Talk about teeth

Learning objective: To know the functions of teeth and how to care for them.

Open your mouth wide and look in the mirror. How many teeth can you see?

Draw your mouth in the space below and colour in the molars red, the incisors blue and the canines green.

I have ____ teeth in my mouth.

Match the name of each tooth with its job.

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<th>molar</th>
<th>chews food and breaks it down ready for swallowing</th>
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<td>canine</td>
<td>makes the initial cut into food</td>
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<td>incisor</td>
<td>tears food into smaller pieces</td>
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Fill in the paragraph below with this vocabulary.

**teeth**  **bacteria**  **dentist**  **acid**  **brace**  **chewing**

**tear**  **biting**  **molar**  **incisors**  **brushed**

__________________ are very important to humans and other mammals. The process of __________________ food is done by _________________. Canine teeth then __________________ the food, and __________________ teeth break it down further by _________________. The process is helped by __________________ in the mouth. Whilst acid is helpful for eating, if teeth are not __________________ regularly, __________________ can lead to decay. Regular check ups with a __________________ will keep teeth in good condition. If teeth are out of place, you may need a __________________ to straighten them and prevent food getting stuck between them.