

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.