

Omnivore

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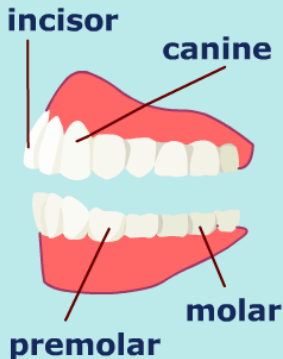
An animal that eats plants and animals.

Incisors (front teeth)
Sharp for biting off pieces of food.

Canine teeth
Pointed for gripping and tearing food, especially meat.

Molars and premolars (back teeth)
Large and flat for crushing food into pieces that can be swallowed.

Did you know?
Omnivores have both sharp and flat teeth to cope with their varied diet.



The diagram shows a top and bottom view of an omnivore's mouth. Labels with leader lines point to specific teeth: 'incisor' points to the front teeth, 'canine' points to the pointed teeth next to the incisors, 'premolar' points to the flat teeth behind the canines, and 'molar' points to the large flat teeth at the back of the mouth.

a. What is an omnivore?

An omnivore is _____

b. What does an omnivore use its canines for?

They are used for _____

c. Which teeth does an omnivore use for biting off pieces of food?

It uses _____

d. What shape are the premolars and molars in an omnivore?

They are _____

e. Why do omnivores have both sharp and flat teeth?

They have _____

Carnivore

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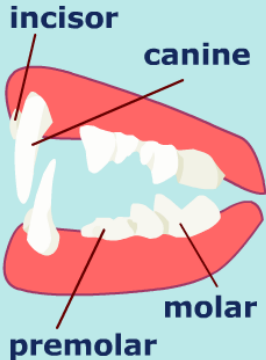
An animal that eats only meat. Its teeth are adapted for catching and killing.

Incisors (front teeth)
Small

Canine teeth
Long and pointed for stabbing and killing.

Molars and premolars (back teeth)
Large and sharp for cutting through flesh and bones.

Did you know?
The molars and premolars together are sometimes called 'carnassial teeth' or 'cheek teeth'.



The diagram shows a side view of a carnivore's open mouth. The upper and lower jaws are lined with red gums. The teeth are white and vary in shape. Labels with lines pointing to specific teeth are: 'incisor' pointing to a small front tooth, 'canine' pointing to a long, sharp tooth next to the incisor, 'premolar' pointing to a tooth towards the back, and 'molar' pointing to a large, flat tooth at the very back.

a. What is a carnivore?

A carnivore is _____

b. What are the canine teeth in a carnivore like?

The canine teeth _____

c. Why are the molars and premolars large and sharp in carnivores?

They are large and sharp _____

d. What are carnassial teeth?

Carnassial teeth are _____

Omnivore Answers:

- a) Eats plants AND animals***
- b) For gripping and tearing food (mostly meat)***
- c) Incisors***
- d) Large and flat***
- e) To cope with varied diet.***

Carnivore Answers:

- a) Animal that eats ONLY meat***
- b) Long and pointed***
- c) To cut through flesh and bones***
- d) Molars and Premolars***