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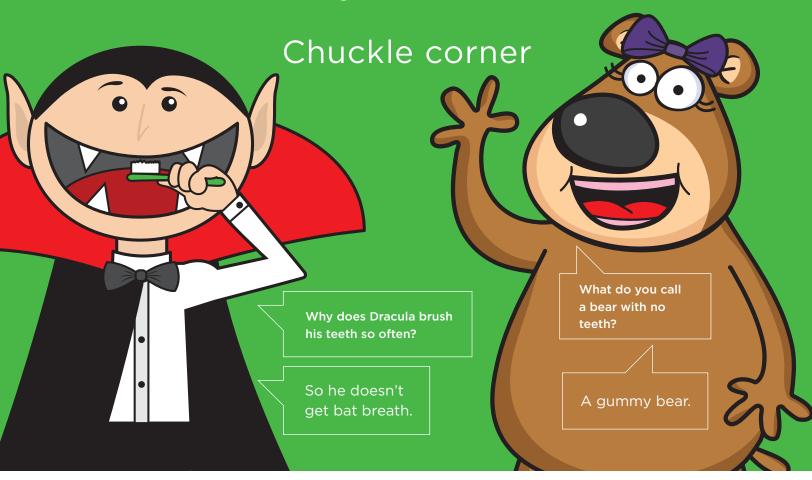
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Kids want to know!

We asked a dentist and dental hygienist what kids want to know about a healthy smile. Here are some questions they've been asked and their answers. Can you think of other questions you'd like to ask?



What happens if I don't brush and floss?

If you don't brush and floss, a sticky layer of bacteria called plaque will build up on your teeth, creating acids that attack vour teeth and cause cavities.



Why do baby teeth fall out?

Why do some kids get braces?



How do I keep my mouthguard in good shape?

Most baby teeth get loose and fall out because your permanent teeth push them out. But you can also lose a tooth from an accident or a cavity. Be careful and be sure to brush, floss and see your dentist regularly.

Sometimes teeth don't come in the way they should — like when teeth are crooked. Braces can help nudge those teeth in place for a straight, healthy smile.

Clean your mouthquard often with a toothbrush and toothpaste. Then rinse it with water. Store it in a case that has holes so it can dry and stay protected.

Does a robot brush its teeth?

Look at the cover of this magazine!

Now it's your turn! Write down your questions and bring them to your next dentist appointment to get the answers.

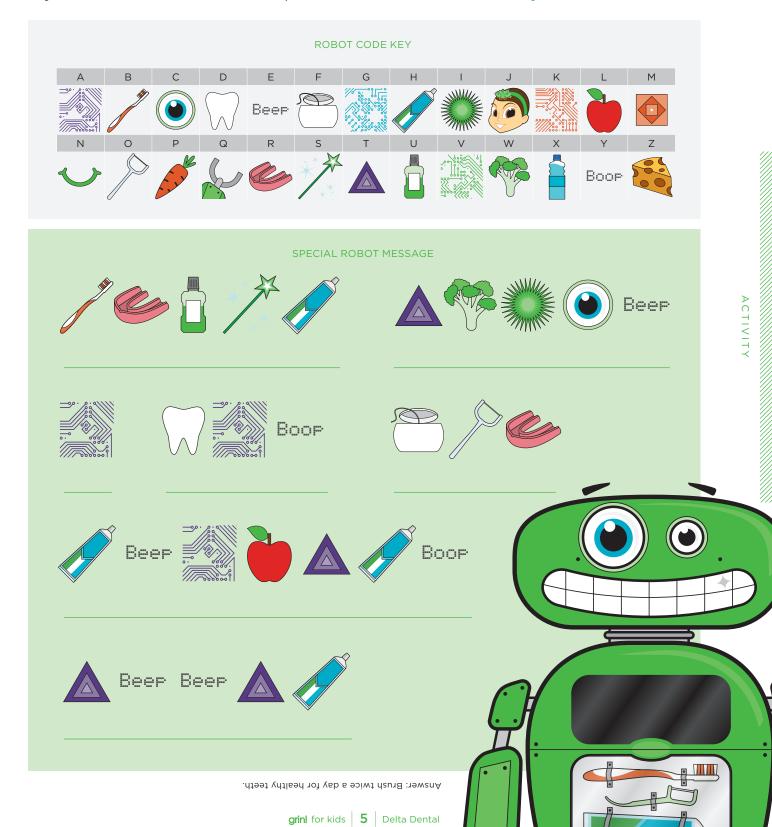
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Question 3:

