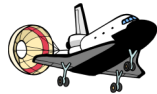


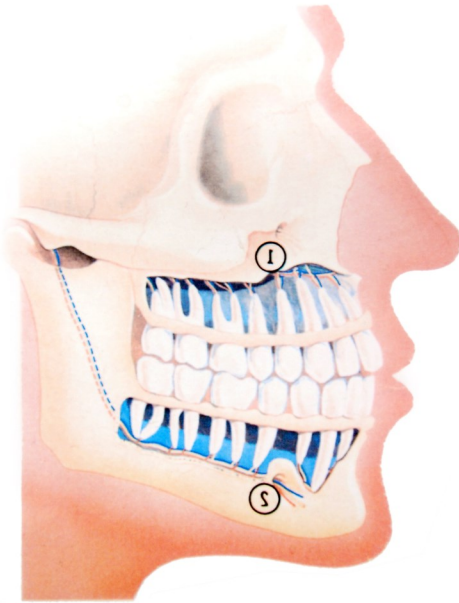
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10 Minutes with Science

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.

