

VOCABULARY PRACTICE- DENTINE HYPERSENSITIVITY- answers

Complete the sentences with words from a table:

1. Dentine hypersensitivity is a condition felt when the nerves inside the dentin of the teeth are ___*exposed*_____ to the environment.
2. Dentine hypersensitivity affects the canines and premolars of both the. ___*arches*_____.
3. Hot or cold food or drinks, and physical pressure are typical ___*triggers*_____ in those individuals with teeth sensitivity.
4. Tooth grinding and aggressive tooth brushing may ___*contribute*_____ to this problem.
5. Majority of ___*sufferers*_____ report that cold is the major stimulus for pain.
6. One recommendation for patients is to avoid tooth brushing for at least two to three hours after consuming ___*acidic*_____ foods or drinks.
7. Use of desensitising toothpaste is considered by many as the ___*first line* _____ treatment.
8. In-office treatments of dentine hypersensitivity might be much more ___*complex*_____ and they may include the application of dental sealants.
9. Studies have found that mouthwashes containing potassium salts and fluorides can ___*reduce*_____ dentine hypersensitivity.

Match terms/words with their definitions

1. ___ tooth neck _____ - that point where a tooth's root and crown meet.
2. ___ dentinal tubules _____ - microscopic canals that run from the outside of the dentin to the nerve inside the tooth.
3. ___ gum recession _____ - is the exposure in the roots of the teeth caused by a loss of gum tissue and/or retraction of the gingival margin from the crown of the teeth.
4. ___ desensitising toothpaste _____ - toothpaste that eliminates or subdues the painful response of exposed, vital dentin to irritating agents or thermal changes.