Match the Dental Terms

Directions: Match the following terms to the phrases below by placing the letter in the blank.

1. _____ Preventive Care
2. _____ Oral Examination
3. _____ Systemic Fluoride
4. _____ Dental Floss
5. _____ Enamel
6. _____ Plaque
7. _____ Restorative Care
8. _____ Crown
9. _____ Extraction
10. _____ Dentures
11. _____ Oral Disease
12. _____ Sealant
13. _____ Topical Fluoride
14. _____ Fluoride

A. Artificial teeth mounted on a plastic base that sits on top of the gums, to replace natural teeth lost by injury or disease. Although they can be made to look real, they do not work as well as natural teeth.

B. Cleaning and polishing the teeth.

C. Waxed or unwaxed string used to remove plaque and food particles from between the teeth.

D. Fluoride that is applied to the surface of the tooth.

E. A sticky, colorless film that forms on our teeth. It contains germs and acids that can harm our teeth and gums.

F. Fluoride that reaches teeth by traveling in the blood system.

G. Disorders of the lips, mouth, tongue and throat including tooth decay, gum disease and oral cancer.

H. Tooth fillings, crowns, and dentures are used to repair teeth, and are examples of this.

I. A careful inspection of the teeth and mouth done by a dentist to find out if there is any tooth decay, gum disease or other problems.

J. Removing an entire tooth from the mouth.

K. A covering that fits over the top of a tooth to restore teeth that have been badly damaged by decay or injury.

L. Plastic materials that are applied to the chewing surfaces (pits and grooves) of the back teeth and act as a protective shield against decay-causing acid.

M. A nutrient that prevents tooth decay by strengthening and repairing tooth enamel, and can be applied as a topical treatment or systemic treatment.

N. The outer layer of a tooth, and the hardest substance in the human body.