

7-11 year-olds

Using your teeth

1. You are going to complete the labels for this diagram about teeth. Start by reading the information in the box below. See if you can find:
 - three names for different types of teeth
 - three words to describe the shape of different teeth
 - three phrases to describe the job they do.

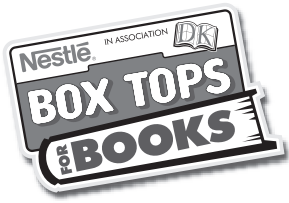
Teeth

There are three different types of tooth in your mouth. They each have a different shape and a different job to do.

The incisors are at the front of your mouth. They have sharp tops so that you can use them for cutting and chopping your food.



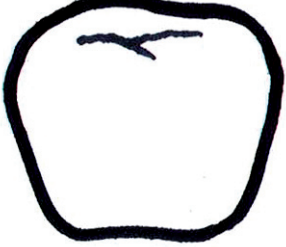
At each side of the incisors are the canines. These teeth have pointed tops and you use them for stabbing and tearing your food.

The molars are at the back of your mouth. They have flat tops and they are good for grinding and chewing your food.



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2. Write down the words in the correct places to finish the labels.

	<p>_____ have a _____</p> <p>top for _____</p>
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3. How did you do? Ask a friend to look at your labelled diagrams. Try making up a question for them, such as 'What shape is an incisor?'. Could they find the answer using your information?
4. Find out more: about animals' teeth. Do they have the same type of teeth as humans? What are the similarities and differences? Why?
5. Design an information leaflet to be displayed in a dentist's surgery which tells young children all about their teeth. Include two good reasons for looking after their teeth.