

Max the Monkey's Tooth Detective Challenge

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

Max the Monkey is looking at how our teeth help us eat. Look at the three types of teeth below. Draw a line to match each tooth name to the correct job it does. Then, use the word bank to fill in the missing words in the sentences.

Word bank: incisors · canines · molars · bite · tear · grind

1. Match the tooth to its job:

Incisors -----> A) Used to crush and grind food.

Canines -----> B) Used to bite and cut food.

Molars -----> C) Used to tear food. (3 marks)

2. Our front teeth are called _____. They help us _____ into an apple. (2 marks)

3. The sharp teeth are called _____. They help us _____ food into smaller pieces. (2 marks)

4. The back teeth are called _____. They help us _____ our food until it is soft. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a crunchy carrot. Next to it, draw a small arrow pointing to the type of tooth you would use first to bite into the carrot.

Extension challenge: Max the Monkey wonders: Why do you think we need different shapes of teeth instead of having only one type of tooth for all our food?