

# The Magic School Bus and the Missing Tooth

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Before your child reads this informational book, ask them to answer the questions below and record his/her answers in the 'Before reading' column. Then read and enjoy the book together. Confirm or add new information learned in the 'After reading' column. Compare the columns! At a later time, reread the book together and offer assistance as needed to complete the reverse side. Remember to try the 'Tooth Trivia' together (on the last page).

Before reading the book fill in the answers with an adult at home. After reading the book, add more information or correct your answers.

| Before reading  |  | After reading |
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| How many sets of teeth do humans get for their entire life?           |  |               |
| A giraffe and a human adult have the same number of teeth! How many?  |  |               |
| What is the part of the tooth we can see (not under the gums) called? |  |               |
| Which kind of tooth is used for grinding and crushing?                |  |               |
| Teeth help people chew food and also help people _____.               |  |               |
| Animals that eat other animals for food have _____ teeth.             |  |               |



Discuss the main purpose of this text with your child. Was the author's purpose to entertain, provide information, or both? Many children's books provide valuable information through fun and sometimes fantasy stories. Find out what your child likes best about this book.

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What was the problem in this story?

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How was the problem solved?

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Where do you think Ms. Frizzle will take the students next?  
What could they learn on that trip?

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Healthy teeth are important for children and adults. But healthy teeth are also important for animals and our pets. Ms. Frizzle's class examines the teeth of farm animals and the cat. Veterinarians care for all aspects of our pets and other animals, including their teeth and gums. If you have a pet, talk about how you keep your pet's teeth healthy. Talk about the important job responsibilities of a Veterinarian. They are both a doctor and sometimes a dentist for animals we love!

