

Smile Please!



Name

Score

Level and grade

The children in the story



William



Rosa



Sammy



Leo

Useful words

swallowed

tissue

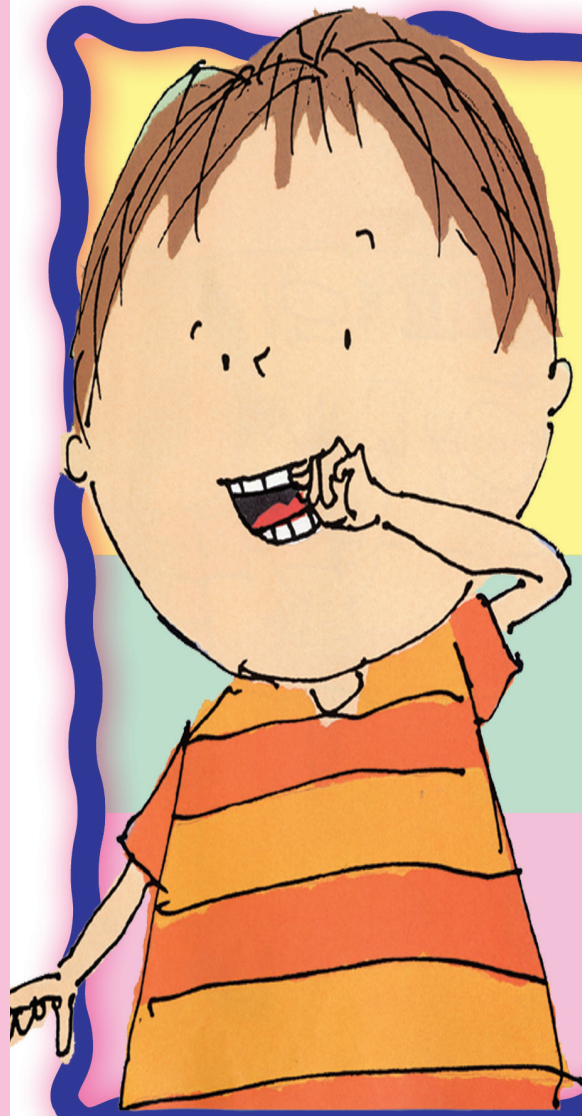


tongue

dabbed

somersault

unwrapped



Wibble Wobble

All William ever wanted in the whole world was to have a wobbly tooth.

Everyone else in his class had one. Leo's twisted round and round and Rosa's lay flat on its back.

But William's teeth seemed stuck, superglued to his gums.



Practice questions

A Who had a tooth that twisted round and round?

Miriam

William

Leo

Rosa

B What does **superglued to his gums** mean?

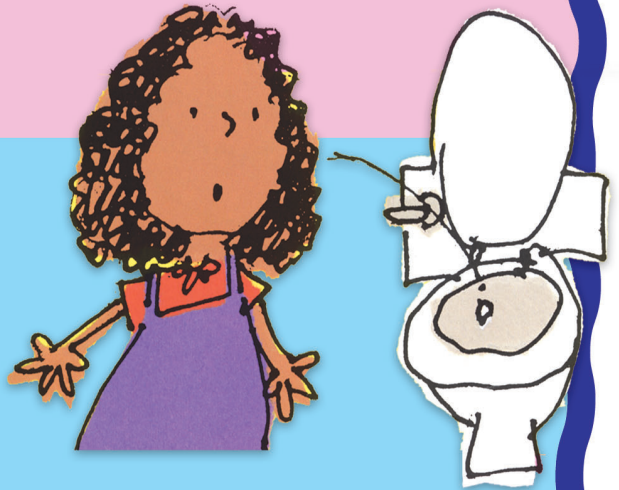
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“It isn’t fair,” said William.
“Everyone else at school has wobbly teeth stories.

Sammy swallowed his.



Rosa’s fell down the toilet...



and Leo’s flew out when he scored a goal!”

1 What happened to Sammy’s tooth?

It fell down the toilet.

It flew out.

He swallowed it.

He kicked it.

