

All About Teeth

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Your Teeth

Your teeth help you.

They help you to eat your food
and they help you to talk.

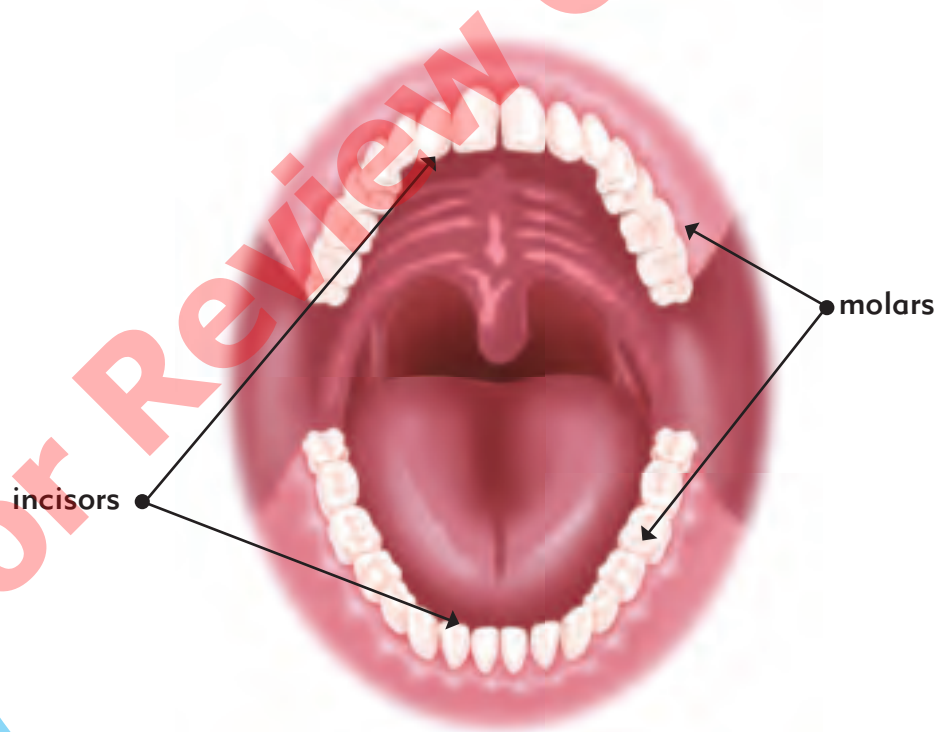
Not all teeth look the same.

You have sharp teeth called *incisors*.

These teeth help you to cut up your food.



You also have teeth with flat tops.
These teeth are called *molars*.
They help you to *chew* your food.





You can *only* see part of your teeth.
Under your *gums*, a tooth has a long *root*
to keep it in place.

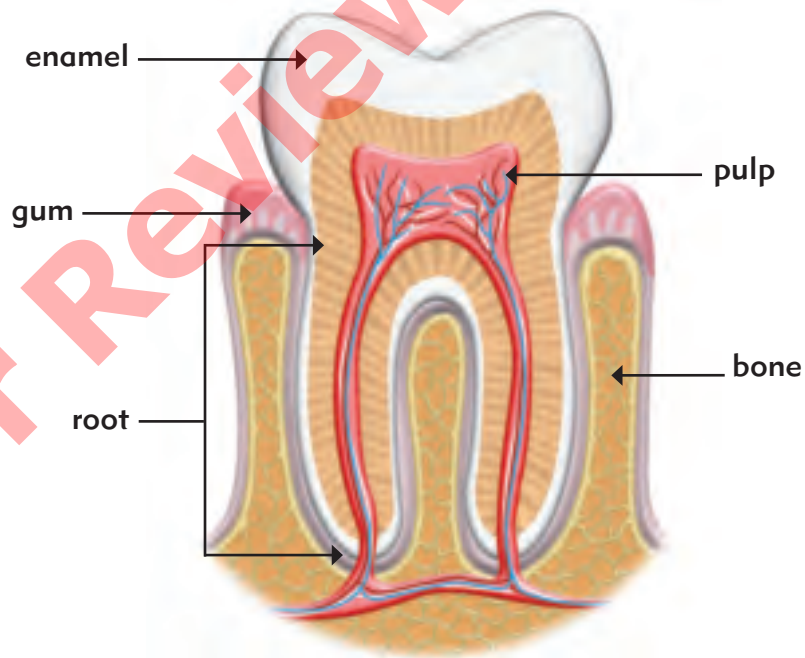
The outside of your tooth is very hard.

It is the hardest part of your body.

It is called *enamel*.

The inside of your tooth is soft.

This is called *pulp*.



How Many Teeth?

When you were a tiny baby,
your teeth were growing
under your gums.

When you were a bit older,
these teeth started to come out
of your gums.

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We call these first teeth “baby teeth.”

When you were about three years old,
you had 20 baby teeth.

There were ten at the top and ten at the bottom.



Under your baby teeth there are more teeth growing.
These are called your permanent teeth.