Quiz Answer Key

1. The mouth is lined with:
   a. mucous membranes
   b. salivary glands
   c. lymph glands
   d. cilia

2. In the back of your mouth, you might see:
   a. your tonsils
   b. a pharynx
   c. the uvula
   d. all of the above

3. A set of adult teeth includes ___32___ teeth.

4. Teeth have three layers:
   a. dentin, cementin, and pulp
   b. dentin, pulp, and bone
   c. enamel, dentin, and pulp
   d. enamel, cementin, and pulp

5. Gingivitis (red or bleeding gums):
   a. is caused by a person’s genes
   b. can lead to periodontitis, which makes teeth loose and sometimes fall out
   c. can be avoided with fluoride treatments
   d. is no cause for concern

6. Overbite, underbite, and crowding are known as:
   a. malocclusion
   b. tooth decay
   c. impaction
   d. periodontitis

7. Smoking contributes to:
   a. stained teeth, bad breath, and wrinkles
   b. gum disease and tooth loss
   c. oral cancers
   d. all of the above

8. The membrane-covered roof of the mouth is called the palate. The front part consists of a bony portion called the hard palate, with a fleshy rear part called the soft palate.

9. In many people, the wisdom teeth are unable to erupt normally so they either remain below the jawline or don’t grow in properly. Dentists call these teeth impacted.

10. To prevent cavities, you need to remove plaque, the transparent layer of bacteria that coats the teeth. Tartar is plaque in a hardened form that is more damaging and difficult to remove.