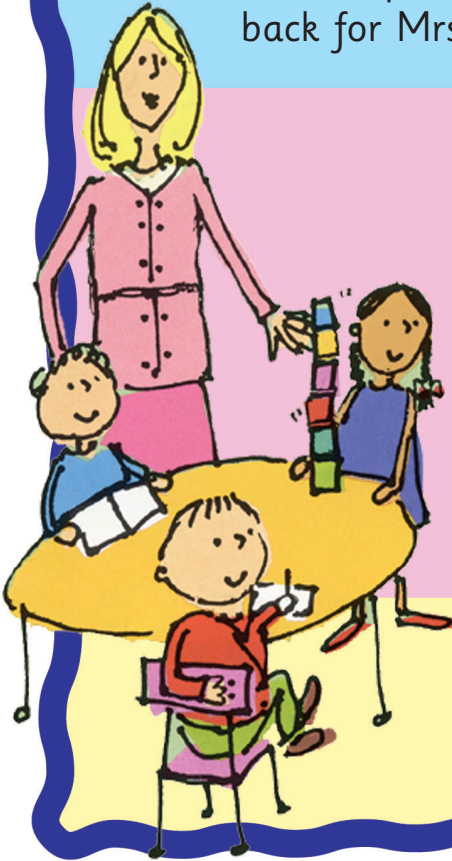
2 Why did William say “It isn’t fair”?

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Later on in quiet time, William felt one of his teeth move at last! "Mrs King!" he cried. "My tooth moved. I felt it."

William pushed his tooth forward with his tongue then sucked it back for Mrs King to see.



push, pull, jiggle, joggle.

poke, flick, wobble, wobble.

William just couldn't leave his wobbly tooth alone.

push, pull, jiggle, joggle.

poke, flick, wobble, wobble.



By bedtime William's tooth was hanging on one little thread.

- 3 *push, pull, jiggle, joggle.*
poke, flick, wobble, wobble.

What do these words tell you?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> what Mrs King said | <input type="checkbox"/> that it was a quiet time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> where William was | <input type="checkbox"/> how William moved his tooth |

- 4 Why was William's tooth **hanging on one little thread**?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> He kept talking about it. | <input type="checkbox"/> He kept wobbling it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He was going to bed. | <input type="checkbox"/> He was at school. |

The next day in PE, William did his best ever somersault. When he stood up his tooth was sitting on his tongue!

“Shall I look after it until home time?” asked Mrs King, wrapping it in a tissue and putting it on her desk.

“Then can I take it home?” asked William, feeling a bit **wobbly** himself.

“Of course you can,” said Mrs King.



5 What was William doing when his tooth came out?

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6 What did Mrs King do to look after William’s tooth?

Tick **2** things.

She did a somersault. She put it on her desk.

She felt a bit wobbly. She took it home.

She wrapped it in a tissue. She stood up.

That afternoon, William sat poking his tongue into the hole in his gum, waiting for Leo to finish painting.

Suddenly, "Oh no!" shouted Leo, dancing about. "I've got water all over me!"

"I'll get some tissues, Mrs King," said Rosa. Mrs King dabbed the table and Leo's front, and before long it was home time.



7 "Oh no!"

Why is there an ! at the end of these words?

to show Rosa was hurt

to show William was painting

to show Leo was surprised

to show what Mrs King said

8 What did Rosa do to help?

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“Look, Mum!” William said. “My tooth came out!
It’s on the desk, wrapped up in a tissue.”



“Here it is,” said Mrs King.
Then, “Oh! It’s gone.”

William sat down and stared at his feet.
He was missing his tooth really badly.



They started to search everywhere.
Suddenly William said, “Rosa got a tissue for Leo when he
spilled the water.”

Mum and Mrs King looked at each other.

“I know,” said Mum, “it will be somewhere in this bin.”

Then, with a big smile, Mum said, “This might be it!”
She unwrapped the tissue – and there was William’s tooth.

9 Mrs King said **“Oh! It’s gone.”** What had gone?

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10 Why was William sad when he sat down and looked at his feet?

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11 Why did Mum and Mrs King look at each other?

because William was crying

they spilled some water

they guessed what had happened

because the bin was full

12 Match up the words to show what happened to William’s tooth. One has been done for you.

The tooth fell out

in the bin.

Mrs King put it

thrown away.

The tissue was

in a tissue.

