

# Baby Tooth Care



## *Listen and complete the missing words*

Healthy teeth are important to your baby's overall \_\_\_\_\_. Teeth help your baby \_\_\_\_\_ food and form words and sounds when \_\_\_\_\_. They also affect the way your baby's \_\_\_\_\_ grows.

Every baby is different. Generally, the 2 front teeth start to appear between 4 and 7 months of age. Teething is usually \_\_\_\_\_, but it can make some babies uncomfortable and fussy. Giving your baby a cold teething ring or a cold washcloth to chew or suck on may help. Teething does not cause a fever. If your baby has a \_\_\_\_\_, you should talk to your doctor.

Start \_\_\_\_\_ your baby's teeth twice a day as soon as the first tooth appears. Until your child is 1 year old, you can use a wet wash cloth or gauze to clean your baby's teeth and \_\_\_\_\_. At about a 1 year to 18 months of age, you should start using a soft baby \_\_\_\_\_ and a small dab of toothpaste that does not have \_\_\_\_\_ in it. This type of toothpaste is safe for your baby to swallow.

Be sure to take your baby to a \_\_\_\_\_ by his or her first birthday, especially if there is a high risk for cavities or any other problems with his or her teeth. It is better for your child to meet the dentist and see the office before he or she has a tooth problem.