



Did you know?

Fun dental facts

- Bet you didn't know that the soreness you feel when you burn your mouth on mozzarella cheese has a name—pizza palate.
- Or that only the common cold beats tooth decay as the most prevalent disease in the United States—even though a third of us make it all the way to the age of 17 without ever getting a cavity.
- Or that your teeth are as unique as your fingerprints. In fact, even identical twins have different “dental fingerprints”!
- In fact, there are probably all kinds of things you didn't know about your most important orifice—your mouth.

Do you know the answer?

- Q.** Which celebrities have donned braces to make their smiles even more glamorous after achieving stardom?
A. If you guessed Diana Ross, Carol Burnett, Cher, Jill St. John, or Jack Klugman, you're right!
- Q.** Which Michigan city was the first in the United States to protect its citizens' teeth by fluoridating the water?
A. Grand Rapids
- Q.** What delectable dairy delights should you chomp on to keep your smile sparkling white?
A. Cheesecake! Specifically, aged cheddar, Swiss, or Monterey Jack.
- Q.** Who do you suppose daydreamed of the Westerns he would someday write while cleaning an unlucky patient's teeth?
A. Zane Grey
- Q.** What fearless female shattered the fluoride ceiling when she received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1866?
A. Lucy Hobbs Taylor
- Q.** How many athletes avoid dental tragedy each year by covering their pearly whites with mouthguards?
A. 200,000

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