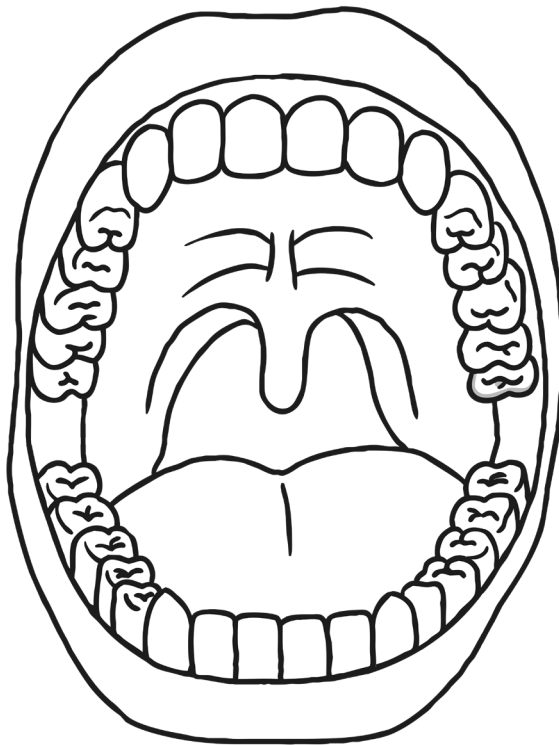


Teeth Exploration

You will need:

- A partner
- A mirror

Look at your partner's teeth. Use the diagram below to show what teeth they have. Cross out any missing teeth. If you recognise any milk (baby) teeth, write 'M' on them. If you recognise any adult teeth, write 'A' on them. Then, label incisors, canines, premolars and molars.

