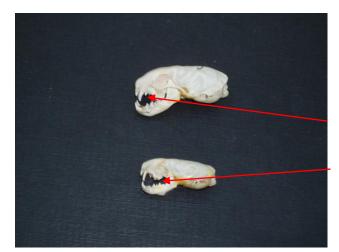
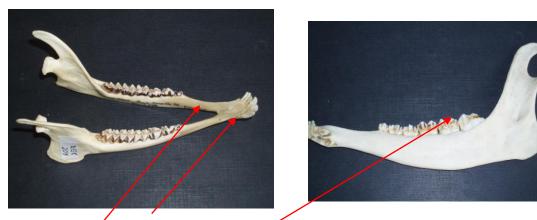
Badgery Science Fun 5



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 m...... 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. No canines, so no meat. You have incisors, canines, premolars and molars. What does that tell you about your diet?

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

