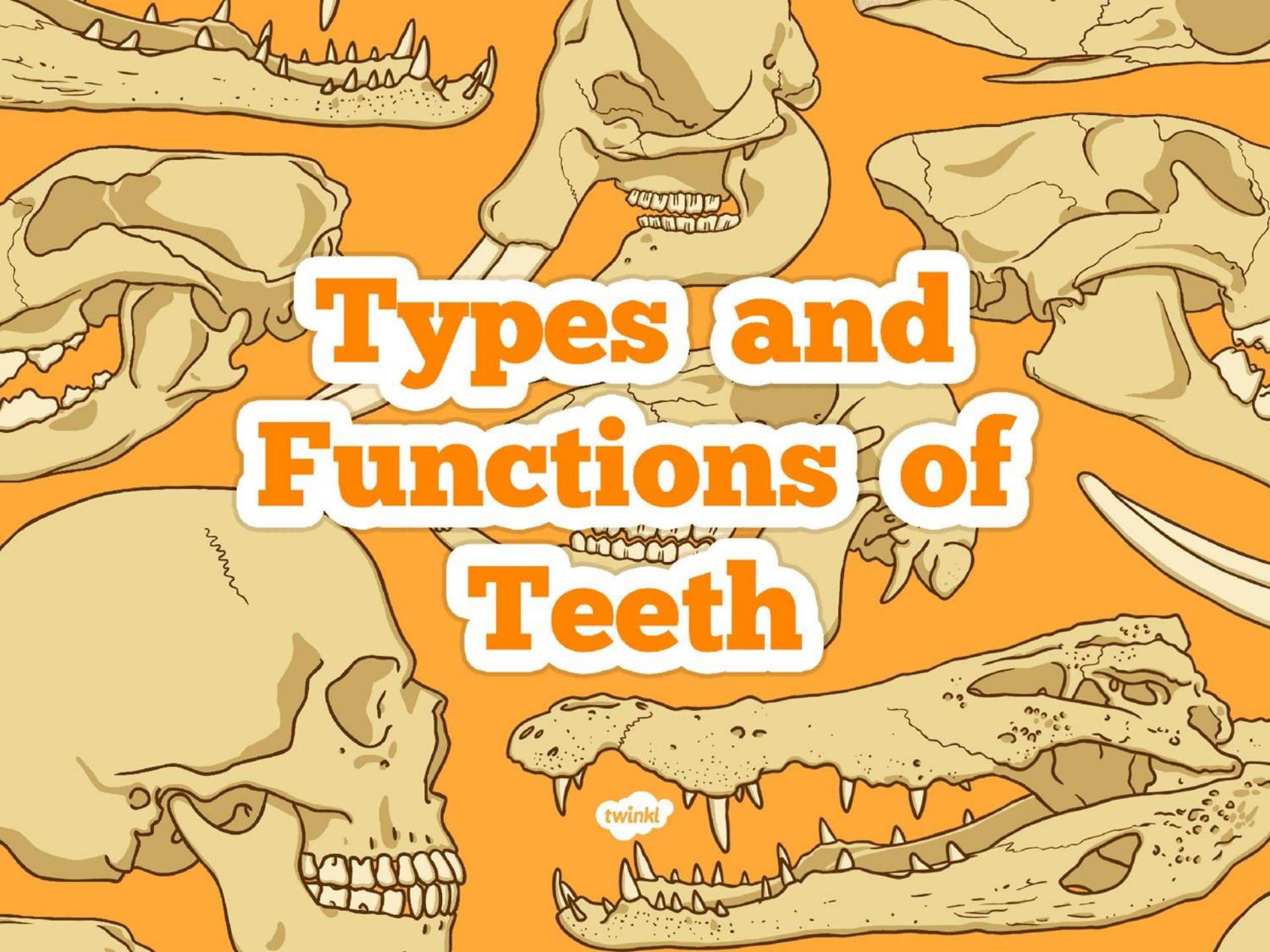


The background is a vibrant orange color, filled with several detailed illustrations of animal skulls and jaws. These include a crocodile's head with sharp, pointed teeth, a primate's face showing incisors and molars, a rodent's skull with prominent incisors, and a large, elongated jaw with many small, sharp teeth. The central text is overlaid on these illustrations.

