

ACTIVITY 1B: KINDS OF TEETH



A. INCISORS, CUSPIDS, BICUSPIDS, AND MOLARS

Incisors are the large, thin, rectangular-shaped teeth located in the front of your mouth. These teeth cut food for your mouth like sharp scissors.

Canines/cuspids are next to the incisors, and are sharp and pointed. These teeth tear food.

Premolars/bicuspids are the teeth behind the canines. They tear and crush food.

Molars are the teeth located in the back of your mouth. They are flatter and wider than the other teeth. The word molar means “millstone,” since these teeth work similar to a millstone, grinding food.

B. TEETH AND THEIR POSITION AND FUNCTION:

Kinds of Teeth	Number in Mouth	Position	Function
Incisors	Eight	Front of Mouth	Cut Food
Cuspids	Four	Behind Incisors	Tear Food
Bicuspids	Eight	Behind Cuspids	Tear/Crush Food
Molars	Eight to Twelve	Back of Mouth	Grind Food

C. PROFILE DRAWINGS OF TEETH:

Locate the kinds of teeth by color coding each tooth found. Incisors—red; Canines—orange; Premolars—blue; Molars—green

