

# bite<sup>2</sup>

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noun

- 1** WITH YOUR TEETH **using teeth** [countable] BITE the act of cutting or crushing something with your teeth:

*Antonio devoured half his burger in one bite.*

**take/have a bite (of something/out of something)**

*She picked up the sandwich and took a bite.*

*Can I have a bite of your apple?*

**give somebody a bite**

*Some fish can give you a nasty bite.*

*Her body was covered in **bite marks**.*

- 2** WOUND **wound** [countable] BITE a small hole made where an animal or insect has bitten you:

**snake/ant etc bite**

**bite of**

*The infection is passed by the bite of a mosquito.*

- 3 a bite (to eat)** (informal) MEAL

a small meal:

*We had a bite to eat and a couple of drinks before the flight.*

- 4** TASTE **taste** [uncountable] a pleasantly sharp taste:

*Goat's cheese adds extra bite to any pasta dish.*

- 5** COLD **cold** [singular] COLD a feeling of coldness:

*There was no mistaking the approach of winter; he could feel its bite.*

- 6** EFFECTIVENESS **strong effect** [uncountable] EFFECTIVE a special quality in a

performance, piece of writing etc that makes its arguments very effective and likely to persuade people:

*The film gains incisive bite from Sellers' performance as the union chief.*

**7** FISH **fish** [countable] when a fish takes the food from a hook:

*Sometimes I sit for hours and never **get a bite**.*

**8** **another/a second bite at the cherry** (*BrE*) CHANCE/OPPORTUNITY  
a second chance to do something

**9** **jaw** [countable usually singular] (*technical*) the way that a person or animal's top and bottom teeth touch when their mouth is closed:

*Our dentist said that Emmy should wear a brace to improve her bite.*

→ LOVE BITE,  
SOUND BITE,

→ **somebody's bark is worse than their bite** AT BARK<sup>2</sup> (4)

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