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noun

cav-i-ty

'ka-və-tē

plural

cavities

Synonyms of cavity

1

: an unfilled space within a mass

especially : a hollowed-out space

2

: an area of decay in a tooth : **CARIES**

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Synonyms

concavity

dint

indentation

recess

dent

hole

indenture

depression

hollow

pit

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Examples of cavity in a Sentence

Some birds nest in tree **cavities**.

I had two **cavities** filled at the dentist's.

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Changes in the balance of these bacteria can lead to dental issues, such as oral infections and **cavities**.

Merve Ceylan, *Health*, 13 Oct. 2024

The American Academy of Pediatrics highlighted key limitations to the review by the National Institutes of Health, as well as the lifelong effects that tooth decay and **cavities** – a common and preventable chronic disease – can have.

Deidre McPhillips, *CNN*, 3 Oct. 2024

Cleaning putty: on sale for \$6.89 Original price: \$7.99 Keep cleaning putty, on sale for less than \$8 at Walmart, to quickly pick up crumbs, dust and debris in all the crevices and **cavities** of your car.

Nora Colomer, *Fox News*, 26 Sep. 2024

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Sarah Kuta, *Smithsonian Magazine*, 18 Sep. 2024

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borrowed from Middle French & Late Latin; Middle French *cavit  *, borrowed from Late Latin *cavit  t-*, *cavit  s*, from Latin *cavus* "hollow, concave" + *-it  t-*, *-it  s* -ITY — more at [HOLE](#) entry 1

First Known Use

1541, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *cavity* was in 1541

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segmentation cavity	spinal cavity	thoracic cavity

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Kids Definition

cavity noun

cav-i-ty 'kav-  t-  

plural **cavities**

- 1 : a hollow place
| *especially* : an unfilled bodily space
| lung *cavity*
- 2 : a hole hollowed out in a tooth by decay



Medical Definition

cavity noun

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plural **cavities**

- 1 : an unfilled space within a mass
- 2 : an area of decay in a tooth : [CARIES](#)

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