

## **Dental Floss Intermediate**

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### Criteria:

- Easy to use with braces
- Effective cleaning
- Economical
- Motivates

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**#1**

## Oral-B<sup>®</sup> Super Floss



- Ideal for people who have fixed dental bridges, orthodontic braces or metal implants.
- Features a stiffened end to thread floss under appliances.
- Clinically proven to help fight gum disease and reduce plaque buildup
- Available in regular or mint flavor

Package of 50 pre-measure strands: \$2.64

## #2

# Waterpik Rechargeable Whitening Flosser MODEL FLW-310



- Clinically proven as effective as string floss and easier to use.
- Special mint-flavored tips coated with a whitening agent brighten teeth while you floss.
- 10,000 gentle strokes per minute remove plaque above and below the gum line.
- Flexible nylon tip slips easily between teeth and is gentle enough on gums to use every day.
- Ergonomic handle design makes flossing an easy, one handed operation.
- Great for everyone, even those with braces, crowns, bridges, or implants.
- Comes with 45 whitening tips and extra hygienic sleeve for multiple users.

**\$29.99 + Package of 30 additional flossing tips: \$5.99**

### #3

## Reach Access Flosser



- Most recommended flosser among dental professionals
- Features a unique ergonomic design that makes flossing as easy as brushing! In fact, you will no longer have to put your hands in your mouth.
- Revolutionary new floss is break-resistant and shred-resistant.
- The long toothbrush-style handle that's familiar and easy to maneuver. Its angled neck and reversible grip makes flossing your back teeth a snap!
- Fits in your toothbrush holder as an everyday reminder. It can be easily taken with you while traveling.
- Available in three fashionable colors: Aqua, Raspberry and Plum.
- Replace head daily

**\$2.99 (Includes 8 snap on heads) + 28 replacement heads: \$4.99**

## #4

# GUM® Eez-Thru® Floss Threaders and Floss



## #1 Floss Threader in U.S.!

Helps thread floss under bridges, orthodontic appliances, implants and between connected crowns.

- Made of flexible nylon for safe and comfortable use.
- Comes in a convenient hygienic carrying case.
- Can be used with your choice of GUM® dental floss.

Eez-Thru® Floss is made from a special PTFE material that slides easily between teeth without shredding or breaking.

- Satin-like finish is soft and gentle on gums
- Available in regular and mint flavors

Package of 25 threaders: \$2.70 + Dental floss (11 yd): \$0.75

## Official Reasons – Dental Floss

Placing: 1-2-4-3

Cuts: 3-1-4

I place this class of dental floss 1-2-4-3. I found that some flossers would be easier to use than others.

At the top of my class, I placed 1. It met Andrew's criteria of being usable with his new braces, was clinically proven effective at cleaning, and was the least expensive choice at about \$0.05 per thread. The choice of regular or mint flavors could help keep him motivated to floss.

In my top pair, I placed 1 over 2. Both were clinically proven effective and usable with braces, but 2 was much more expensive. I grant that the electric flosser might provide Andrew with more motivation to floss.

In my middle pair, I placed 2 over 4. Although both could be used with braces, 4 offered no information about its effectiveness. I grant that 4 was a more reasonable price for Andrew.

In my bottom pair, I placed 4 over 3 since Andrew would not be able to use 3 with his braces. Also, each flossing would be about 8 cents less expensive with 4. I grant that 3 was the number one recommended flosser among dental professionals.

I fault 3 and leave it at the bottom of the class because it was simply not designed for use with braces.

For these reasons I place this class of dental floss 1-2-4-3.

1234 – 46
1243 – 50
1324 – 41
1342 – 40
1423 – 49
<u>1432 – 44</u>
2134 – 43
2143 – 47
2314 – 35
2341 – 31
2413 – 43
<u>2431 – 35</u>
3124 – 33
3142 – 32
3214 – 30
3241 – 26
3412 – 28
<u>3421 – 25</u>
4123 – 45
4132 – 40
4213 – 42
4231 – 34
4312 – 32
4321 – 29

## Questions – Dental Floss

1. Which product had a stiffened end to thread under braces? # \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which product cost \$2.99? # \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which product was made by GUM? # \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which product came with 45 replaceable tips? # \_\_\_\_\_
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