Crack the robot code

Do you think you can figure out what this secret robot code says? Good thing you have the key to the code! Use it to solve the puzzle. *Hint: It's a sentence about your smile.*





Here's what you need

- Rubber glove
- · Jar of smooth peanut butter
- Old toothbrush
- Water

- · Dental floss
- · A grown-up to help

Here's how to do the experiment



• Spoon

Put on a rubber glove and hold your fingers apart.



Have a grown-up spoon out peanut butter and spread it between your fingers.



Squeeze your fingers together tightly.



Wet an old toothbrush and try to brush the peanut butter away. (You won't need toothpaste for this experiment, but don't forget to use it when you brush your teeth!)



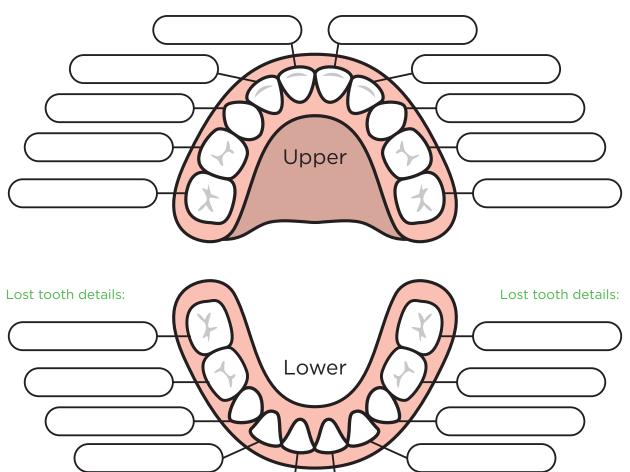
Have a grown-up try to remove the peanut butter with dental floss.



Keep track of your lost teeth

Each time you lose a tooth, color it on this tooth tracker. Make sure to write down details like when and where you lost the tooth. Go to pages 17-18 to become a whiz at tooth types.

Lost tooth details:



Read these facts and then try to keep track of how often you smile!



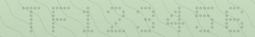


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When you lose a tooth, you may leave it in a special place, like under your pillow. When you wake up, you may find the Tooth Fairy has taken the tooth and left money or a gift. That's a good trade!

The Tooth Fairy is very busy visiting children in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and other countries. But the world is big and even the Tooth Fairy can't be all over the place. In some countries, her friends do the job. Let's meet them!





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Ratoncito Pérez

This kind mouse leaves money and gifts for children in Mexico, Spain and some South American countries.



In El Salvador, a friendly rabbit gathers children's teeth and leaves money behind.



Magical Mouse

In Argentina, kids leave their teeth in a glass of water to exchange for coins or candy from a magical mouse.







La Petite Souris

In France, this little treats and money for lost teeth.



Lost and tossed

Children in China throw their lost teeth on the roof or the ground. In Egypt, kids fling their teeth at the sun.



Children in Slovenia get candy from this might cause cavities.



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job of collecting lost teeth.



Children leave their lost teeth the Philippines can pick them up and get to the

This South African mouse takes teeth from a slipper and leaves a gift.

