

Nova's Tooth Discovery Flashcards

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

Read the front of the card. Try to remember what it means. Then, look at the answer. Use the word bank to help you.

What are the sharp front teeth called?

Incisors: These are used to bite into food.

What is the job of the canine teeth?

Canines: These pointed teeth help to tear food.

What do we call the big teeth at the back?

Molars: These large teeth grind food until it is soft.

What is the hard, shiny outer layer of a tooth?

Enamel: This is the very hard protective layer on the outside of a tooth.

What are the soft pink parts that hold our teeth?

Gums: These are the soft tissues that hold our teeth in place.

What do we call the action of using teeth to break off a piece of food?

Bite: Using the front teeth to cut into food.

Which teeth do we use for chewing?

Molars: These are the best teeth for grinding and chewing food.

How many main types of teeth do humans have?

Three: Humans have incisors, canines, and molars.

Why do we need teeth?

To eat: Teeth break down food so we can swallow and digest it.

What is a good way to keep teeth healthy?

Brushing: Brushing your teeth twice a day keeps them clean.