

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 1 – 12th July, 2020

Origin of our teeth dates back 400 million years

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

Researchers from Sweden have found how humans got teeth. They say human teeth "first evolved 400 million years ago" from an ancient fish. They studied a fossil of the fish. It was difficult to study because the fish is inside rock. They used the strongest X-ray machine in the world to look at the fish. They found that the fish's teeth were very similar to human teeth. Humans and 60,000 species of vertebrates on Earth today come from this fish.

The fish was one of the earliest jawed vertebrates with teeth. A researcher said: "[Our] findings change our whole understanding of the origin of teeth." He said: "Their jawbones...seem to be directly ancestral to our own. When you grin at the bathroom mirror in the morning, the teeth that grin back at you can [follow] their origins right back to [that fish]." Another researcher said: "Nobody expected to find teeth so deep on the evolutionary tree."

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-8506673/Human-teeth-evolved-400-million-years-ago-strange-armoured-fish.html>
<https://www.inverse.com/science/miniature-ancient-reptile-discovery>
<https://www.earth.com/news/the-origin-of-human-teeth-dates-back-400-million-years/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Researchers from | a. to human teeth |
| 2. found how humans | b. fish |
| 3. teeth first evolved | c. machine |
| 4. from an ancient | d. got teeth |
| 5. They studied a fossil | e. of vertebrates |
| 6. the strongest X-ray | f. Sweden |
| 7. very similar | g. of the fish |
| 8. 60,000 species | h. 400 million years ago |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The fish was one of the | a. back at you |
| 2. jawed vertebrates | b. teeth |
| 3. Our findings change our whole | c. tree |
| 4. the origin of | d. with teeth |
| 5. When you grin at the | e. teeth so deep |
| 6. the teeth that grin | f. bathroom mirror |
| 7. Nobody expected to find | g. earliest |
| 8. on the evolutionary | h. understanding |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

Researchers from Sweden have (1) _____ got teeth. They say human (2) _____ 400 million years ago" from (3) _____. They studied a fossil of the fish. It was (4) _____ because the fish is inside rock. They used the strongest X-ray machine in the world to look at the fish. They found that the fish's teeth were very (5) _____ teeth. Humans and 60,000 species of vertebrates on Earth (6) _____ this fish.

The fish was one of (7) _____ vertebrates with teeth. A researcher said: "[Our] (8) _____ whole understanding of the (9) _____." He said: "Their jawbones...seem to be directly (10) _____ own. When you grin at the bathroom mirror in the morning, the teeth that grin back at you can [follow] their (11) _____ to [that fish]." Another researcher said: "Nobody expected to find teeth (12) _____ the evolutionary tree."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

Researchers from Sweden have found how humans got teeth. They say human teeth "first evolved 400 million years ago" from an ancient fish. They studied a fossil of the fish. It was difficult to study because the fish is inside a rock. They used the strongest X-ray machine in the world to look at the fish. They found that the fish's teeth were very similar to human teeth. Humans and 60,000 species of vertebrates on Earth today come from this fish. The fish was one of the earliest jawed vertebrates with teeth. A researcher said: "[Our] findings change our whole understanding of the origin of teeth." He said: "Their jaw bones... seem to be directly ancestral to ours. When you grin at the bathroom mirror in the morning, the teeth that grin back at you can [follow] their origins right back to [that fish]." Another researcher said: "Nobody expected to find teeth so deep on the evolutionary tree."

TEETH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about teeth in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

Origin of our teeth dates back 400 million years – 12th July, 2020
More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-1.html>

Write about **teeth** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
