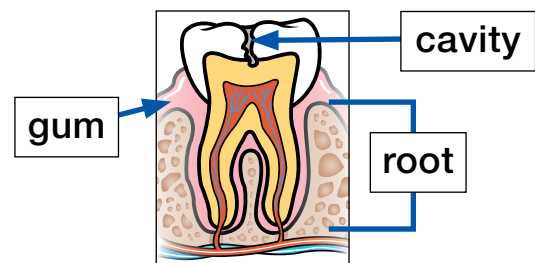
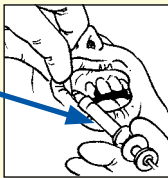
 Brad is at the dental office. He has decay in a tooth. This decay is called a cavity. The dentist will put a filling in Brad's tooth.



What does the dentist do?

1

needle



He uses a needle to freeze the tooth. Now Brad can't feel anything.

2

dental dam



He puts a dental dam around Brad's teeth.

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3



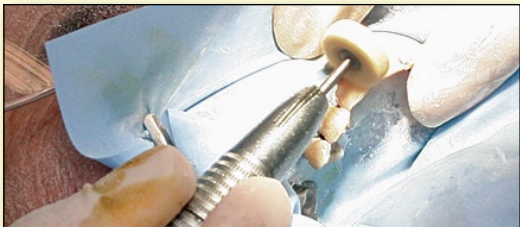
He takes out the decay.
He uses a drill
and dental tools.

4



He fills the hole
in the tooth.
The new part is the filling.

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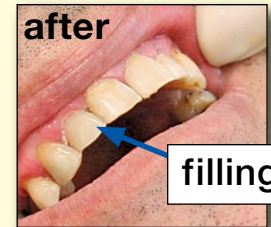


He works on the filling.
For example,
he polishes it.

6



cavity



filling

The filling is done.
It looks like
part of Brad's tooth.



Brad is happy
with his new smile.

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