Types and Functions of Teeth

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Aim

- I can identify the types and functions of teeth.
- I can identify similarities and differences related to scientific ideas.

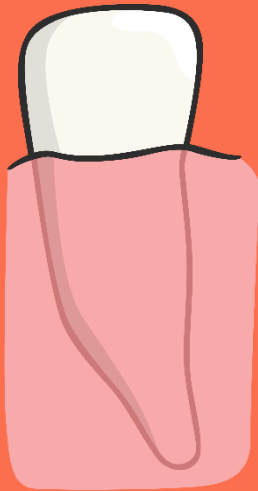
Success Criteria

- I can identify the function of teeth in humans.
- I can match the types and functions of teeth.
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Types Of Teeth



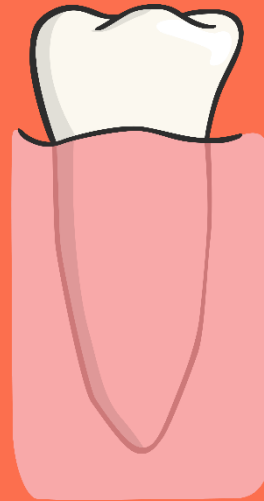
Match the types of teeth with their names.



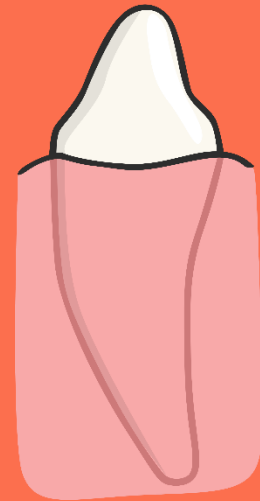
Molar



Canine



Incisor

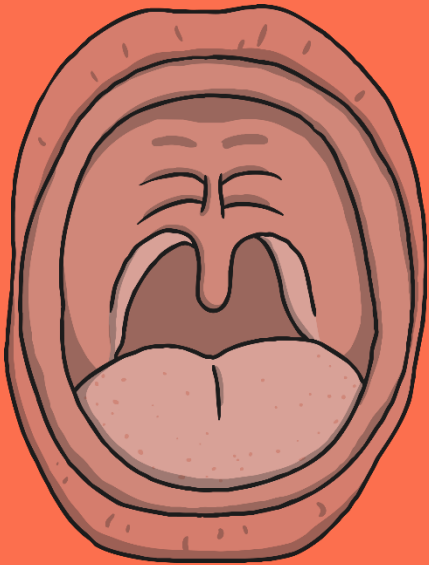


Premolar

Where Are They?



Were you correct?



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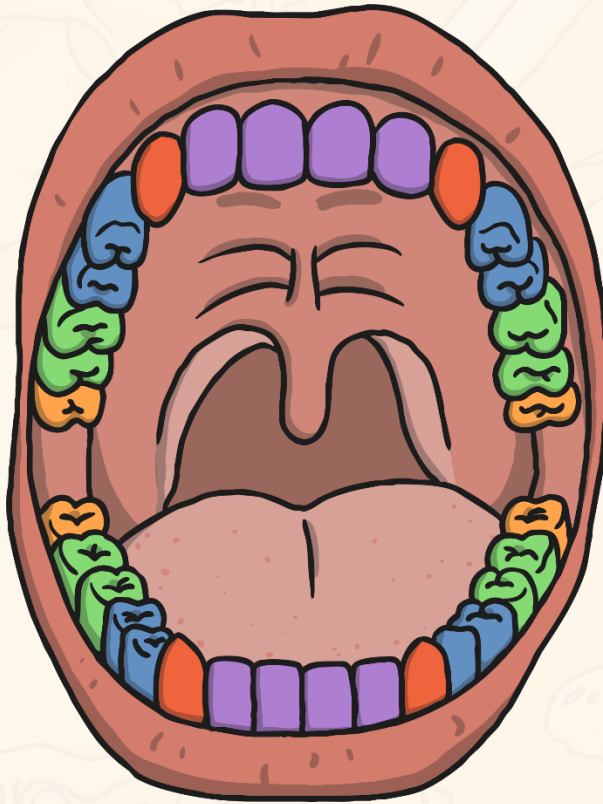
Functions of Teeth



Discuss the following questions with your talk partner:

Why do we have different types of teeth?

