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#### gnatho

A field of dental or medical study which deals with the entire chewing apparatus, including its anatomic, histological, morphological, physiologic, and pathological characteristics. The jaw is the name applied to the bones which contain the teeth. A segmental, modified appendage which serves as a jaw in arthropods or an invertebrate animal that has jointed limbs, a segmented body, and an exoskeleton made of chitin; such as, an insect, arachnid, centipede, or crustacean.

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The lower jaw, the mandible, is shaped in a form similar to that of a horseshoe, and, after the first year of life, it consists of a single bone. It forms a hinge-joint with the squamous part thin, plate-like section of the temporal bone, immediately in front of the ear.

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The study of the forces exerted by the teeth in the jaws, especially during mastication or chewing.

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Any leglike appendage of a crustacean, when modified wholly, or in part, to serve as a jaw; especially, one of the maxillipeds or one of the six specialized feeding appendages arranged in pairs and located just behind the maxillae upper jawbone on the heads of crustaceans.

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