Mum found it

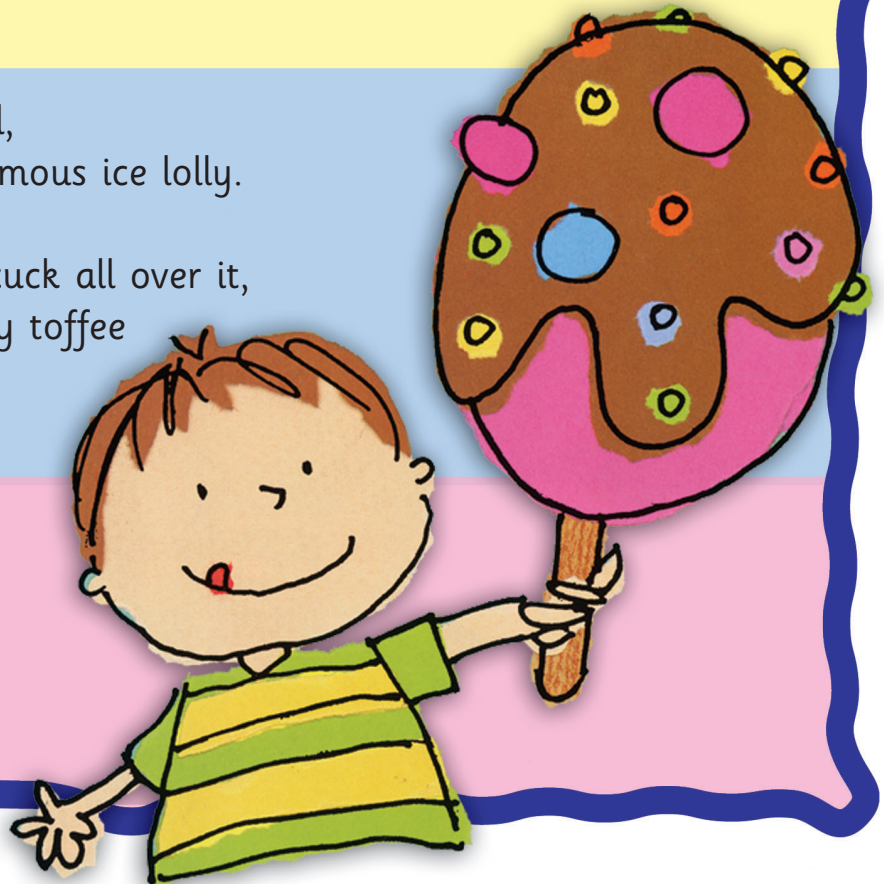
in PE.

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The next morning William told everyone his wobbly tooth story.
 "I expect you'd like a rest from wobbly teeth for a while, William!"
 said Mrs King.
 "Yes," said William. "I would!"

On the way home from school,
 William bought the most enormous ice lolly.

It had little coloured sweets stuck all over it,
 layers of chocolate, and chewy toffee
 in the middle.



13 What did William do at school the next morning?

ate some sweets

had a rest

painted a picture

told his tooth story

14 Which word tells you how big the ice lolly was?

enormous

coloured

chewy

most

William unwrapped it and took a big bite.

Ping! went the little coloured sweets.



Crack! went the chocolate.



Squelch! went the ice cream.



Crunch! went the ice-cold, rock-hard toffee...

and guess what?

push, pull, jiggle, joggle.
poke, flick, wibble, wobble.
Another tooth wobbled!



15 **Ping! Crack! Squelch! Crunch!**

What do these words tell you about the ice lolly?

what it smelled like

what it tasted like

what it sounded like

what it looked like



16 Why is this story called *Wibble Wobble*?

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Useful words

teenager

dissolve

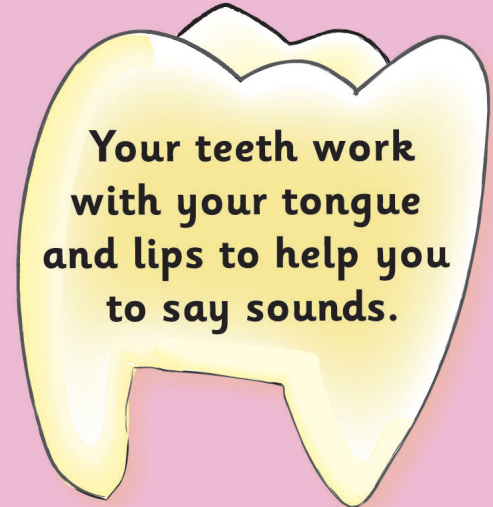
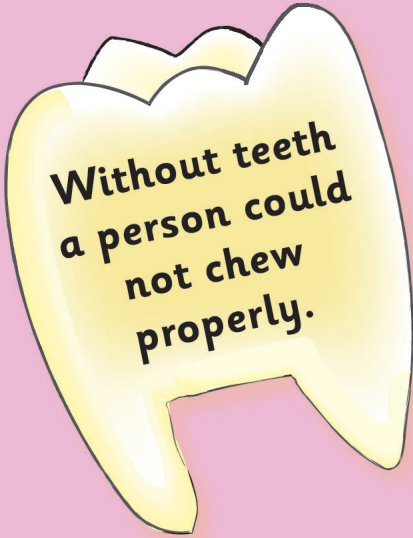
diet



How Teeth Grow



From the time that babies are born to when they grow up, they will have two sets of teeth. Teeth are not ready to work when a baby is born.



