

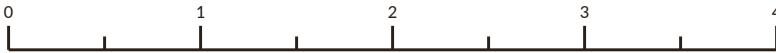


Life-Size Tooth Chart

Every tooth below is printed at its real size.

Name _____

Date _____



inches — this bar must measure exactly 4".
If it does not, reprint at 100% / "Actual size".



Measure and record

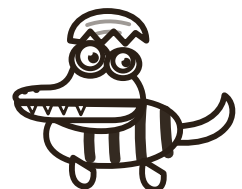
Tooth	My measurement (mm)	Bigger or smaller than my own tooth?
Hatchling		
Young alligator		
Adult		
Large adult		

Try this

1. Measure each tooth with your ruler. Write the height in millimetres.
2. Colour in the tooth that is closest to the size of one of your own teeth.
3. Put the four teeth in order from smallest to largest.

Worth knowing

- An adult American alligator carries about 74 to 80 teeth at any one time.
- A lost tooth is replaced by a new one waiting underneath it.
- Alligator teeth are cones for gripping. They cannot chew or slice, so a big meal is torn apart instead.



Life-Size Tooth Chart - teacher notes

Printed at 100% the four teeth measure about 2.5 mm, 8 mm, 16 mm and 25 mm of exposed crown. Check the ruler bar on the student page before the lesson - print dialogs default to shrink-to-fit, which silently rescales every measurement on the sheet.

Figures are approximate. Tooth size varies with the individual animal, its position in the jaw and wear, so treat these as representative rather than exact.