



## Lesson Sequence



**1. Learn about the digestive system**



**2. Explore the digestive system in humans**



**3. Know about your teeth**



**4. Understand how to care for your teeth**



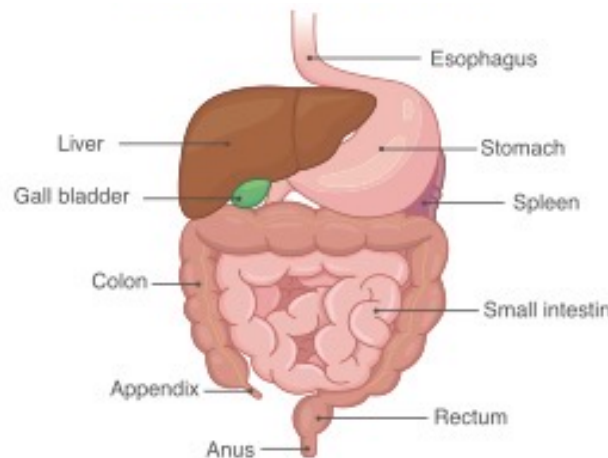
**5. Investigate food chains**



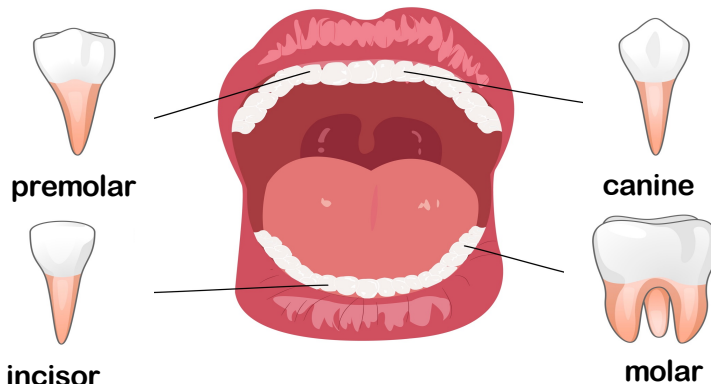
**6. Explore food webs**

## The Digestive System

- The digestive system begins with the **mouth** and **teeth** where food is ingested and chewed.
- Saliva is mixed with the food which helps to break it up.
- When the food is small enough to be swallowed, it is pushed down the **oesophagus** by muscles to the stomach.
- In the stomach, food is mixed further.
- The mixed food is then sent to the **small intestine** which absorbs nutrients from the food.
- Any leftover broken down food then moves on to the **large intestine**.
- The food minus the nutrients arrives in the **rectum** where muscles turn it into faeces (poo). It is stored here until it is pushed out by the **anus**. This is called excretion.



## Types of Teeth and their function

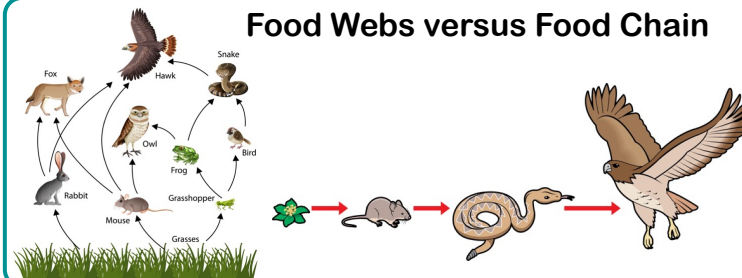


Different teeth have different functions  
Teeth of animals are designed for the foods they eat

- **Herbivores** (e.g., horses) have little use for canines and mainly use incisors and molars
- **Carnivores** (e.g., Lion) mainly use canines and incisors, they don't have molars (have premolars – small molars)
- **Omnivores** (e.g., humans) use all three

Tooth enamel is the hardest substance in the human body  
Humans have two sets of teeth; milk teeth and adult teeth

## Food Webs versus Food Chain





Place these in order of what happens in the digestive system.

before after

teeth chew food and saliva helps the food to break down.

any final nutrients are absorbed before waste is pushed out by the anus.

in the stomach the food is mixed further and then sent to the intestines

The substance that contains bacteria on the surface of your teeth is called...

before after

plaque

canines

molars

incisors

What carries food from the mouth to the stomach?

before after

blood

oesophagus

teeth

Which of these life processes takes place when waste is pushed out?

before after

respiration

reproduction

excretion

growth

Tooth decay is when..

before after

teeth are used to chew

teeth are kept healthy

teeth are destroyed and damaged

teeth are brushed twice a day

The substance that helps break down food in the mouth is...

before after

oesophagus

saliva

nutrients

Name the human teeth below.

Before

After

