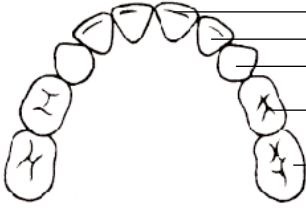
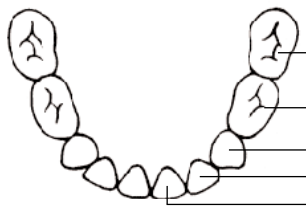


# Tooth Eruption & Teething

## 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.

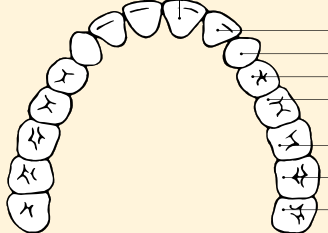
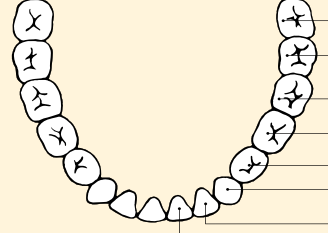
PRIMARY TEETH			
	<b>Upper Teeth</b>	<b>Erupt</b>	<b>Shed</b>
	Central incisor	8-12 mos.	6-7 yrs.
	Lateral incisor	9-13 mos.	7-8 yrs.
	Canine (cuspid)	16-22 mos.	10-12 yrs.
	First molar	13-19 mos.	9-11 yrs.
	<b>Lower Teeth</b>	<b>Erupt</b>	<b>Shed</b>
	Second molar	23-31 mos.	10-12 yrs.
	First molar	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			
	<b>Upper Teeth</b>	<b>Erupt</b>	
	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.	
	<b>Lower Teeth</b>	<b>Erupt</b>	
	First molar	6-7 yrs.	
	Second molar	12-13 yrs.	
	Third molar (wisdom tooth)	17-21 yrs.	
	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.