

Bea's Brilliant Bite: A Tooth Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify the different types of human teeth and describe their functions.

Help Bea the honeybee learn about human teeth! Use your science knowledge to complete this fact-file. Think about how our teeth help us eat different types of food, such as crunchy vegetables or chewy bread.

Word bank: incisors · canines · molars · chewing · tearing · biting · enamel · gums

1. Incisors: Describe what these teeth look like and explain how they help us eat. (2 marks)

2. Canines: These are often pointed. What is their main job when we are eating? (2 marks)

3. Molars: These teeth are at the back of our mouths. Why are they important for digestion? (2 marks)

4. Dental Care: Why is it important to brush our teeth and keep our gums healthy? (2 marks)

5. Comparison: How are human teeth different from the teeth of a herbivore, like an elephant? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research what happens to our teeth as we grow from babies to adults. Why do we lose our 'milk teeth'?