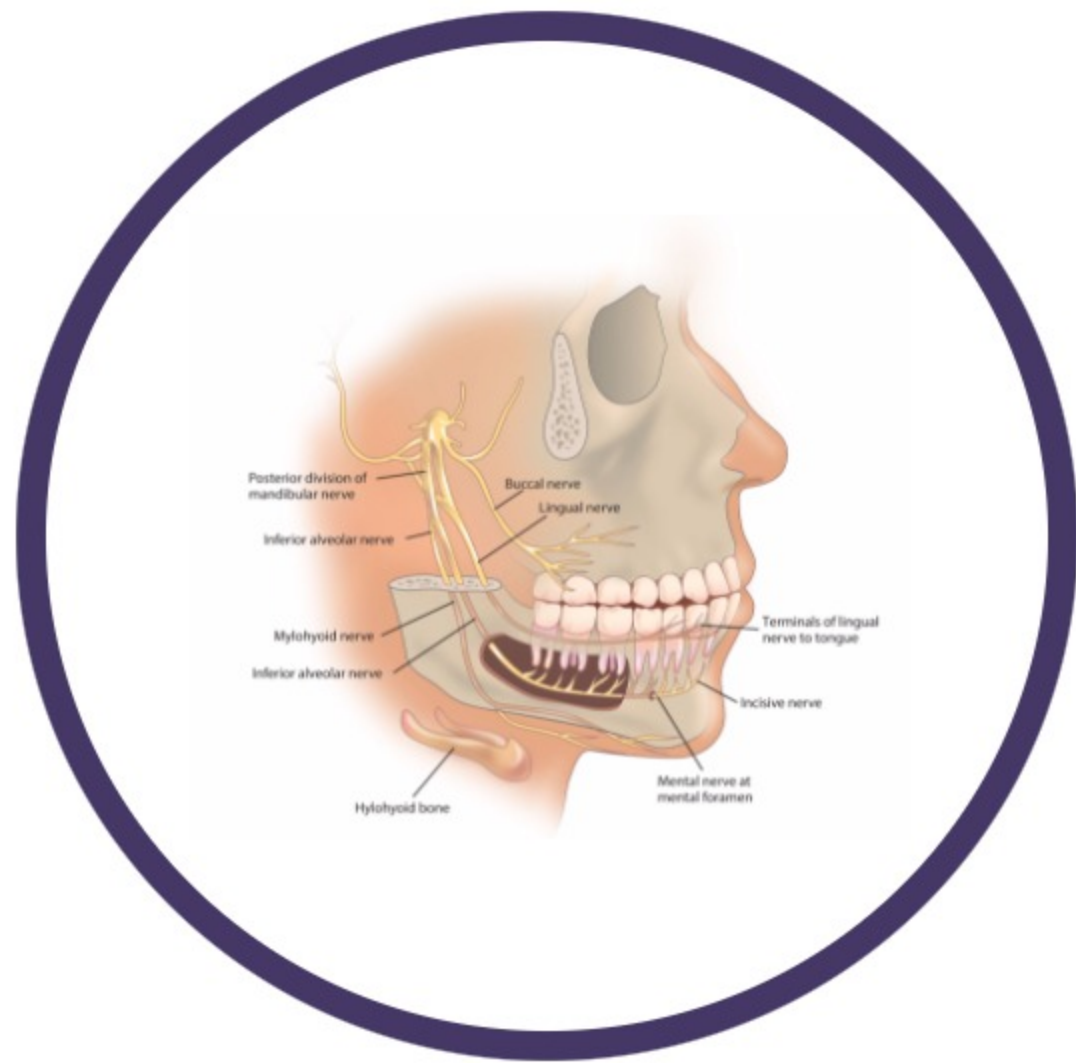


# AMAZING FACE



The facial nerve sends impulses at up to **111 MILES PER HOUR**



Cheetahs travel at speeds up to **75 MILES PER HOUR**



Usain Bolt clocked a speed of nearly **28 MILES PER HOUR**

**THE FACIAL NERVE TRAVELS 3 cms THROUGH A BONY TUNNEL**



**THE LONGEST TUNNEL FOR A NERVE ANYWHERE IN THE HUMAN BODY**

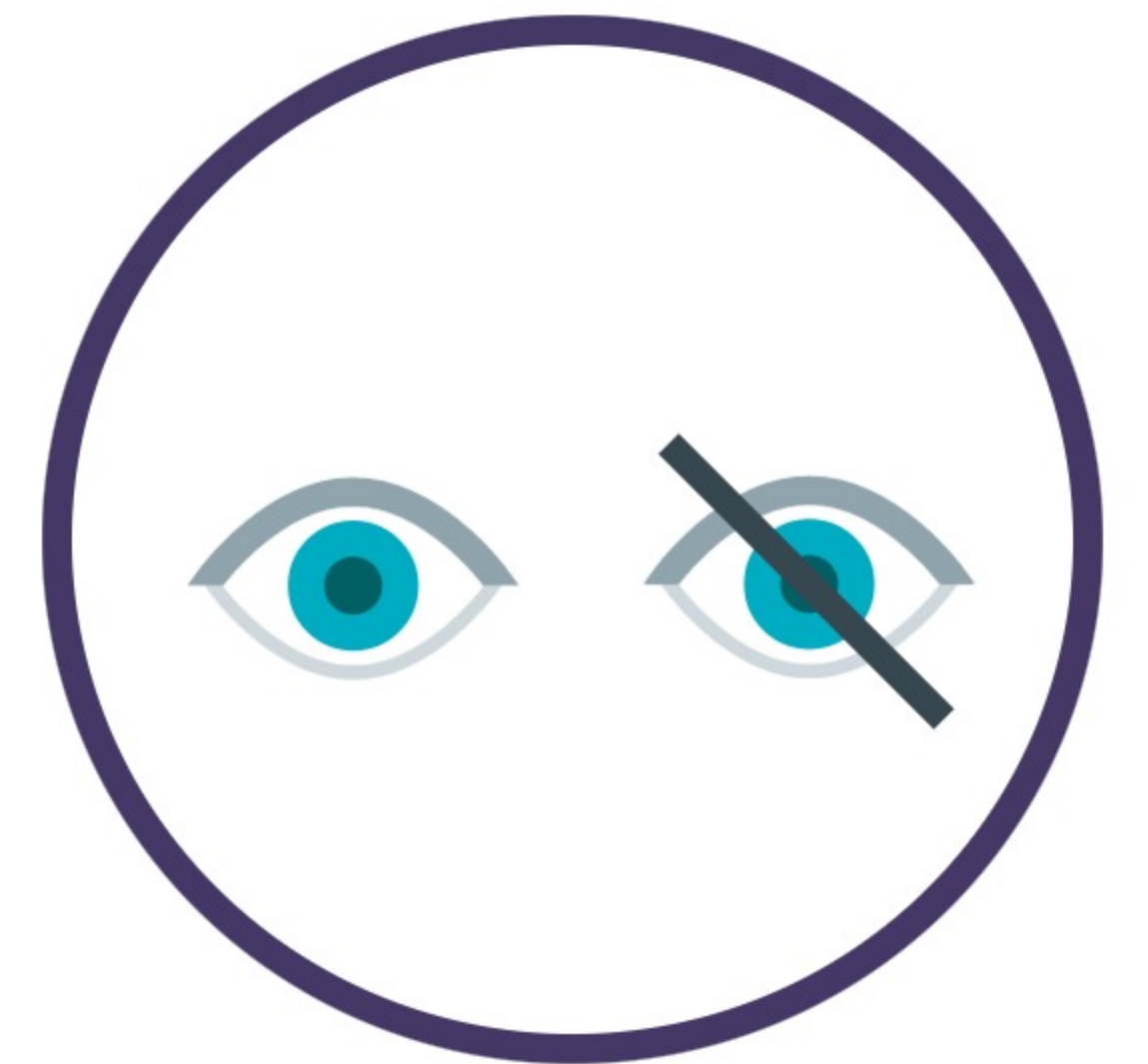
AN ABSENT OR DAMAGED FACIAL NERVE CAN AFFECT THE ABILITY TO CLOSE THE EYE, SMILE, SPEAK, EAT & DRINK



The average adult blinks 15 to 20 times per minute.

But if the facial nerve is damaged, our ability to blink fully can be impaired.

Visually it is like having faulty window wipers on your car.



The smallest skeletal muscle in the human body is just a couple of millimetres in size. It's called..

**THE STAPEDIUS**

pronounced stap-E-di-us

**AND IS ATTACHED TO THE STAPES**

pronounced stap-ees



The stapes is the smallest bone in the body. The stapedius protects the inner ear from loud noises; it also helps to stop our voice from sounding too loud in our head. If the facial nerve is damaged the stapedius muscle may not work properly and loud noises are not dampened adequately.

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