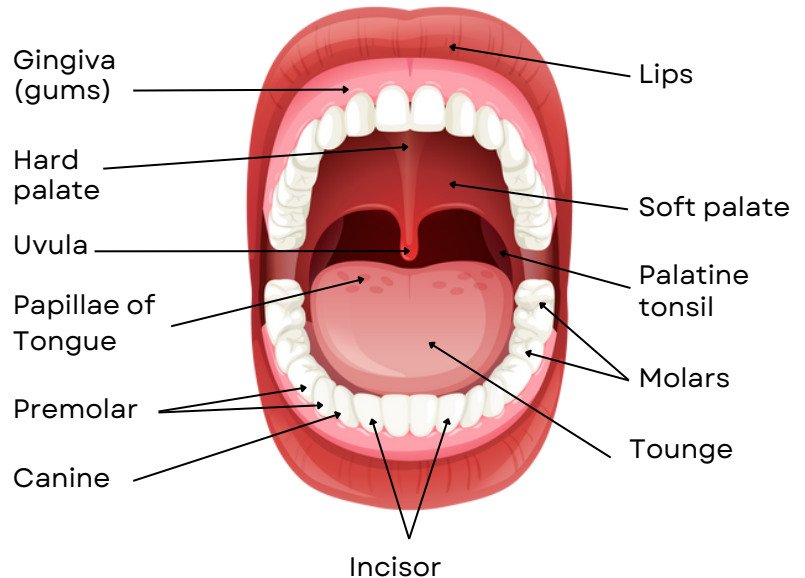


What happens when the muscles in the mouth aren't working correctly?



Mouth (Oral Cavity)



Oral-Motor Skills

What are they?

- Functions of the jaw, cheeks, lips, tongue, and hard and soft palates
- Combination of sensory and motor-skill development
- Starts to develop in utero during the third trimester

Functional Implications

Why does early development of oral motor skills matter?

- Prolonged oral habits (pacifier use, thumb sucking)
- Poor sleep habits
- Bedwetting
- Difficulty swallowing
- Disordered breathing
- Speech delay
- Feeding difficulties
- Bedwetting

Other Signs Related to Oral-Motor Dysfunction

- Poor dentition and/or teeth grinding
- Recessed chin
- Enlarged tonsils
- TMJ pain/discomfort
- Frequent ear infections
- Dark circles under eyes
- Depression/anxiety
- Daytime sleepiness
- ADD/ADHD
- Open-mouth posture at rest
- Chapped lips
- Heart-shaped tongue
- Digestive issues
- Relapse of orthodontic treatment
- Long facial growth

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