

Types of Teeth

Did you know?

People have 3 types of teeth.

These teeth have adapted because of the kinds of foods that we eat.

Animals like dogs and cats have well developed canines.

Horses rely on their molars and don't even have canines!

What to do: (Look at the picture)

incisors:

Count all the incisors. There are 8 incisors

Colour them _____

canines:

Count all the canines. There are 4 canines.

Colour them _____

premolars:

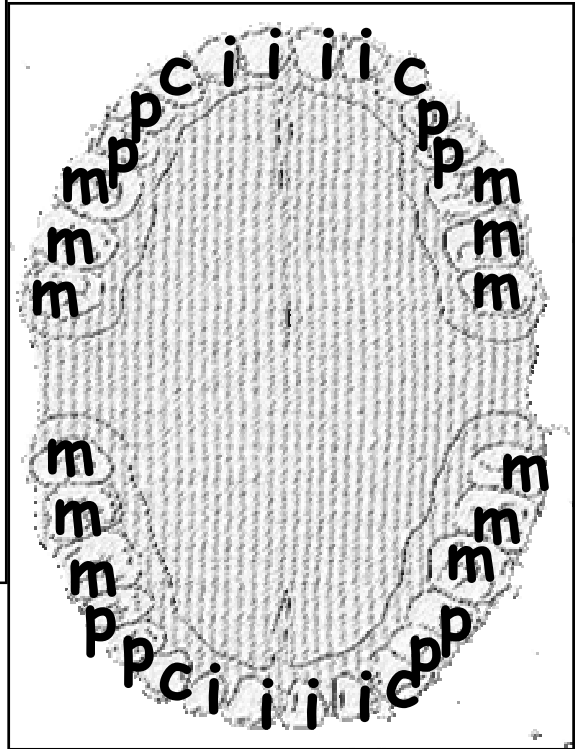
Count all the premolars. There are 8 premolars

Colour them _____

molars:

Count all the molars. There are 12 molars

Colour them _____



Use a mirror and count your own teeth:

I have _____ incisors.

I have _____ canines.

I have _____ premolars.

I have _____ molars.

The teeth all have certain functions (jobs):

Incisors are thin and sharp. They are used for **cutting food**.

This is most useful when _____.

Canines are sharp and pointy. They are used for **cutting and tearing food**.

This is most useful when _____.

Premolars are flat and blunt. They are used for **grinding and chewing food**.

This is most useful when _____.

Molars are large, flat and blunt. They are used for **grinding and chewing food**.

This is most useful when _____.