Worksheet 1. The Horse Dentist is Coming!

→ Insert diagram from:

http://www.advancedequinedentistry.com/incisors.htm

The illustration shows a line drawing of a horse's skull and the positions (numbered) of the teeth.

→ Vocabulary:

Equine – connected with horses (Cambridge Dictionary definition)

Teeth:

Molars – grinding teeth (6 – 11 on diagram)

Incisors – front teeth (1 - 3 on diagram)

Canines – male horses only; for fighting! (4 on diagram)

Wolf teeth – vestigial teeth. (5 on diagram)

Deciduous (milk teeth) - baby teeth!

Vestigial – describes something that has not developed completely or has stopped being used and has almost disappeared (Cambridge Dictionary definition).

Problems that may occur:

Sharp edges – also called enamel cusps. Develop naturally over time.

Milk teeth problems Wolf teeth problems

Hooks and ramped molars – when molars are not aligned properly the teeth are not worn down evenly.

Overbite (parrot mouth) – top incisors stick out too far forward of bottom incisors

Under bite – bottom incisors stick out too far forward of top incisors

Missing teeth and decayed teeth

Align – to put two or more things into a straight line

→ Other Vocabulary:
Mare – merr/hoppe
Stallion – hingst
Gelding – vallak
Teeth – tenner
Tongue – tunge
→Look at the illustration and add more words that you find useful to know!
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