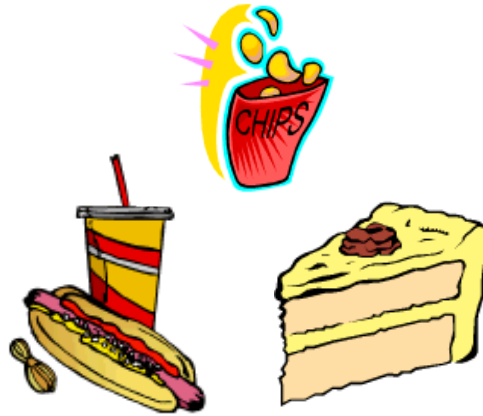


# DENTAL DECAY PROCESS



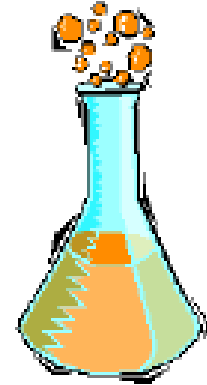
**Bacteria /  
Germs**

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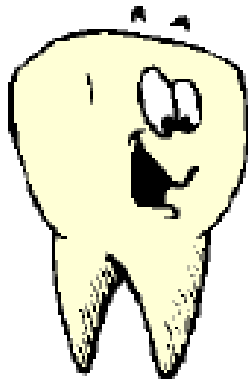
**Food, Drink,  
Sugars, Sweets**

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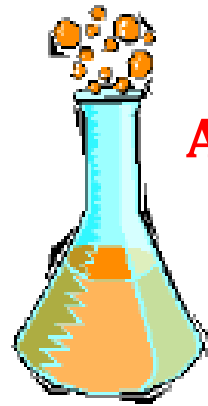


**ACID  
Produced**

**Healthy  
Tooth**



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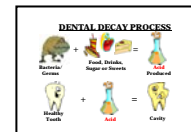


**ACID**

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**Cavity**



- **You are not born with the bacteria that cause tooth decay.**
- **New studies have found that the bacteria/germs that cause tooth decay are passed from care-giver to child.**
- **Germs can be passed by sharing toothbrushes, cups, pre-testing food.**
- **The germs are in the plaque in our mouths.**
- **Plaque is the sticky film that develops in the mouth and coats the teeth.**
- **When we eat food, the germs feed off of the food particles left in our mouth and then produce acid as their waste product.**
- **Acid is deposited onto our teeth and if the acid attack is not stopped, by brushing & flossing, the acid eventually eats through the enamel and causes a hole in the tooth, a cavity.**
- **It does not take long for a cavity to form with repeated or continuous acid exposure.**