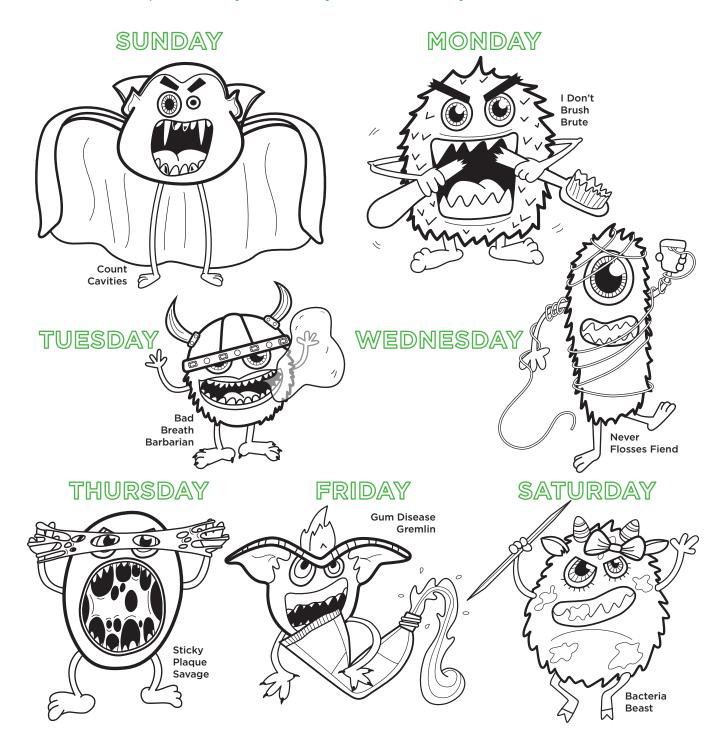




Defeat mouth monsters!

When you brush twice a day and floss every day, you help defeat mouth monsters. Celebrate your victory by coloring a picture each day after you brush and floss.

Have an adult help download more copies of this page at grinforkids.com/mouthmonsters or make extra copies before you start so you can color every week.





Craft corner:

Robot toothbrush holder

Do you want your own robot? Follow these directions to make one. Then "program it" to hold your toothbrush.

Here's what you need

- 1 recycled jar
- 2 large googly eyes
- Glue

- Acrylic paint
- Stickers, pipe cleaners, pom-poms, glitter or other items for decoration
- Clear acrylic sealer (optional)
- A grown-up (optional)

Here's how to make one



Wash and dry

the jar.



Paint the outside of the jar whatever color you like. Wait for the paint to dry.



eyes in place.

Glue the googly



Paint the rest of the robot's face and body.