The information on the next pages tells you what happens to teeth as a person grows up.

Practice questions

A How many sets of teeth will a person have in their lifetime?

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B What do we need teeth for?

Tick **2**.

walking

chewing

talking

tasting

seeing

cleaning

From baby to teenager



When a baby is born, its teeth are hidden in its gums. The teeth grow as the baby does.

This baby is seven months old. One or two teeth are starting to break through her gums.



By the time children are about three years old, they should have their first set of teeth. These are called milk teeth or baby teeth. A child has 20 milk teeth altogether.



17 What is another name for baby teeth?

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18 How old are children when they get their first set of teeth?

about three years old

one and a half years old

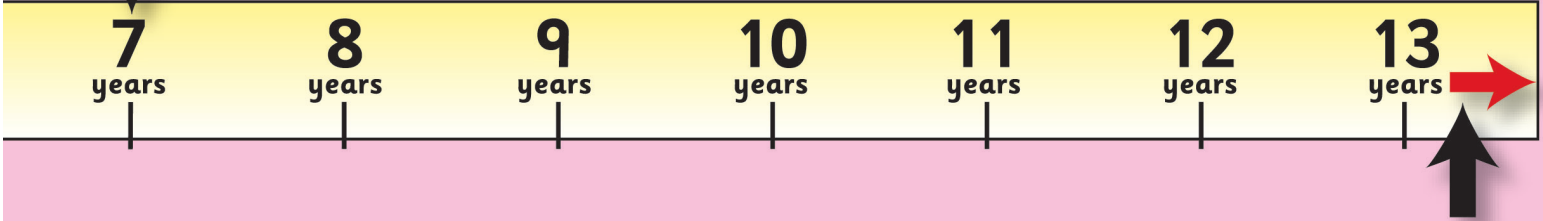
nearly six years old

seven years old



When a child gets a bit older the teeth start to wobble and fall out one by one.

Tom is seven years old, and he has just lost his two front teeth.



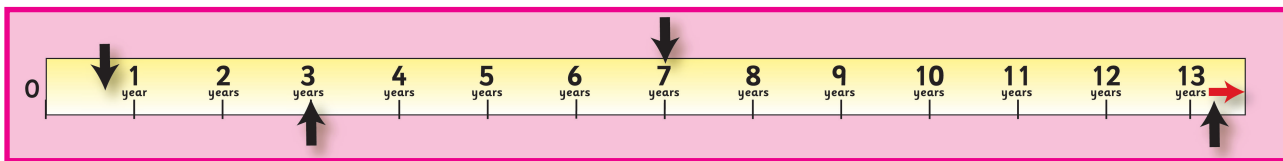
By the time older children are about thirteen or fourteen years old they will have lost all of their baby teeth. They will have 28 adult teeth.



19 How old was Tom when he lost his front teeth?

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20 This page has a timeline. What does it show you?



