

Teeth

Name _____

People use their teeth to bite and chew food. They also help us say certain sounds. People have two sets of teeth in their lives.

Primary Teeth

Most babies are born with no teeth showing (the teeth are forming inside the gums). The 20 primary teeth (also called baby teeth or first teeth) erupt (poke through the gums) during the time from 6 months of age to a year old.

Permanent Teeth

Primary teeth fall out and are replaced by 32 permanent teeth (also called the adult teeth). This happens during the time from about 6 to 14 years old.

As a permanent tooth forms under the gum and in the jawbone, the roots of the primary tooth it is replacing dissolve. Then the primary tooth becomes loose and falls out. The permanent tooth will fill the space.

Questions

1. What is another name for baby teeth?

2. What is another name for permanent teeth?

3. How many primary teeth do people have?

4. How many permanent teeth do people have?
