

## Reading Comprehension

**Direction: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below accordingly to the information given in the passage**

It is bad to have food stuck between your teeth for long periods of time. This is because food attracts germs **which** produce acid, and acid hurts your teeth and gums. Flossing helps to remove the food that gets stuck between your teeth. This explains why flossing helps to keep your mouth healthy, but some doctors say that flossing can be also good for your heart.

It may seem strange that something you do for your teeth can have any effect on your heart. Doctors have come up with a few ideas about how flossing works to keep your heart healthy. One idea is that the germs hurt your teeth can leave the mouth and travel into your blood. Germs that get into the blood can then **attack** your heart. Another idea is based on the fact that when there are too many germs in your mouth, the body tries to fight against these germs. For some reason, the way the body fights these mouth germs may end up weakening the heart over time.

Not every doctor agrees about these ideas. Some doctors think that the link between good flossing habits and good heart health is only a **coincidence**. A coincidence is the occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance. The incidence of these events is completely random, as they do not admit of any reliable cause and effect relationship between them. For example, every time I wash my car, it rains. This does not mean that when I wash my car, I somehow change the weather. This is only a coincidence. Likewise, some doctors think that people who have bad flossing habits just happen to also have heart problems, and people who have good flossing habits just happen to have healthy hearts.

The theory that flossing your teeth helps to keep your heart healthy might not be true. But every doctor agrees that flossing is a great way to keep your teeth healthy. So even if flossing does not help your heart, it is sure to help your teeth. This is enough of a reason for everyone to floss their teeth every day.

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1. According to the passage, which one of the following things that produce acid?

A. [food](#)

B. [germs](#)

C. [good habits](#)

D. [teeth](#)

A. food

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. germs

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage states, "This is because food attracts germs which produce acid, and acid hurts your teeth and gums."

C. good habits

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. teeth

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

2. According to the writer, \_\_\_\_\_ helps to remove the food that gets stuck between our teeth.

A. [Doctor](#)

B. [germs](#)

C. [flossing](#)

D. [weather](#)

A. Doctor

Incorrect [Try Again](#)



B. germs

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. flossing

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage directly states that "Flossing helps to remove the food that gets stuck between your teeth."

D. weather

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

3. Which one of the following sentences is an appropriate topic sentence for Paragraph 1?

- A. Some doctors say that flossing can also be good for your heart.
- B. It is bad to have food stuck between your teeth for long periods of time.
- C. This is because food attracts germs which produce acid.
- D. Acid hurts your teeth and gums.

A. Some doctors say that flossing can also be good for your heart.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. It is bad to have food stuck between your teeth for long periods of time.

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: This sentence effectively introduces the topic of the paragraph, which is the negative consequences of food stuck between teeth.

C. This is because food attracts germs which produce acid.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. Acid hurts your teeth and gums.

Incorrect [Try Again](#)



4. Do all doctors agree that flossing can be good for the human heart?

A. [Yes, they do](#)

B. [No, they don't](#)

C. [Yes, they don't](#)

D. [No, they do](#)

A. Yes, they do

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. No, they don't

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage states, "Not every doctor agrees about these ideas." This indicates that not all doctors believe flossing is good for the heart.

C. Yes, they don't

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. No, they do

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

5. The word “which” in line 2 of paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. [germs](#)

B. [doctor](#)

C. [food stuck](#)

D. [acid](#)

A. germs

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The word "which" refers to the antecedent "germs" in the sentence.

B. doctor

Incorrect [Try Again](#)



C. food stuck

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. acid

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

6. In paragraph 2, how many ideas come up in the doctors' minds about how flossing works to keep our heart healthy?

A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. 1

A. 2

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage presents two ideas about how flossing might benefit heart health: germs harming teeth and traveling to the blood, and the body's response to germs potentially weakening the heart.

B. 3

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. 4

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. 1

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

7. The word “attack” in line 4 of paragraph 2 is the opposite in meaning as \_\_\_\_\_.

A. [to hurt](#)

B. [injure](#)

C. [support](#)

D. [destroy](#)



A. to hurt

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. injure

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. support

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: "Attack" suggests harmful action, while "support" implies beneficial action.

D. destroy

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

8. The word “coincidence” in line 2 of paragraph 3 is the same in meaning as \_\_\_\_\_.

A. [variation](#)

B. [different](#)

C. [adaptation](#)

D. [chance](#)

A. variation

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. different

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. adaptation

Incorrect [Try Again](#)



D. chance

Correct

Explanation: A coincidence is an event that happens by chance, without a clear cause-and-effect relationship.

***THE END***