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Origin of our teeth dates back 400 million years

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200712-human-teeth-2.html>

Researchers have discovered how humans got teeth. The researchers are from Sweden. They say that human teeth "first evolved 400 million years ago". They believe our teeth came from an ancient fish. They studied a fossil of the fish. It was difficult to study because the fish is inside rock. They had to use the strongest X-ray machine in the world to "digitally dissect" the fish. The researchers found that the fish's teeth were very similar to human teeth. They also said humans and 60,000 species of vertebrates with jaws living on Earth today come from this fish.

The researchers say the fish was one of the earliest jawed vertebrates with teeth. They were excited at how similar its teeth were to ours. A co-author of the study said: "These 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 trace 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. discovered how humans | a. vertebrates |
| 2. The researchers are | b. an ancient fish |
| 3. human teeth first evolved | c. to study |
| 4. our teeth came from | d. to human teeth |
| 5. They studied a fossil | e. got teeth |
| 6. It was difficult | f. 400 million years ago |
| 7. the fish's teeth were very similar | g. of the fish |
| 8. 60,000 species of | h. from Sweden |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. one of the earliest | a. to that fish |
| 2. how similar its teeth | b. understanding |
| 3. change our whole | c. tree |
| 4. you grin at the | d. jawed vertebrates |
| 5. the teeth that grin | e. teeth so deep |
| 6. trace their origins right back | f. back at you |
| 7. Nobody expected to find | g. were to ours |
| 8. on the evolutionary | h. bathroom mirror |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers (1) _____ humans got teeth. The researchers are from Sweden. They say that human teeth "(2) _____ million years ago". They believe our teeth came from an ancient fish. They (3) _____ of the fish. It was difficult to study because the fish is inside rock. They had to use (4) _____ machine in the world to "digitally dissect" the fish. The researchers found that the fish's teeth were (5) _____ human teeth. They also said humans and (6) _____ vertebrates with jaws living on Earth today come from this fish.

The researchers say the fish was one (7) _____ jawed vertebrates with teeth. They were excited (8) _____ its teeth were to ours. A co-author of the study said: "These findings (9) _____ understanding of the (10) _____." 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 (11) _____ right back to [that fish]." Another researcher said: "Nobody expected to find teeth (12) _____ the evolutionary tree."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

