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## Wisdom teeth - Health Report

Choose the correct answer to the question: What is this?

1. Wisdom (\_\_\_\_\_) teeth are normally the (\_\_\_\_\_) last teeth to appear. This usually happens (\_\_\_\_\_) when people are in their (\_\_\_\_\_) late teen (\_\_\_\_\_) years or early twenties — in other words, when they are older (\_\_\_\_\_) and wiser (\_\_\_\_\_).
2. Wisdom teeth (\_\_\_\_\_) are molars, or chewing teeth, at the back of the mouth (\_\_\_\_\_\_). The third (\_\_\_\_\_) set of molars, if you (\_\_\_\_\_) have them, are your (\_\_\_\_\_) wisdom teeth.
3. They can (\_\_\_\_\_) grow into place normally and (\_\_\_\_\_) never cause a (\_\_\_\_\_) problem. But (\_\_\_\_\_) often there is not enough room for (\_\_\_\_\_) them in the mouth. They might (\_\_\_\_\_) crowd other teeth. Sometimes (\_\_\_\_\_) they even push sideways through (\_\_\_\_\_) the gums.
4. An (\_\_\_\_\_) impacted wisdom tooth is (\_\_\_\_\_) one that fails (\_\_\_\_\_) to completely rise through the gums — the term is erupt. Wisdom teeth that only (\_\_\_\_\_) partially erupt can leave space for bacteria (\_\_\_\_\_) to enter around the tooth. Infection is a risk in (\_\_\_\_\_) these cases.
5. Wisdom teeth that are not well aligned (\_\_\_\_\_) and become impacted are often removed (\_\_\_\_\_).

6. A dentist in Chicago (\_\_\_\_\_ ) works on the teeth of one of her (\_\_\_\_\_ ) patients.

7. People should have the placement of (\_\_\_\_\_ ) their wisdom teeth examined between (\_\_\_\_\_ ) the ages of sixteen and twenty. X-rays can show wisdom teeth that are below (\_\_\_\_\_ ) the gums.

8. The American Dental Association says (\_\_\_\_\_ ) removal is generally advised when wisdom teeth only partly break (\_\_\_\_\_ ) through the gums. Removal (\_\_\_\_\_ ) is also advised if there is a chance that poorly aligned wisdom teeth will damage other teeth. And removal is called for (\_\_\_\_\_ ) in cases where fluid collects around (\_\_\_\_\_ ) a wisdom tooth that is partly or fully below the gum.

9. But (\_\_\_\_\_ ) why do we (\_\_\_\_\_ ) have wisdom teeth if we often need to get them removed? One theory (\_\_\_\_\_ ) has to do with our diets (\_\_\_\_\_ ). Scientists say the diet of prehistoric (\_\_\_\_\_ ) humans probably required more chewing teeth. Life was probably a little rougher on the teeth back then (\_\_\_\_\_ ), too. So it was good to have extras (\_\_\_\_\_ ).

10. The removal of wisdom teeth is performed by (\_\_\_\_\_ ) oral surgeons. They say if removal is advised, the best (\_\_\_\_\_ ) time to do it is before the teeth cause (\_\_\_\_\_ ) any problems or pain.

11. The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons says young (\_\_\_\_\_ ) adults are the best candidates (\_\_\_\_\_ ) for wisdom teeth removal. The group says (\_\_\_\_\_ ) older patients may be at greater risk (\_\_\_\_\_ ) for disease in the tissue surrounding the molars.

12. Patients can have (\_\_\_\_\_ ) general anesthesia during (\_\_\_\_\_ ) the operation. Or (\_\_\_\_\_ ) they might choose to have a local painkiller and remain awake. It may depend on (\_\_\_\_\_ ) the condition of the wisdom teeth and the number to be removed.

13. After (\_\_\_\_\_ ) surgery, there can be swelling of the gums and face and some pain. Both can be treated with (\_\_\_\_\_ ) cold wraps and medication (\_\_\_\_\_ ).