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## **Level 1**

### **More British people fixing their own teeth**

**7th April, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-1.html>

People can now repair their own teeth with special dental kits that cost as little as \$7. People are buying them because they cannot afford a dentist. A filling in England can cost \$70 - ten times higher than the price of the dental kit. One dental kit sold around 250,000 items last year. A dental group said around 20 per cent of people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of their family. This includes pulling out a tooth.

Britain is famous for its free health service, but this does not include dental work. DIY dentistry is popular in the UK because there is a lot of poverty. A spokeswoman for a local community said: "DIY dentistry is fairly common here....And you've got people taking care of their whole family's teeth." The dental group said people would rather spend their money on a haircut than on their teeth. It said some people think the dentist is important and others don't.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. dental kits that           | a. 250,000 items           |
| 2. they cannot afford         | b. cost as little as \$7   |
| 3. A filling in England       | c. their own teeth         |
| 4. ten times higher than the  | d. a dentist               |
| 5. One dental kit sold around | e. out a tooth             |
| 6. around 20 per cent         | f. price of the dental kit |
| 7. do DIY dentistry on        | g. can cost \$70           |
| 8. This includes pulling      | h. of people               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Britain is famous for its       | a. poverty              |
| 2. this does not include           | b. in the UK            |
| 3. DIY dentistry is popular        | c. money on a haircut   |
| 4. there is a lot of               | d. dentist is important |
| 5. A spokeswoman for a local       | e. free health service  |
| 6. DIY dentistry is fairly         | f. community            |
| 7. people would rather spend their | g. dental work          |
| 8. some people think the           | h. common               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their own teeth with special dental kits that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ \$7. People are buying them because they cannot afford a dentist. A filling in England can cost \$70 - ten times higher (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the dental kit. One dental (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 250,000 items last year. A dental group said around 20 per cent of people in the UK would do DIY (5) \_\_\_\_\_ own teeth or the teeth of their family. This (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a tooth.

Britain (7) \_\_\_\_\_ free health service, but this does not include dental work. DIY dentistry is popular in the UK because (8) \_\_\_\_\_ poverty. A spokeswoman for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ said: "DIY dentistry is fairly common here....And you've got people (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their whole family's teeth." The dental group said people would rather spend their money on a haircut (11) \_\_\_\_\_ teeth. It said some people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ important and others don't.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-1.html>

Write about **teeth** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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