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The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Circle group

Do you have a wiggly tooth? That is good! Your body has a plan.

You get two sets of teeth. The first set is baby teeth. They are small. They fit a small mouth.

You grow. Your jaw grows too. Now there is room for big teeth. A big tooth waits in the gum under each baby tooth. It pushes up. The baby tooth gets loose. It wiggles. Then it falls out. The big tooth comes in.

Big teeth must last a long time. Brush two times a day. Go see the dentist.

Questions

1. What is the first set of teeth called?

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2. Where does a big tooth wait?

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3. Why does a baby tooth wiggle?

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4. Why must you take care of big teeth?

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5. Why do you need bigger teeth when you grow?

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Words to know

wiggly: moving a little from side to side
jaw: the bone that holds your teeth and moves when you chew
gum: the soft pink part of the mouth around your teeth
dentist: a doctor who takes care of teeth

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Triangle group

Have you ever had a wiggly tooth? It feels strange, but it is a good sign. Your body has a plan.

You get two sets of teeth in your life. The first set is called baby teeth. They start to show when you are very small. Baby teeth are little, so they fit a little mouth.

As you grow, your jaw grows too. Then there is room for bigger teeth. Under each baby tooth, a grown-up tooth waits in the gum. It pushes up slowly. That makes the baby tooth loosen and wiggle. At last the baby tooth falls out, and the new tooth comes in.

Grown-up teeth have to last for a very long time. So brush them two times a day and visit the dentist.

Questions

1. What is the first set of teeth called?

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2. Where does a grown-up tooth wait?

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3. Why does a baby tooth start to wiggle?

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4. Why do grown-up teeth need good care?

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5. Why do you need bigger teeth as you grow?

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Words to know

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The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Square group

Have you ever noticed a wiggly tooth in your mouth? Although it feels peculiar, it is actually a healthy sign, because your body is following a careful plan.

During your life, you grow two complete sets of teeth. The first set, known as baby teeth, begins to appear when you are very young. Those teeth are tiny, which allows them to fit comfortably inside a tiny mouth.

As you grow, your jaw grows as well, and soon there is plenty of room for larger teeth. Beneath every baby tooth, a grown-up tooth waits patiently in the gum. It slowly pushes upward, which causes the baby tooth to loosen and wiggle. Eventually the baby tooth falls out, and the new tooth takes its place.

Grown-up teeth must last for many, many years. For that reason, you should brush them twice every day and visit the dentist regularly.

Questions

1. What is the first set of teeth called?

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2. Where does a grown-up tooth wait before it comes in?

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3. What makes a baby tooth begin to loosen and wiggle?

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4. Why do grown-up teeth need careful brushing and dentist visits?

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5. Why does your mouth need bigger teeth as you grow older?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Easier · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.7

1. Baby teeth.
2. In the gum, under the baby tooth.
3. The big tooth pushes up and makes it loose.
4. They must last a long time.
5. Your jaw grows, so there is more room for big teeth.

Triangle: The Wiggly Tooth Plan

This passage · 129 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.4

1. Baby teeth.
2. In the gum, under the baby tooth.
3. The grown-up tooth pushes up and makes it loose.
4. They have to last for a very long time.
5. Your jaw gets bigger, so there is room for bigger teeth.

Square: The Wiggly Tooth Plan

Harder · 148 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.2

1. Baby teeth.
2. In the gum, beneath the baby tooth.
3. The grown-up tooth slowly pushes upward under it.
4. They must last for many years.
5. Your jaw grows larger, so there is room for larger teeth.