

Nova's Dental Discovery Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify and describe the functions of different types of human teeth and understand the importance of dental hygiene.

Read the front of the card and try to answer Nova's question. Then, flip to the back to check your answer!

What are the sharp, chisel-shaped teeth at the front of your mouth used for biting and cutting called?

Incisors

Which teeth are pointed and sharp, designed for tearing food?

Canines

What do we call the large, flat teeth at the back of the mouth used for crushing and grinding food?

Molars

What is the name of the hard, outer layer that protects your teeth?

Enamel

What is the sticky film of bacteria that builds up on teeth and causes tooth decay?

Plaque

True or False: Humans are omnivores, which means we have a variety of teeth to eat both plants and meat.

True

What is the soft layer underneath the enamel that makes up the main part of the tooth?

Dentine

How many times a day should you brush your teeth to keep them healthy?

Twice (morning and night)

What is the name of the pink tissue that holds your teeth in place?

Gum

Why is it important to limit sugary snacks and drinks for your teeth?

Sugar feeds the bacteria in plaque, which produces acid that damages tooth enamel.

Which animal group has only flat molars because they only eat plants?

Herbivores

If a tooth is lost, what is the name of the set that grows in to replace it in humans?

Adult teeth (or permanent teeth)