

Study the poem below, the following notes and answer the questions that follow.

## THIS TOOTH

(by Lee Bennett Hopkins)



I jiggled it  
jaggled it  
jerked it.  
I pushed  
and pulled  
and poked it.  
But--  
As soon as I stopped  
and left it alone,  
This tooth came out  
on its very own!



### About the poem

The poem is about the poet trying to pull out a tooth that was "wobbly".

### Message(s)

Be independent  
Let things happen naturally

### Fact!

There are 4 types of teeth; incisors, canine teeth, premolars and molars.

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

- (a) The poet was trying to pull out his \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The poem was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- (c) Match the words that **rhyme** with each other.

jiggled
pushed
alone
jerked

pulled
own
jaggled
poked

- (d) What do you learn from this poem?

From this poem, I learn to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- (e) Why do you think humans need teeth?

I think humans need teeth \_\_\_\_\_

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