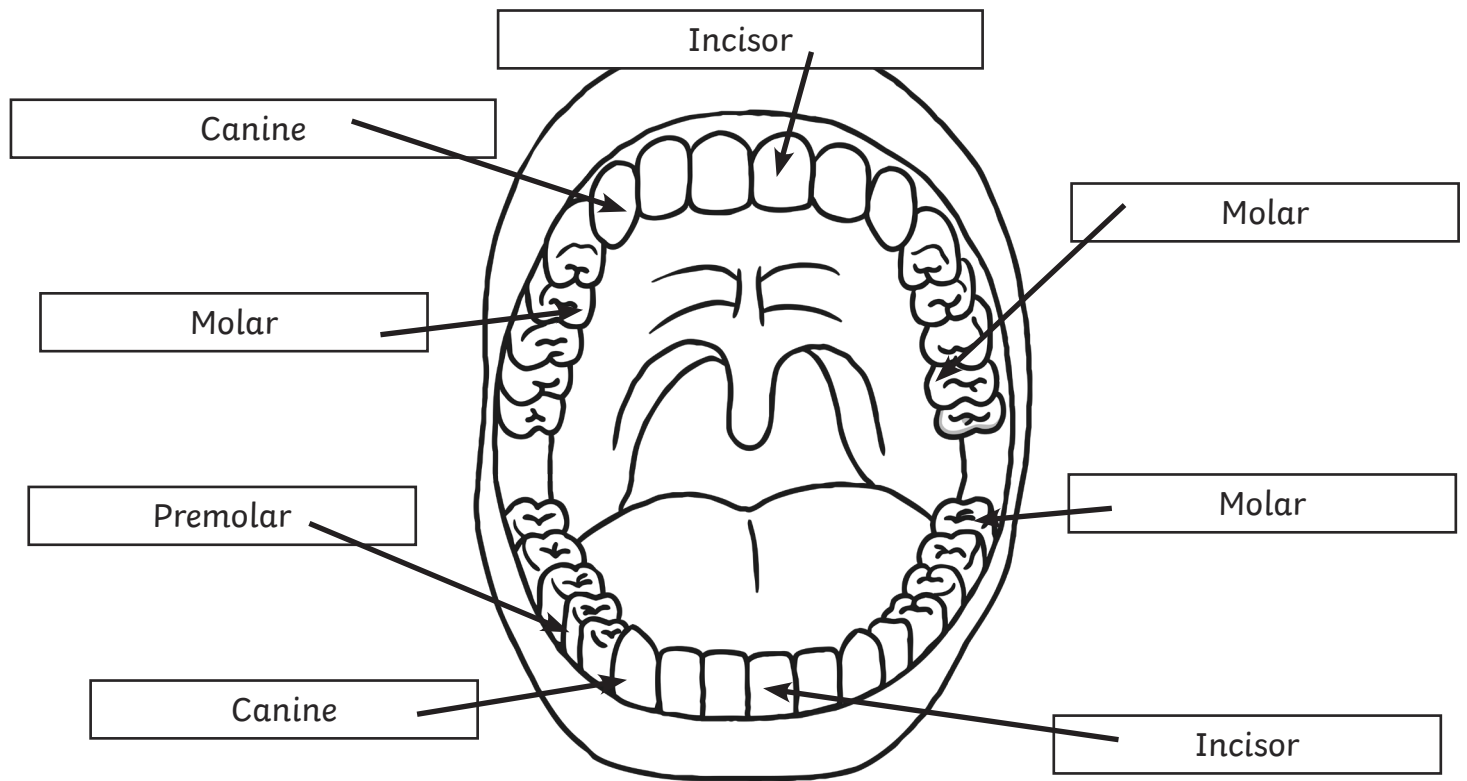


Match each tooth type to its function:

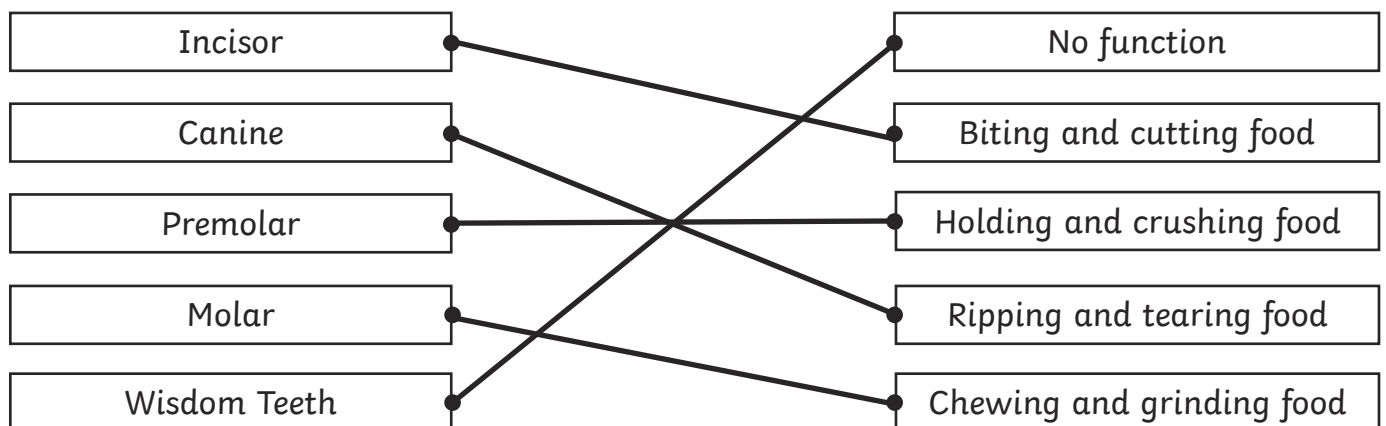
Incisor	•
Canine	•
Premolar	•
Molar	•
Wisdom Teeth	•

No function	•
Biting and cutting food	•
Holding and crushing food	•
Ripping and tearing food	•
Chewing and grinding food	•

Teeth Exploration Answers



Match each tooth type to its function:

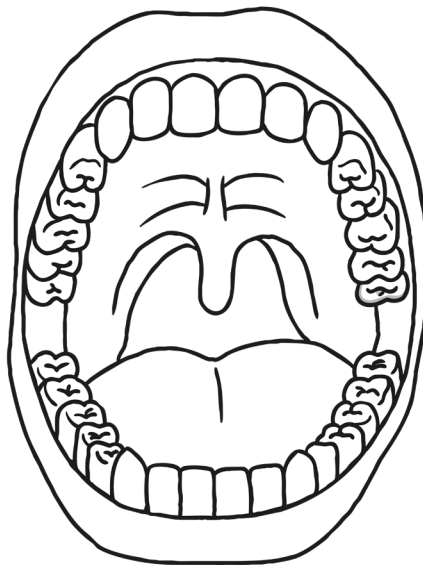


Teeth Exploration

You will need:

- A partner
- A mirror

When you have your teeth checked by a dentist, you may have heard them say lots of letters and numbers. The numbers refer to your adult teeth and the letters to your milk teeth. Letters and numbers start from the back of your mouth and go to the front. So a wisdom tooth would be eight, the incisor on that side would be one. As children have fewer molars and premolars and no wisdom teeth, milk teeth are labelled from the back E D C B A. So the back molar would be E and the incisor on that side would be A. With the mirror, examine your own or your partner's teeth. On the diagram below, use the numbers and letters system to record which teeth they have. Cross out any missing teeth. Then, label incisors, canines, premolars and molars.



