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Level 2

More British people fixing their own teeth

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-2.html>

British people can now repair their own teeth with special dental kits. They can fix fillings (cavities in the US) and make other repairs. The kits cost as little as \$7. People are buying them because they cannot afford to go to the dentist. A filling in England can cost up to \$70. This is ten times higher than the price of the dental kit. One of the biggest selling products sold around 250,000 kits last year. A dental group said one in five people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of their family. DIY dentistry includes pulling out a tooth.

Britain is famous for its free health service, but this service does not include dental work. DIY dentistry is increasing in Britain because there is a lot of poverty and inequality. The poorest people cannot afford a dentist. 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 many people would rather spend their money on a haircut or a night out than on their teeth. It said some people think visiting the dentist is important and others don't.

Sources: <http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/entertainment/05-Apr-2015/diy-fillings-caps-and-crowns-being-sold-by-supermarkets>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1504/150407-teeth-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. British people can now repair | a. people |
| 2. They can fix fillings | b. little as \$7 |
| 3. The kits cost as | c. selling products |
| 4. they cannot afford to | d. a tooth |
| 5. This is ten times | e. their own teeth |
| 6. One of the biggest | f. higher |
| 7. one in five | g. (cavities in the US) |
| 8. pulling out | h. go to the dentist |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. famous for its free | a. or a night out |
| 2. dental | b. inequality |
| 3. a lot of poverty and | c. is important |
| 4. A spokeswoman for a local | d. work |
| 5. DIY dentistry is fairly | e. health service |
| 6. taking care of their whole | f. common |
| 7. spend their money on a haircut | g. family's teeth |
| 8. visiting the dentist | h. community |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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British people (1) _____ their own teeth with special dental kits. They can fix fillings (cavities in the US) and make other repairs. The kits (2) _____ \$7. People are buying them because they cannot (3) _____ the dentist. A filling in England can cost up to \$70. This is ten times higher (4) _____ of the dental kit. One of the biggest selling products sold around 250,000 kits last year. A dental group (5) _____ people in the UK would do DIY dentistry on their own teeth or the teeth of their family. DIY dentistry (6) _____ a tooth.

Britain (7) _____ free health service, but this service does not include dental work. DIY dentistry is increasing in Britain because there is (8) _____ and inequality. The poorest people cannot afford a dentist. A spokeswoman for a local community said: "DIY dentistry (9) _____ here....And you've got people (10) _____ their whole family's teeth." The dental group said many people would rather spend their money on a haircut (11) _____ than on their teeth. It said some people think visiting the dentist is important (12) _____.

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)

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e)

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