

Nova's Dental Discovery Quiz

Learning objective: To identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions, and to understand the importance of dental hygiene.

Join Nova the barn owl in her laboratory! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Good luck, young scientists!

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Incisor, 4. C, 5. False, 6. Molar, 7. B, 8. True, 9. Canine, 10. Enamel.

Remember: Brushing twice a day keeps your teeth healthy!

Word bank: Incisor · Canine · Molar · Enamel · Plaque · Digestion

1. Which type of tooth is shaped like a sharp blade and is used for biting into food? A) Incisor* B) Molar C) Canine D) Wisdom (1 mark)

2. True or False: Humans have different types of teeth because we have an omnivorous diet. (1 mark)

3. What is the name of the pointed teeth used for tearing food? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

4. Which teeth are located at the back of the mouth and are used for grinding food? A) Incisors B) Canines C) Molars* D) Gums (1 mark)

5. True or False: You should brush your teeth only once a week to keep them strong. (1 mark)

6. What is the sticky substance that builds up on teeth and can cause decay if not brushed away? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

7. What is the hard, protective outer layer of a tooth called? A) Root B) Enamel* C) Nerve D) Pulp (1 mark)

8. True or False: Digestion begins in the mouth when teeth break down food. (1 mark)

9. Which tooth type is best suited for gripping and tearing food? (One-word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. How many times a day should you brush your teeth to maintain good oral hygiene?
A) Once B) Three times C) Twice* D) Never (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of the human mouth and label an incisor, a canine, and a molar. Add a small smile to your drawing!



Extension challenge: Nova wants to know: If a new toothbrush costs £1.50 and a tube of toothpaste costs £2.25, how much change would you get from a £5.00 note if you bought both?