

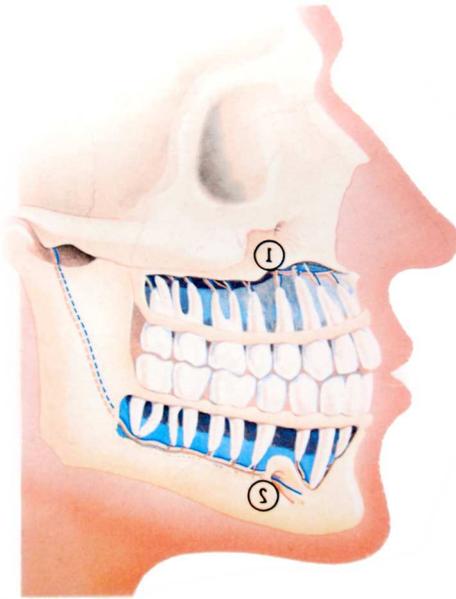
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10 Minutes with Science

The Teeth

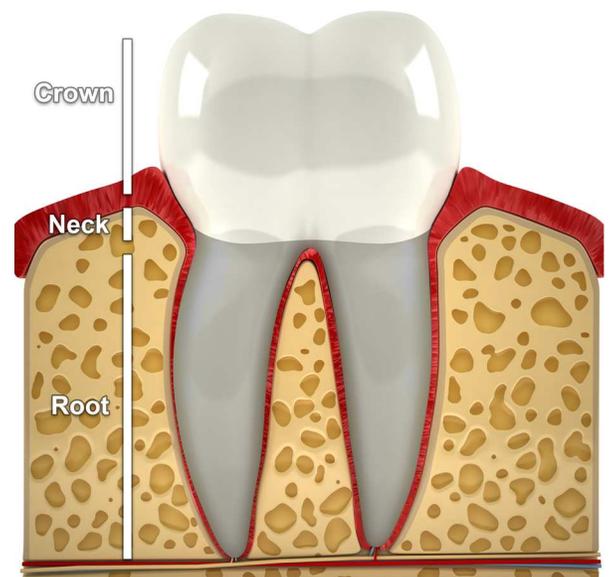
Teeth are small, white, hard organs arranged in an arc in both jaws of the mouth.



They have different shapes depending on their task. For example, canines or tusks (4 teeth) are long and pointed to hold and crumble food, incisors (8 teeth) are sharp to cut and break food, molars (12 teeth) and premolars (8 teeth) chew and crush food. With the action of all of them, we can crush the food before heads to the stomach.

There are two types of teeth, temporary or milk and permanent ones. The first ones develop in early childhood, until they are replaced by the permanent ones which start coming in around 6 years of age.

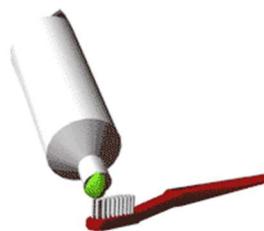
The teeth are made up of 3 distinct parts: crown, neck and root. The crown is the part that protrudes from the gum. The neck attaches the crown and root in the gum. The root holds the tooth so it doesn't move.



Teeth are made of enamel, cementum, ivory or dentin, and dental pulp or nerve.

- The enamel coats the tooth, is whitish, and hard. It protects the tooth.
- Yellowish cementum coats the root and attaches the tooth to the bone.
- Ivory or dentin is yellowish and surrounds the entire pulp.
- The pulp or nerve is reddish and is made up of blood vessels, nerves, and soft tissues. They cause sensitivity to the tooth.

To take care of your teeth you should follow these tips:



- Brush your teeth after each meal.
- Avoid high-sugar foods and drinks.
- Floss to remove food debris between your teeth.
- See your dentist or dentist on a regular basis.
- Use fluoride or mouthwash to strengthen tooth cleaning.



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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



1. What are teeth for?

- a. To chew food.
- b. To break food.
- c. To crush food.
- d. All are correct.



2. There are two types of teeth...

- a. Temporary or milk and permanent.
- b. Crown, neck and root.
- c. Enamel and cement.
- d. Blood vessels and nerves.

3. How many teeth do you have in total ?

- a. 12 teeth
- b. 32 teeth
- c. 8 teeth
- d. 4 teeth



4. The enamel coats the tooth, is reddish and hard. It protects the tooth

- a. True
- b. False

5. What do you need to do to take care of your teeth ?

- a. Brush your teeth with shampoo.
- b. Go to the dermatologist.
- c. Floss.
- d. Take sugar.