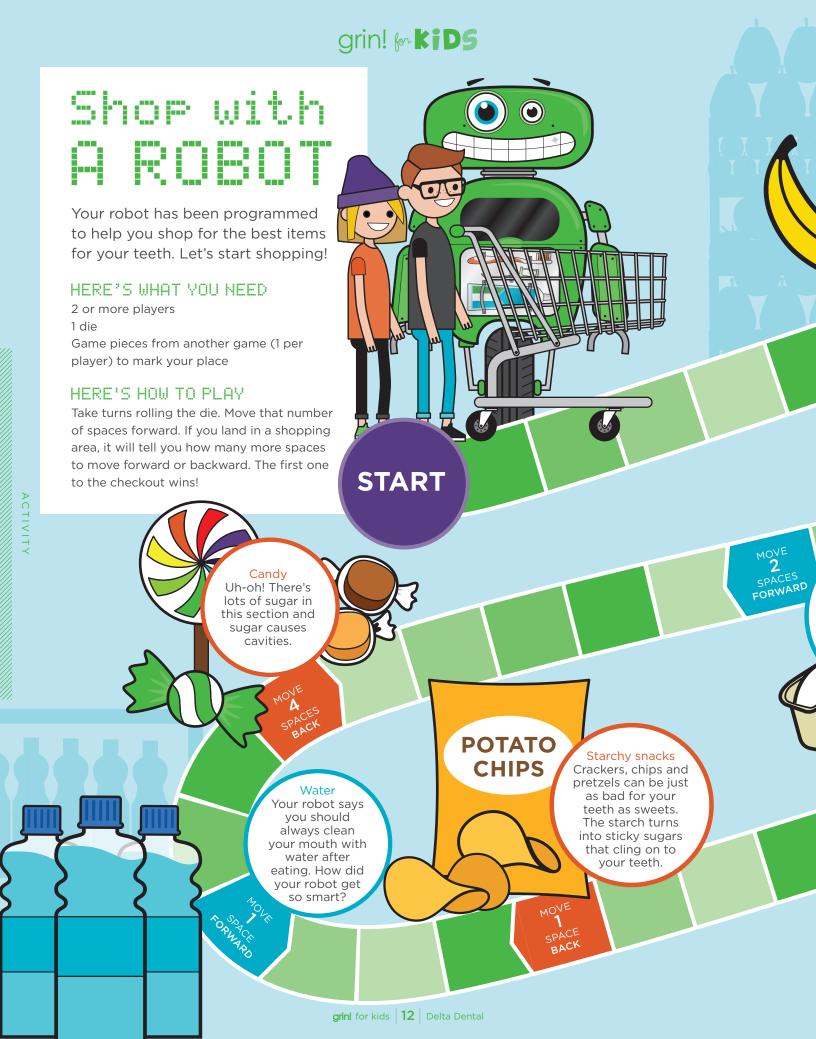


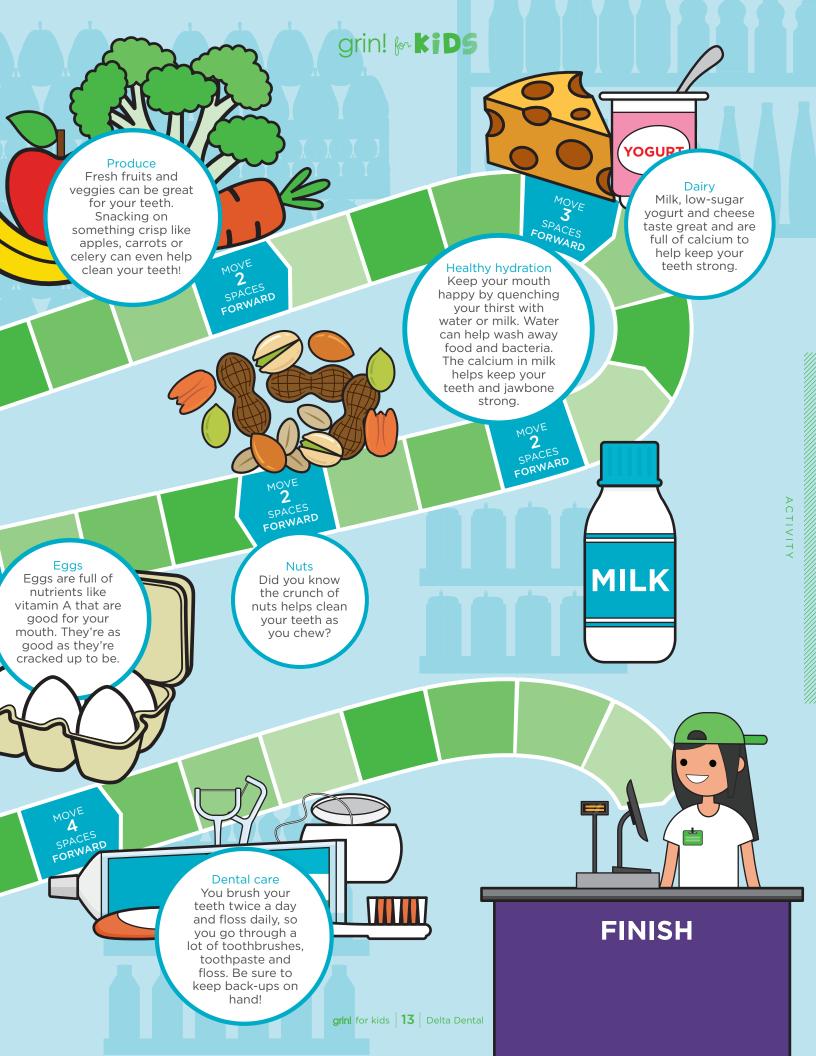
Decorate your robot with stickers, pipe cleaners, pompoms or glitter.



Optional: Ask a grown-up to spray your robot with a clear acrylic sealer. This will keep your robot safe if it gets splashed with water.

Where will your shiny new robot toothbrush holder live? Go to pages 20-21 for great ideas.







Keep your guard up

Sports and activities are fun! They're even more fun when you avoid injuries. That's why you should wear a mouthguard. A mouthguard is a little plastic gadget that fits in your mouth and around your teeth to help protect your teeth, gums and lips.

