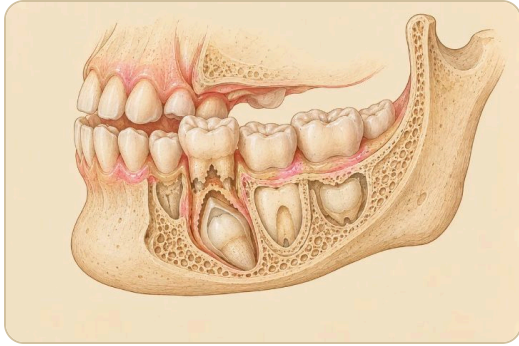


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When do baby teeth fall out?



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Baby teeth start falling out around age 6, and the last ones go at about 12. Under each one, a new tooth is already hiding in the bone. As it grows, the baby tooth's root slowly disappears, the tooth gets wobbly and falls out. Then the new tooth comes in.

1 Match each question to its answer. Write the letter.

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| ☐ 1. At what age does the first baby tooth fall out? | A. For most children, between ages 6 and 7. |
| ☐ 2. In what order do baby teeth fall out? | B. It is the first permanent molar. |
| ☐ 3. What is the "six-year molar"? | C. Roughly in the order they came in. |
| ☐ 4. Why does a baby tooth fall out without a root? | D. It did have a root. As the new tooth moves up, the body slowly breaks that root down, without pain. |

2 Is this the right answer? Write T or F.

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| ☐ 1. The new tooth came in behind the baby tooth. What now? This is common, especially with the lower front teeth. |
| ☐ 2. Should you pull out a wobbly tooth? Baby teeth are very white. The permanent tooth has a thicker, slightly yellow layer inside, so it looks more yellow next to them. |
| ☐ 3. Why is the new tooth more yellow and bumpy on the edge? It is best to let the child wiggle it with their tongue or a clean finger until it comes out on its own. |
| ☐ 4. How many teeth fall out in total? All 20 baby teeth fall out, and 20 permanent teeth take their place. |

3 Think and answer

Does a baby tooth with a cavity need treatment?



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Answer key: When do baby teeth fall out?

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1. A
2. C
3. B
4. D

2 Is this the right answer?

1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T

3 Think and answer

Yes. Even though it will fall out one day, the baby tooth helps with chewing and speaking and holds the space for the permanent tooth.

