

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?

Incisors

Which teeth are pointed and designed for tearing and gripping food?

Canines

What is the name of the hard, white outer layer that protects our teeth?

Enamel

How many sets of teeth do humans usually grow in their lifetime?

Two (the primary or 'baby' teeth, followed by permanent adult teeth)

What is the function of molars and premolars?

To crush and grind food into smaller pieces

True or False: The Dentine is the soft layer found beneath the hard enamel.

True

Why is it important to have different types of teeth?

Different teeth perform different roles in the first stage of the digestive system, allowing us to eat a varied diet.

Which teeth are found at the very back of the mouth and are the largest?

Molars

What happens if we do not brush our teeth regularly?

Plaque builds up, which can lead to tooth decay and gum disease.

What is the name of the professional who helps look after our dental health?

A dentist

Do carnivores typically have more incisors or more canines compared to herbivores?

More canines, as they need them for tearing meat.

What is the process of breaking down food in the mouth called?

Mastication (or chewing)