

FUN TOOTH FACTS

"The strongest teeth in the world" belong to John Massis of Belgium. He proved this by pulling two Long Island Railroad passenger cars weighing 80 tons along the rails with a rope held on a bit between his teeth. Always remember that your teeth are not a tool, and should not be used for anything except eating food.

The blue whale -- which has a mouth so large, that a full-grown man could stand inside it with his hands raised -- can swallow nothing larger than a shrimp.

The armadillo has as many as 104 teeth.... more than any other land animal.

Rats must continually chew to keep their front teeth worn down. If they lose a top one, the bottom tooth will eventually grow up into that space and continue into their brain.

The flamingo eats with its head upside down.

The snail's mouth is no larger than the head of a pin, but has around 25,600 teeth.

Human beings have four kinds of teeth. The incisors are for slicing and cutting food. The canines for tearing. The premolars and molars for grinding and crushing food for swallowing.

Did you know that when you chew only your lower jaw moves? Your upper jaw does not move while eating!