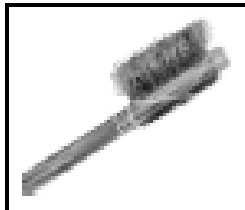
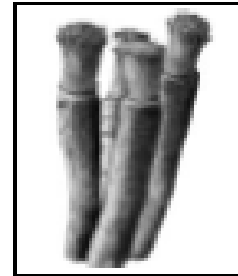


WHO INVENTED THE TOOTHBRUSH?

What would your teeth be like without a toothbrush? Here is some information about how it was invented.

Ancient Civilisations

Thousands of years ago, before the invention of the modern toothbrush, people would use a twig. The twig would be broken and frayed at one end. Known as a 'chew stick', this would be rubbed up and down across the teeth.



In 1498, in China, a bristle brush, similar to the modern toothbrush was invented. The bristles were the stiff hairs taken from the back of a hog's neck, which were then attached to a piece of bamboo.

1. If you were living thousands of years ago, what would you use to brush your teeth?



2. Describe a 'chew stick'.

3. How would you use it to brush your teeth?

4. When did toothbrushes start to look like modern ones?
