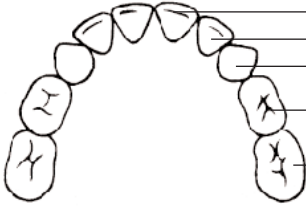
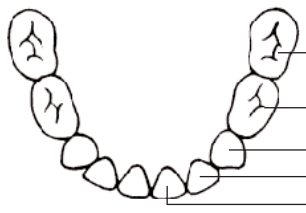


Tooth Eruption & Teething

Tooth Eruption

A baby's teeth begin to erupt at about 6 months of age. The lower front teeth are usually first, followed by the upper front teeth. By age 2 to 2½, most children have all 20 primary (baby) teeth.

Permanent teeth begin to erupt at ages 6 to 7 years old. The lower front teeth and the first molars are usually the first permanent teeth to erupt.

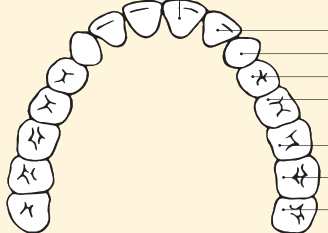
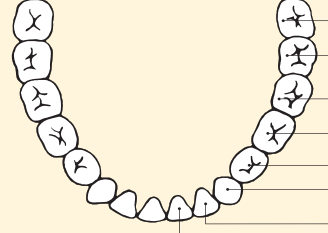
PRIMARY TEETH			
	Upper Teeth	Erupt	Shed
	Central incisor	8-12 mos.	6-7 yrs.
	Lateral incisor	9-13 mos.	7-8 yrs.
	Canine (cuspid)	16-22 mos.	10-12 yrs.
	First molar	13-19 mos.	9-11 yrs.
	Lower Teeth	Erupt	Shed
	Second molar	23-31 mos.	10-12 yrs.
	First molar	14-18 mos.	9-11 yrs.
	Canine (cuspid)	17-23 mos.	9-12 yrs.
	Lateral incisor	10-16 mos.	7-8 yrs.
	Central incisor	6-10 mos.	6-7 yrs.

Teething Symptoms

Your child may have sore gums when teeth erupt. Normal symptoms of teething include:

- Drooling more than usual
- Fussy behavior
- Crying
- Not sleeping well
- Loss of appetite

Diarrhea, rashes, and fever are not normal for a teething baby. If your baby has any of these symptoms while teething or continues to be fussy, call your physician.

PERMANENT TEETH			
	Upper Teeth	Erupt	
	Central incisor	7-8 yrs.	
	Lateral incisor	8-9 yrs.	
	Canine (cuspid)	11-12 yrs.	
	First premolar (first bicuspid)	10-11 yrs.	
	Second premolar (second bicuspid)	10-12 yrs.	
	First molar	6-7 yrs.	
	Second molar	12-13 yrs.	
	Third molar (wisdom tooth)	17-21 yrs.	
	Lower Teeth	Erupt	
	Third molar (wisdom tooth)	17-21 yrs.	
	Second molar	11-13 yrs.	
	First molar	6-7 yrs.	
	Second premolar (second bicuspid)	11-12 yrs.	
	First premolar (first bicuspid)	10-12 yrs.	
	Canine (cuspid)	9-10 yrs.	
	Lateral incisor	7-8 yrs.	
	Central incisor	6-7 yrs.	

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Teething Do's and Don'ts

DO gently rub your child's gums with a clean finger or something cool like a small spoon or a wet washcloth.

DO use solid teething rings.

Do NOT use a plastic teething ring with liquid filling. Your child could chew through the plastic.

Do NOT use teething biscuits. The biscuits can increase your child's risk for tooth decay.

Do NOT use a medicine for your child's gums without the advice of your dentist or doctor.