Think mouthguards are just for football? Circle "YES" or "NO" if you think mouthguards should be used for these sports and activities:







You don't need a mouthguard to watch a movie, play video games or walk the dog. But the answer to all the other questions is "YES." Keep your smile safe and wear your mouthguard whenever you play sports and do many other athletic activities. Talk to your dentist to learn more.



Decorate the mouthguard below to make it your own.

Need help getting started?

Try some of these ideas to make a mouthguard that would look great on you:

- Your team name or logo
- Your uniform number
- Your favorite color
- Fangs





Mouth-friendly recipe:

Frozen yogurt buttons

Here's a treat that's fun to make and tastes great. Yogurt is the only ingredient in this recipe. That's great news, because it's good for your teeth!





- Any flavor of yogurt with a low amount of sugar (use more than one flavor to make a rainbow of colors)
- · Cookie sheet
- Wax paper

- Zip-close bag
- Cup
- Scissors

- Spoon
- Spatula
- · A grown-up to help

Here's how to make them



Line a cookie sheet with wax paper.

Fit a small zip-close plastic bag over a cup.



Spoon your yogurt into the plastic bag.



Have a grown-up snip the corner of the bag and squeeze small round drops of yogurt onto a cookie sheet.



Place in the freezer for about an hour.



Scrape off with a spatula.

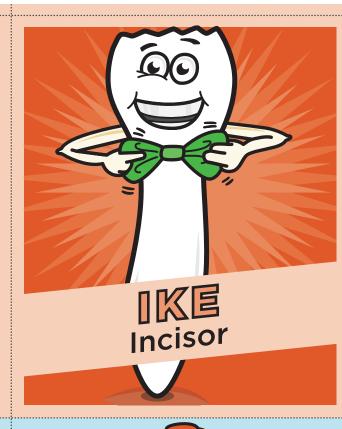


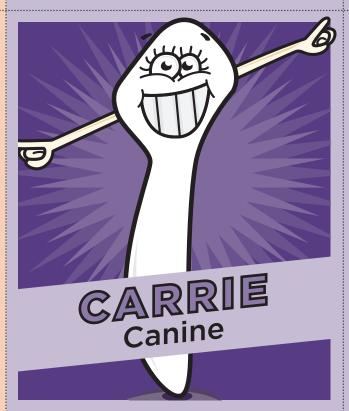
After you try one or two, place the rest in an airtight container and store in the freezer.

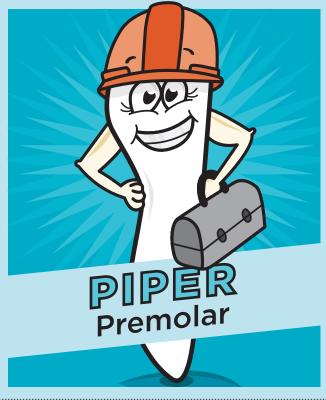
If you want to mix things up, you can make other shapes, too. Try a heart, square, triangle, letter or number. Eat this instead of candy the next time you want a sweet treat! And remember to rinse your mouth by drinking water when you're done snacking.

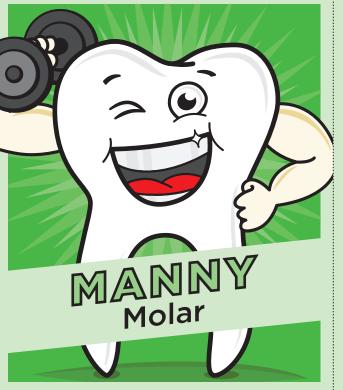
Get to know your teeth

Cut out these trading cards so you can get to know more about your teeth wherever you go.











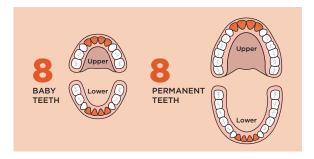
Your teeth make up an awesome team!

See how they work together to help you eat, smile and more.

