

Nova's Tooth Discovery Flashcards

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

Read the front of each card, test your knowledge, and then reveal the back to check your answer with Nova the owl!

What are the sharp, chisel-shaped teeth at the front of the mouth used for cutting food?	Which teeth are pointed and designed for tearing and gripping food?
Incisors	Canines
What is the name of the hard, white outer layer that protects our teeth?	How many sets of teeth do humans usually grow in their lifetime?
Enamel	Two (the primary or 'baby' teeth, followed by permanent adult teeth)
What is the function of molars and premolars?	True or False: The Dentine is the soft layer found beneath the hard enamel.
To crush and grind food into smaller pieces	True
Why is it important to have different types of teeth?	Which teeth are found at the very back of the mouth and are the largest?
Different teeth perform different roles in the first stage of the digestive system, allowing us to eat a varied diet.	Molars
What happens if we do not brush our teeth regularly?	What is the name of the professional who helps look after our dental health?
Plaque builds up, which can lead to tooth decay and gum disease.	A dentist
Do carnivores typically have more incisors or more canines compared to herbivores?	What is the process of breaking down food in the mouth called?
More canines, as they need them for tearing meat.	Mastication (or chewing)