

Tooth Trivia

1. **You need to brush your teeth once a week.**
 - a. (FALSE! 2x 2 minutes)

2. **People and cows chew the same way.**
 - a. (TRUE) We both chew side to side, not up and down

3. **A mamelon is a kind of animal with lots of teeth.**
 - a. (FALSE) Little bumps on teeth

4. **The first president of the United States had a fake set of teeth called dentures.**
 - a. (TRUE – had several sets made from ivory, hippo, cow and walrus teeth)

5. **A long time ago, Japanese women colored their teeth black because they thought it was pretty.**
 - a. (TRUE – Japanese women who were hoping to get married blackened their teeth when they were ready to find a husband – they thought it made them pretty!)

6. **In order to be a dentist you have to go to school for 1 year.**
 - a. (FALSE – 4 years + 4 years + more!)

7. **People make enough spit during their lifetime to fill two swimming pools.**
 - a. (TRUE)

8. **The first toothbrush used pig hair for bristles.**
 - a. (TRUE! First made in China in 1488 and used hog hair – later they used horse or badger hair)

9. **Tooth decay is the second most common disease in the US.**
 - a. (TRUE! The cold is the first).

10. **Crocodiles have to have their teeth cleaned.**
 - a. (TRUE! They don't brush their teeth, but they hold their mouths open and a bird called a Plover comes and picks their teeth for bits and pieces of leftover food.)