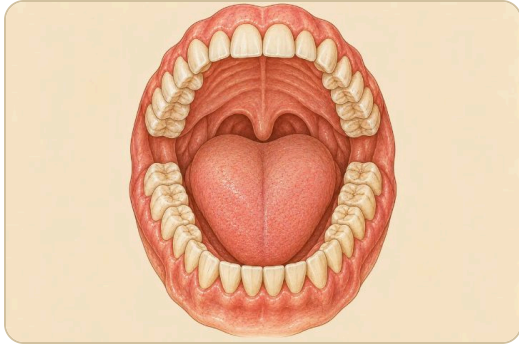


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How many teeth do we have?



READ

Children have 20 baby teeth. They start falling out around age 6 and are replaced by permanent teeth. Adults have 32 teeth, counting the 4 wisdom teeth. The mouth also holds the tongue, which tastes, and saliva, which helps you swallow.

1 Which part is it? Use the words in the box.

Premolars

Incisors

Canines

1. The front teeth, straight and thin. They cut, like when you bite into an apple.
2. The pointy teeth, one on each side of the incisors. They help tear tougher food.
3. They come after the canines. They have two little points and start crushing food.

2 Match each part to what it does. Write the letter.

- ☐ 1. Molars
- ☐ 2. Tongue
- ☐ 3. Lips
- ☐ 4. Gums

- A. Holding and protecting the teeth
- B. Tasting, moving food and speaking
- C. Closing the mouth and helping speech
- D. Grinding food

3 True or false? Write T or F.

- ☐ 1. **Incisors:** separating the mouth from the nose
- ☐ 2. **Canines:** tearing food
- ☐ 3. **Premolars:** crushing and grinding
- ☐ 4. **Roof of the mouth (palate):** cutting food

4 Think and answer

Why do baby teeth fall out?



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Answer key: How many teeth do we have?

1 Which part is it?

1. Incisors
2. Canines
3. Premolars

2 Match each part to what it does.

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

3 True or false?

1. F (Incisors: cutting food)
2. T
3. T
4. F (Roof of the mouth (palate): separating the mouth from the nose)

4 Think and answer

Because the mouth grows and needs bigger, stronger teeth. The permanent tooth, already hidden in the bone, pushes up while the baby tooth's root dissolves until it gets wobbly and falls out.