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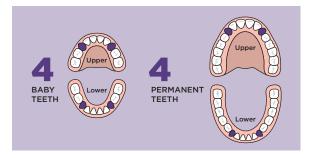




Incisors are in the front part of your smile. They're known for their sharp edges, which help you bite into food. △ DELTA DENTAL

CARRIE Canine



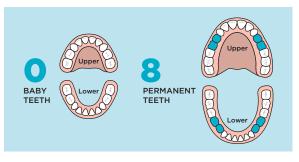


Canines are also sometimes called cuspids. Lining up next to the incisors, they're sharp and pointy so they can really help you take the perfect bite of food.

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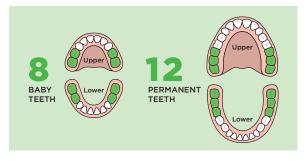


Premolar is a nickname for bicuspid. These are bigger than canines and incisors, and they help grind food when you chew and move it to the back of your mouth. They are not part of your baby teeth team. They usually appear around age 10.

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MANNY Molar



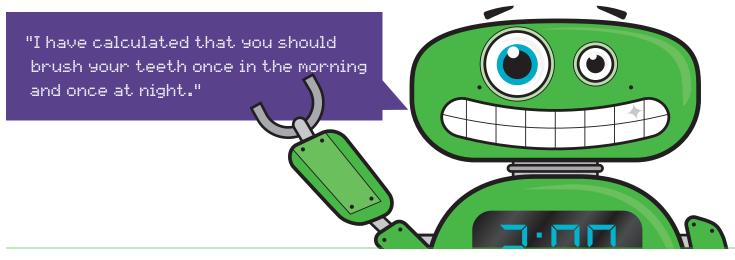


Big and strong, molars can be counted on to mash up your food to make it easier to swallow. The last teeth to join the team are 4 of your molars (your wisdom teeth). You probably won't see them until after you turn 17 years old!



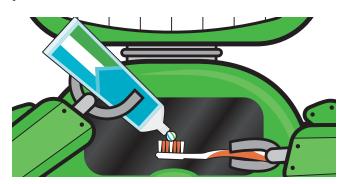
Brush and floss with a robot

Make brushing more fun by pretending you are a robot. Read these directions in a robot voice while your family members brush. Or, take turns!





"Transfer fluoride toothpaste the size of a pea to your toothbrush."

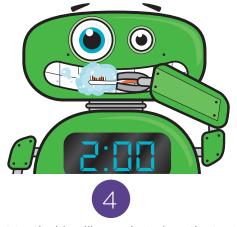


"Once daily, floss your teeth to remove particles."

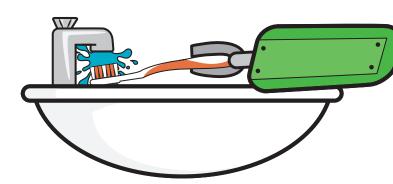




"Once brushing cycle begins, it should continue for 2 full minutes."



"Now that teeth shine like a robot, rinse the toothbrush and put away until next brushing cycle."





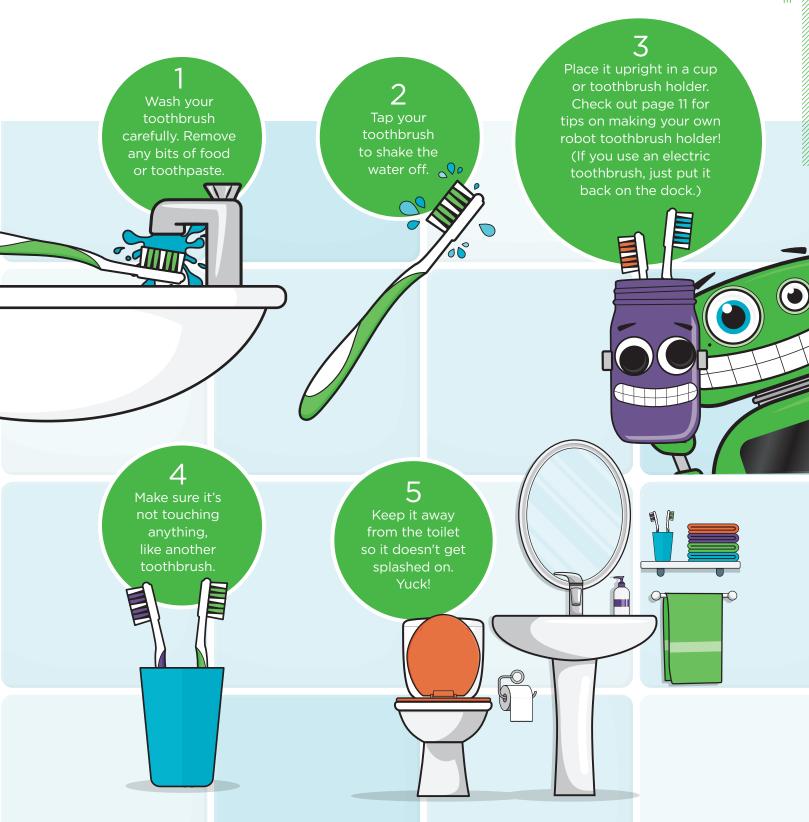
Where should you keep your toothbrush?

