

# ANATOMY OF A TOOTH

## Pulp Cavity

The pocket at the center of the tooth where most of the pulp (the soft tissue of nerves, blood vessels, and connective tissue) is.

## Gums (Gingiva)

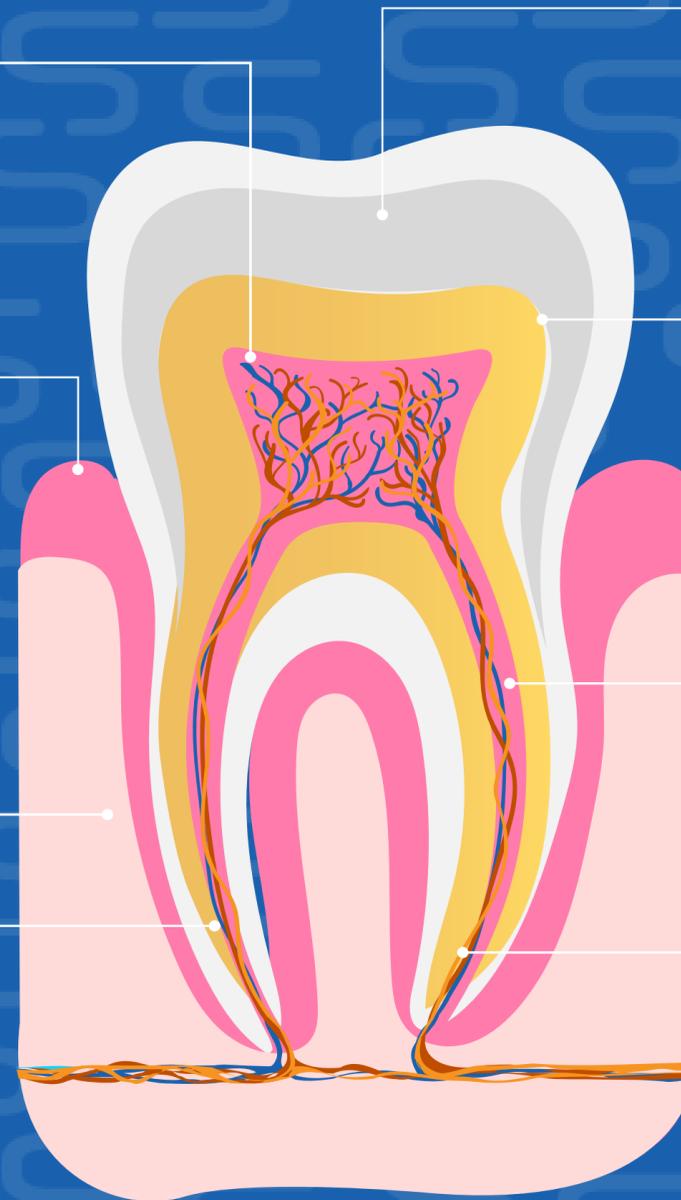
The soft tissues that cover and protect the roots of your teeth. Regular cleanings and checkups, daily brushing (at least twice a day), flossing and rinsing with an antimicrobial mouthwash will help keep gum disease away!

## Bone

The bones of your face and jaw act as a home for your teeth, providing structure and support to keep them secure in your mouth.

## Cement

The hard connective tissue connecting and covering the tooth root to your bone.



## Enamel

Your enamel is the first line of defense for your teeth (and the strongest part of the human body). It protects the inner layers and chambers of your teeth from damage and infection. So make sure you take care of it by brushing your teeth, using fluoride toothpaste, and flossing!

## Dentin

The layer of tissue that supports your enamel. It stimulates the nerves and cells inside your tooth when it is unprotected, causing sensitivity and sometimes mild toothaches.

## Root Canal

Yep - it has the same name as the dental procedure. This is the canal-shaped area inside the tooth that leads to the pulp cavity - pulp is located here too.

## Nerve and blood vessels

Also known as the pulp of the tooth, clusters of nerves and blood vessels supply blood and nutrients to your teeth.