What is their purpose?



-  Canine
-  Molars
-  Premolars
-  Incisors
-  Wisdom Teeth

Incisors

How many?

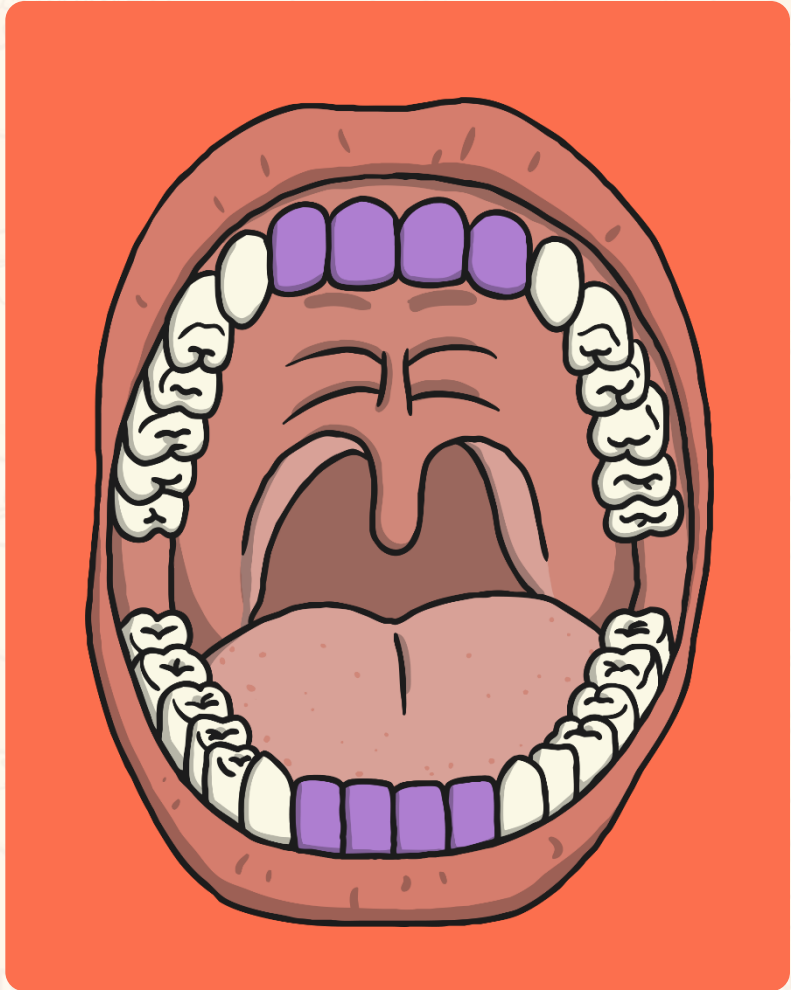
Humans have 8 incisors altogether; 4 in the upper jaw and 4 in the lower jaw.

Shape

Incisors are shovel-shaped.

Function:

Used for biting and cutting food.



Canines

How many?

Humans have 4 canine teeth, one in each quarter of the mouth, on either side of the incisors.

Shape

Canines are pointy.

Function:

Used for tearing and ripping food.



Premolars

How many?

Humans have 8 premolars, two in each quarter of the mouth. They are between the canine tooth and the molars.

Shape

Small and flat

Function:

Holding and crushing food.



Molars

How many?

Humans have 8 molars, two in each quarter of the mouth. They are at the back of the mouth behind the premolars.

Shape

Large and flat

Function:

Grinding food



Wisdom Teeth

How many?

Humans can have up to 4 wisdom teeth, although not everyone has them. There is 1 in each quarter of the mouth behind the molars.

Shape

Large and flat (they are just a third molar)

Function:

Does not have one now! Some scientists think that human ancestors needed a third molar to help grind down plant tissue from thicker leaves when humans still ate them. Since the diet of humans has changed we don't need them.

As the human diet changed our mouths have become smaller. This is the reason why many people have their wisdom teeth extracted – taken out – as there is no real room for a wisdom tooth so it tends to grow inward and can become a problem.

