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## What is a bridge?

A bridge fixes a replacement tooth (or teeth) to one or more remaining natural teeth or implants. Some bridges have crowns at each end. Others are fixed to the surface of teeth next to the gap. Sometimes a bridge is only fixed to the tooth on one side of the gap.

Our bridges are made of porcelain.

## What will Keval do?

There are several stages in making a bridge:

- Keval uses a soft, mouldable material to take impressions of your mouth. A dental technician makes exact plaster models of your upper and lower teeth and gums, which show how your teeth bite together
- the teeth that will support the bridge are prepared to take the fixings and to make sure that the bridge is not bulky
- another impression is taken of the teeth and any gaps, and the dental technician uses this to make the bridge. A plastic temporary bridge or crown may be fitted in the meantime
- at your final visit, Keval will check that the bridge fits, make any minor adjustments, and then fix it permanently in place. Keval will advise you the best way of keeping your new bridge clean

## What will Keval do?

- a bridge can improve the way you look, bite, chew and speak
- the teeth can be matched to the colour of your teeth
- a bridge can last many years, if you keep it clean and if there is no accidental damage