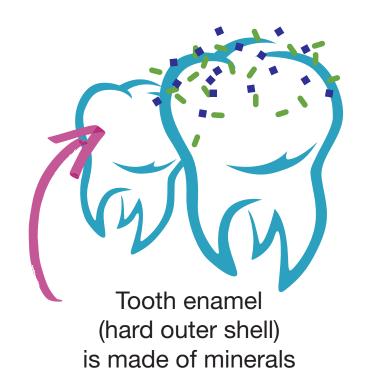
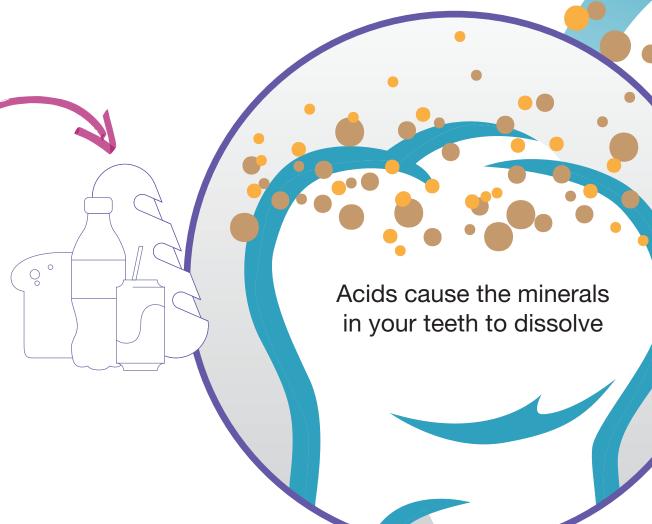
# A CAVITY IS A HOLE THAT DEVELOPS WHEN A TOOTH BEGINS TO DECAY

#### WHAT CAUSES A CAVITY?

Bacteria are always present in your mouth

When you eat sugary and carbohydrate foods, bacteria produce acids





Enamel weakens and more minerals are lost, forming a cavity

A cavity causes permanent damage that needs to be repaired by a dentist



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#### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT A CAVITY?

Keep your enamel strong with fluoride, a naturally occurring mineral. Used regularly, fluoride can help protect your teeth from cavities between dental visits.

- At home: use fluoride toothpaste
- For long lasting protection: end your oral care routine by rinsing with a fluoride-containing mouthwash
- At the dentist's office: ask about a fluoride treatment for your teeth

#### FLUORIDE FACTS

- Helps prevent cavities
- Stops mineral loss
- Builds up lost minerals
- Protects tooth enamel so it can resist future acid attacks



## USE FLUORIDE MOUTHWASH FOR 50% MORE TOOTH STRENGTHENING THAN FLUORIDE TOOTHPASTE ALONE\*



#### Brush, floss, and rinse every day

- Use fluoride toothpaste
- Floss to remove food that may be caught between the teeth
- Rinse your mouth with an ADA-accepted fluoride mouthwash twice a day, to strengthen teeth and help prevent tooth decay

Limit the amount of soda and sugary treats you eat and drink Visit your dentist every six months for a checkup

### Fluoride can benefit you or your child if you have:

- Previous cavities
- Receding gums
- Orthodontic bands or braces



### LISTERINE® TOTAL CARE Anticavity Mouthwash

Provides 6 benefits for patients 12 and older

- Helps prevent cavities
- Restores enamel
- Strengthens teeth
- Kills bad breath germs
- Freshens breath
- Cleans the whole mouth



#### LISTERINE® SMART RINSE® Anticavity Rinse

#### **Alcohol-free**

For patients 6 and older

 Tints particles brushing may have missed so kids see proof in the sink that their mouths are cleaner



All rinses provide 24-hour cavity protection with twice daily use

Vigorously swish 10 ml (2 teaspoons) of rinse between your teeth for 1 minute and then spit out. Do not eat or drink for 30 minutes after rinsing. Use all products only as directed.

#### To learn more, visit www.listerine.com

Use products only as directed. \*Compared to Crest® Fluoride toothpaste and rinsing with water in a laboratory study. †In laboratory studies

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