Explain the function of each tooth type:

Incisor _____

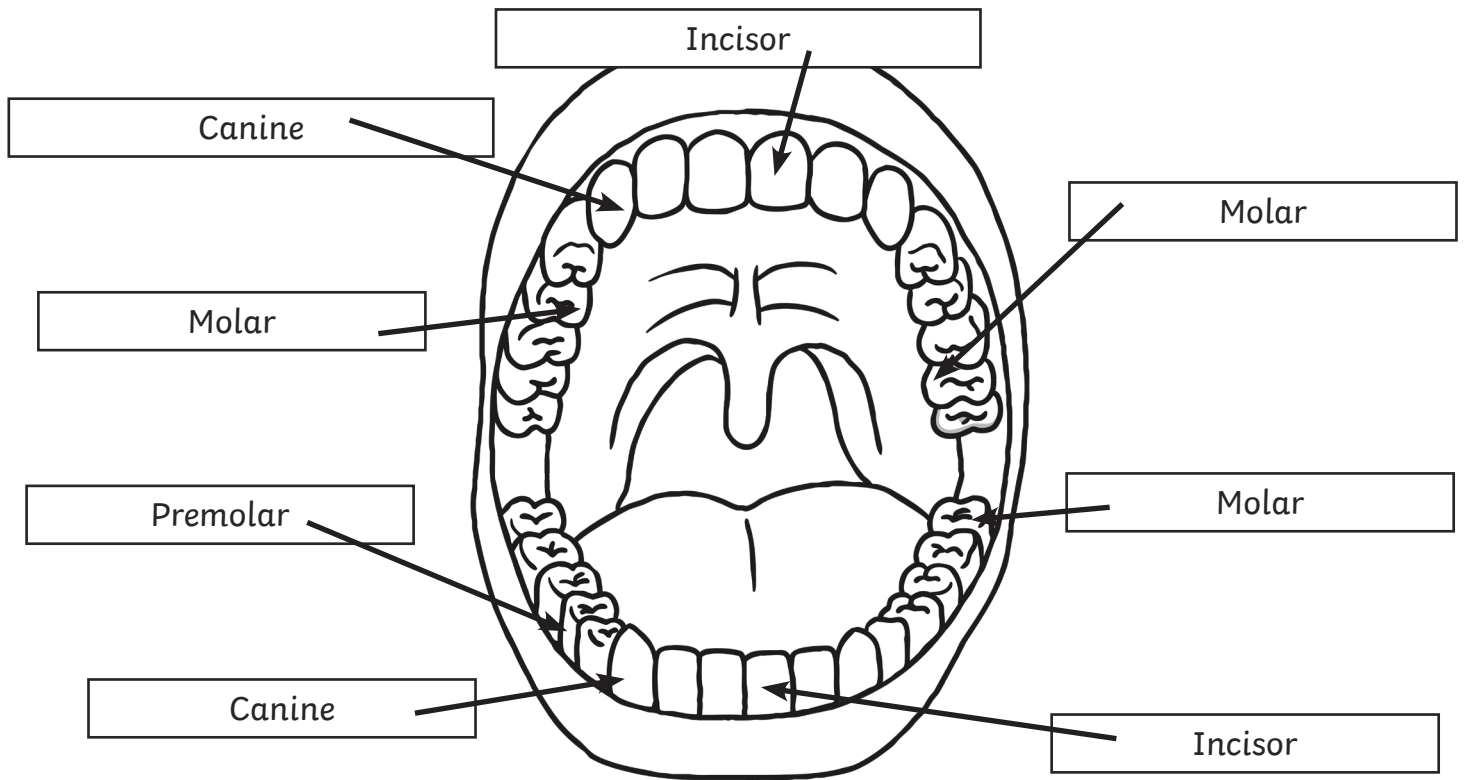
Canine _____

Premolar _____

Molar _____

Wisdom teeth _____

Teeth Exploration Answers



Explain the function of each tooth type:

Incisor - **bites and cuts food**

Canine - **rips and tears food**

Premolar - **holds and crushes food**

Molar - **chews and grinds food**

Wisdom teeth - **no function**