how to look after a baby's teeth

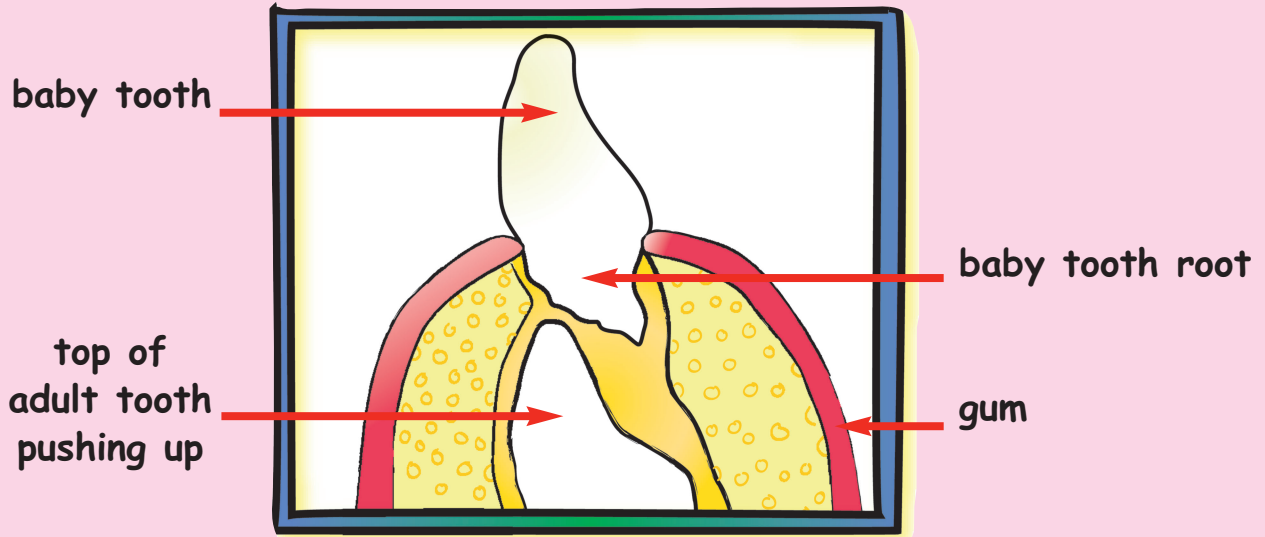
when these children learned to talk

when changes happen to teeth

how to clean your teeth

Why teeth wobble

The roots of the baby tooth start to dissolve a few months before the tooth is due to fall out. The baby tooth starts to wobble because it does not have strong roots to hold it in place any more.



At the same time, the adult tooth pushes up into the space under the tooth. Then it starts to push the baby tooth out of the way. The baby tooth cannot hold on without any roots and so it falls out.

Slowly, all of the adult teeth grow and push out all of the baby teeth.

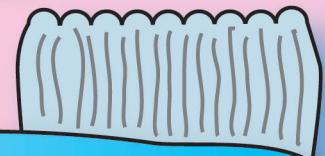
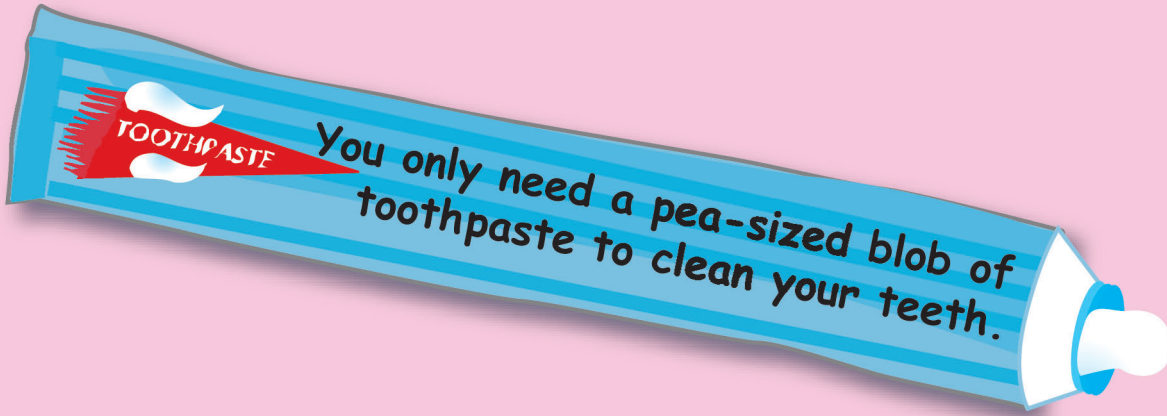
21 Match the words to show what happens when a baby tooth falls out.

One has been done for you.

Baby tooth roots	pushes up under the baby tooth.
The adult tooth	the baby tooth cannot hold on.
Without roots	falls out.
The baby tooth	start to dissolve.

Taking care of your teeth

Your teeth will grow all by themselves, but you need to make sure they stay healthy. If you look after your adult teeth well, you will keep them for the rest of your life.



You should brush your teeth at least twice a day.

You should try to eat a healthy diet and visit the dentist every six months.

22 **Taking care of your teeth** is the heading on this page.

What is a heading for?

to explain more about the pictures

to tell you who wrote it

to explain how to do something

to tell you what the page is about

23 How big should your blob of toothpaste be?

as big as an egg

as big as a pea

as big as a tooth

as big as a cherry

24 What do you learn from the information in *How Teeth Grow*?

how your teeth change as you grow up and why

how you learn to talk

what happens when you eat

what happens to teeth after they fall out



25 What have you learnt from *How Teeth Grow* about why William's tooth fell out?

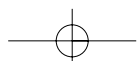
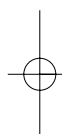
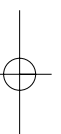
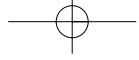
Doing somersaults makes your teeth fall out.

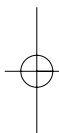
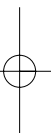
William would never get any more teeth.

William never brushed his teeth.

Milk teeth are meant to fall out.







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