

Bea's Guide to Human Teeth

Learning objective: To describe the functions of different types of human teeth and explain how to maintain good oral hygiene.

Use the following prompts to write a scientific report about human teeth. Remember to use technical vocabulary to explain why we have different teeth and how we should look after them.

Human teeth are remarkable structures that allow us to eat a variety of foods, but each type has a specific job to do.

Word bank: incisors · canines · molars · premolars · enamel · digestion · hygiene · consequently · furthermore · in addition · therefore

1. Introduction: Describe the main role of teeth in the digestive system. You could start with: The primary purpose of our teeth is to... (2 marks)

2. Types of Teeth: Explain the difference between incisors, canines, and molars. You could start with: Within our mouths, there are different types of teeth; for example, the incisors are designed to... (3 marks)

3. The Importance of Enamel: Why is enamel important for our teeth? You could start with: The hard, outer layer of our teeth is called enamel, which serves to... (2 marks)

4. Oral Hygiene: How can we keep our teeth healthy? You could start with: To prevent tooth decay and maintain good hygiene, it is essential that we... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why it is important to look after our adult teeth. You could start with: In conclusion, looking after our teeth is vital because... (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Research a different animal, such as a lion or a cow. Write a short paragraph comparing their teeth to human teeth. How does their diet change the shape and size of their teeth?