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- While other rodents have magnesium (Mg) in their tooth enamel, beavers have iron (Fe). The iron causes the orange coloring in the beavers' teeth.
- Fe makes their teeth stronger against mechanical stress and more resistant to acid. They can chew through entire trees!

Beavers' teeth continue to grow throughout their lives. Using them daily helps keep them trim.



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