Your toothbrush spends a lot of time in your mouth. If you brush twice a day for at least two minutes, that's at least four minutes (or 240 seconds) a day! So you'll want to keep it clean.





Follow these tips to keep it clean when you are done brushing:



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Name your toothbrush

Have you named your toothbrush? After all, you see each other twice a day! So why not get friendly with your toothbrush?

Add to this list of names for your toothbrush. Be creative!

- Bristly
- Ms. or Mr. Brushington
- The Plaque Attacker
- Buddy
- Molar Sanitizing Apparatus (Our robot came up with that one!)

Use this code to add another name to your list.



Find the word next to the month you were born.

BIRTH MONTH

January February Mr. March Sir April Dr. May Coach June **Professor** July President Captain August September General October King November Queen December **Your Highness**



For the second part of the name, find the word that goes with the first letter of your first name.

FIRST LETTER OF YOUR FIRST NAME

- A Brushy N Rinser
 B Bristles O Ename
 C Tooth Champion P Minty
 D Healthy Q Smiley
 E Tooth Polisher R Canine
 F Shiny S Fresh B
 G Sparkly T Toothy
 H Scrubber U Toothy
 I Superclean V Cavitie
 J Tooth Defender W McBrus
- J Tooth Defender
 K Bacteria Buster
 L Smile Pal
 M Bright
- O Enamel
 P Minty
 Q Smiley
 R Canine Cleaner
 S Fresh Breath
 T Toothpaste Pal
 U Toothy
 V Cavities Be Gone
 W McBrusher
 X Decay Conqueror

Y Molar Mop

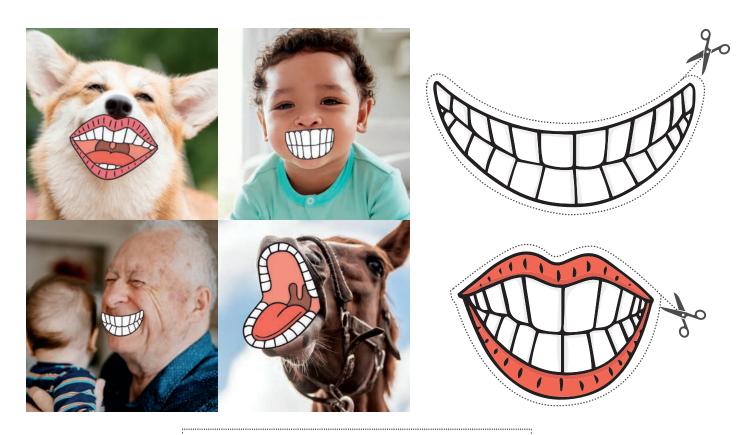
Z Robot Shiner (Guess who suggested that one?)

Don't get too attached to your toothbrush! After three months, it's time to say goodbye. Throw out old toothbrushes or toothbrush heads.

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Silly smiles

These giant teeth look pretty goofy in these pictures. Now paste a new picture onto this page. It could be of anyone: you, your best friend or even your favorite pet! Then, cut out a pair of giant teeth and glue it onto the picture. Doesn't that look silly?



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