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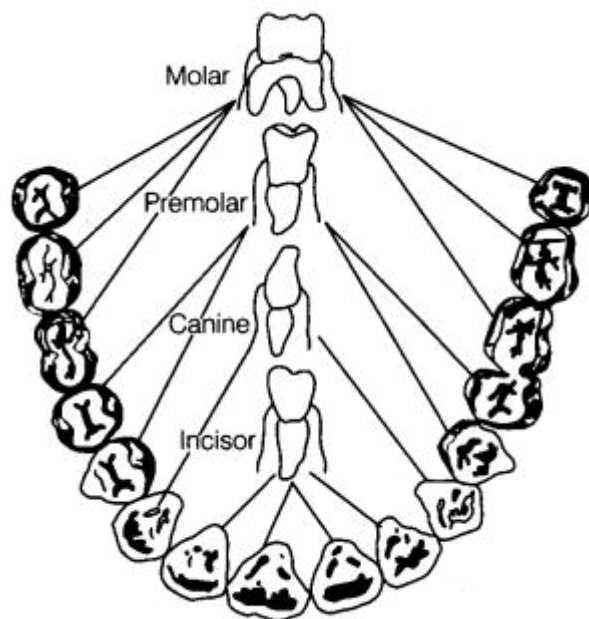
► Nutrition in Animals

Teeth

The food is cut by the teeth inside the mouth. Teeth mechanically break the food into small pieces. These teeth vary in appearance. Each tooth is rooted in a separate socket in the gums.

There are four types of teeth:

- **Incisors** These are four chisel-shaped incisors at centre of each jaw for biting and cutting the food.
- **Canines** These are two large pointed teeth just behind incisors in each jaw, for piercing and tearing the food.
- **Premolars** These are four (two on each side) large premolars with the flat surface behind the canines in each jaw, for grinding and chewing.
- **Molars** In an adult, these are six (three on each side) large molars with the flat surface behind the premolars in each jaw, for grinding.



Types and arrangement of teeth

Milk Teeth and Permanent Teeth

In human beings, teeth grow twice. The sets of teeth that grow during infancy (when one is a small baby), are called milk teeth. These are also called as temporary teeth. These teeth get loosen and fall off at the age of 6-8 years. When milk teeth fall off, a new sets of teeth grow in their place. This second set of teeth is called permanent teeth because these remain till the old age. But if these teeth fall down, no new teeth arise on its place.