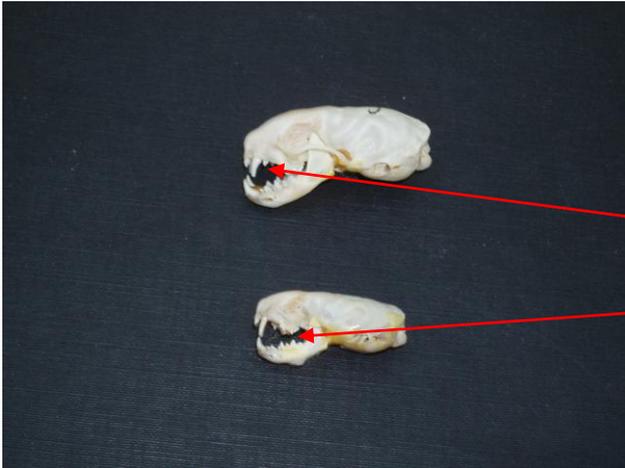
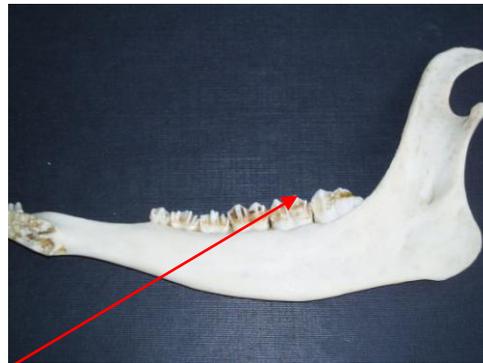
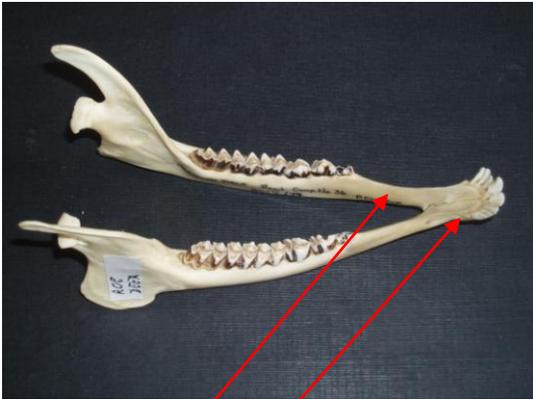


Badgery Science Fun 5



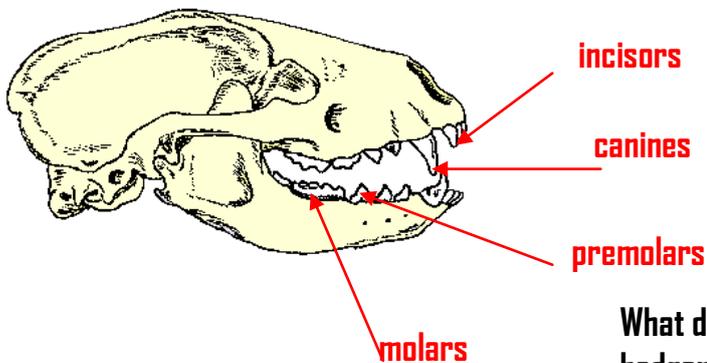
The shape and pattern of animals' teeth can be different because they eat different things. Look at the stoat (top) and weasel (below) They have long canines for eating **meat**. They also have slicing carnassials to slice up meat.

Look at the deer jaws below.



They have sharp **incisors** for nibbling leaves and grass. They also have a gap, called a **diastema**. This allows them to fill their mouths full of vegetation, and then look around for predators whilst they chew. (They also chew the cud later.) The back teeth are **premolars** and **molars** for grinding vegetation. There are no canines. (So no meat.) You have incisors, canines, premolars and molars. What does that tell you about your diet? **Your teeth are set up so that you can eat both meat and vegetation.**

Look at the badger skull. What types of teeth does it have?



What does this tell you about a badger's diet? **Badgers eat both meat and vegetation.**