

Teething

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about teething?
- What more would you like to know about teething?

Definitions:

- Gums – the pink part of the mouth under the teeth
- Swell – to get bigger than normal

Reading



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15 Babies are not born with teeth. When new teeth start to push through a baby's
31 gum, she is teething. Her gums may swell or little white dots might be seen. When
47 babies are teething, they may **drool** a lot. They will also like to chew on things.
62 Teething can cause pain for babies. There are things that can be done to help
69 babies when they get a new tooth.
73 • Rub the baby's gums.
86 • Give the baby a safe thing to chew. Stores sell safe teething toys.
100 • Give pain medicine if needed. First, read the bottle. Be sure not to give
104 the baby too much.
120 A baby will get his first tooth between the ages of six and twelve months. A
137 baby can be fussy when he gets a new tooth. He will need extra love and comfort.

Understanding

1. What are some signs of teething? (List at least three.) _____

2. How can you help a teething baby? _____

3. Why might a teething baby be fussy? _____

4. What does the word **drool** mean? _____

5. When does a baby get her first tooth? _____

Writing

Option A: Retell the reading in your own words.

Option B: Have you ever cared for a teething baby? If yes, write about it. If no, what did you learn that could help you care for one?
