Animal Teeth
Teeth are bones that help animals eat food. Teeth come in all sizes and shapes!
Alligators have sharp teeth to catch food like fish, snakes and deer.
Cows and horses have flat teeth to chew grass and other plants.
Bears have both sharp and flat teeth to help them eat meat and plants.
Elephants have long tusks, which are a kind of teeth. They use their tusks to dig and carry big things.
You don’t want to mess with this snake! It has poison inside its teeth that can kill a small animal.
We have teeth too. Our sharp front teeth help us grab and cut food and our flat back teeth chew food into small bits.
Too bad animals don’t have a tooth fairy like we do when their teeth fall out!
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