



Biology - Animals- Teeth



Living Things



Key Vocabulary

enamel	Hard white outer layer of the tooth
root	Anchors the permanent tooth into the gum
calcium	A chemical that helps keep your teeth strong
incisor	Front teeth for ripping food
canine	Sharp, pointed teeth for tearing food
molars	Have 3 roots and used for chewing and mashing food before it passes down the oesophagus
saliva	Chemical in the mouth that helps to soften the food before being swallowed.

What are animal teeth like?

Animal teeth are different depending on whether an animal is a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. This is because different types of teeth help you to eat different types of food.



What is tooth decay?

Tooth decay is damage to your tooth enamel. It can be a problem for people of all ages.

Plaque, a sticky film of bacteria, constantly forms on your teeth. When you eat or drink foods containing sugars, the bacteria in plaque produce acids that attack tooth enamel.

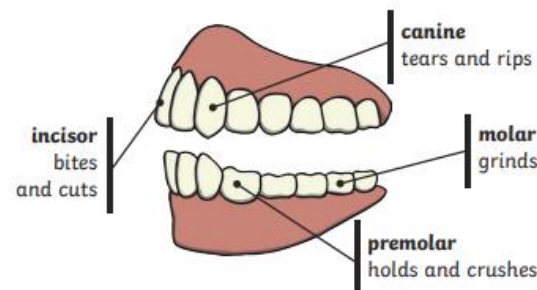
Toothache and bad breath are symptoms of tooth decay. It can lead to problems such as holes in the teeth and gum disease.

If we do not look after our teeth then they can become damaged or they can even fall out. We only have one set of adult teeth and so if we lose them, they will not grow back!

Food and bacteria can build up on our teeth if we do not clean them properly. We call this plaque. The bacteria in the plaque attacks our teeth — causing them to rot and turn black.



Human Teeth and Their Functions



Some people have wisdom teeth but they have no function now.

Inside a Tooth.

A diagram of a tooth.

It is extremely important to look after your teeth through brushing and visiting a dentist.

