

Nova's Dental Discovery

Learning objective: To identify and describe the functions of different types of human teeth in the digestive system.

Nova the Owl has been studying human biology! Look at the three types of teeth listed below. Match each type of tooth to its correct description and its main job in the mouth by drawing lines or writing the correct term next to the description.

Word bank: Incisors · Canines · Molars

1. 1. I am a sharp, pointed tooth used for tearing and gripping food. Which type of tooth am I? (1 mark)

2. 2. I have a flat surface and I am used for crushing and grinding food into smaller pieces. Which type of tooth am I? (1 mark)

3. 3. I am a blade-like tooth at the front of the mouth, perfect for biting and cutting into food. Which type of tooth am I? (1 mark)

4. 4. Explain why humans need different types of teeth instead of just having one shape of tooth for all food types. (2 marks)

5. 5. If you eat an apple, describe the journey it takes through your teeth, starting from the first bite. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a human mouth. Label the location of the Incisors, Canines, and Molars. Colour the Incisors blue, the Canines red, and the Molars green.



Extension challenge: Nova wants to know: what happens to our teeth if we eat too much sugary food? Research and write a short poem or a 'Top Tips' list of 3 ways to keep our teeth healthy.