



Why is it so important to care for baby teeth?

Tooth eruption charts

The following chart shows when your child's primary teeth (also called *baby teeth* or *deciduous teeth*) should erupt and shed.

Please note that eruption times can vary from child to child.

While it's true that baby teeth are only in the mouth a short period of time, they play a vital role.

Baby teeth...

... reserve space for their permanent counterparts.

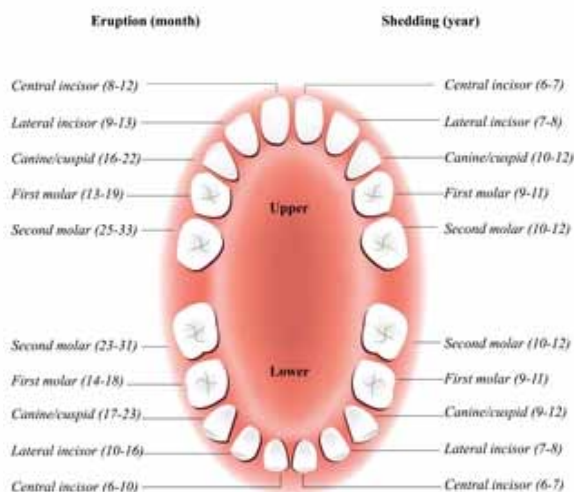
... give the face its normal appearance.

... aid in the development of clear speech.

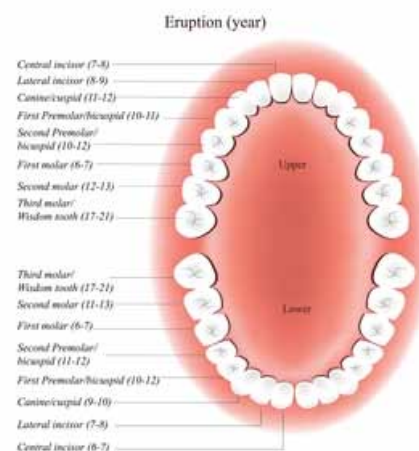
... help attain good nutrition (missing or decayed teeth make it difficult to chew causing children to reject foods).

... help give a healthy start to the permanent teeth (decay and infection in baby teeth can cause damage to the permanent teeth developing beneath them).

Children dental chart



Adult dental chart



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