking or chewing.
- C. Denture has moved back in the mouth and no longer supports the lips. This may be due to bone loss and loss of skin elasticity and moisture loss.
- D. Bone and mouth tissue shrinks so original fit of denture is lost; in addition dry mouth caused most often by certain medications leads to lack of saliva so denture fit is not ideal.
- E. Pressure and / or rubbing is occurring in one specific area, usually a result of chewing but may also be due to clenching or grinding the teeth.
- F. Denture is not in proper position or does not stay in proper position -- denture moves causing cheek and tongue to struggle to form words and control the denture