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| Definition: | Dental caries, or dental decay, is a common disease, which causes cavities and discoloration of both permanent and "baby" teeth. As the disease progresses in a tooth it becomes weaker and its nerve may be damaged. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Reference documents: | Australian Dental Association Inc 2002.  [Frequently Asked Questions, Dental caries. Sydney, Australia](http://www.ada.org.au/faqs/faq,documentid,26781,category,Dental_Caries.aspx). Viewed 25/02/2014, http://www.ada.org.au/faqs/faq,documentid,26781,category,Dental\_Caries.aspx |
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