

The causes of cleft are complicated, and each case is different. It can happen even with no known family history.

## There's no 'quick fix'

One or more surgeries can close a cleft, but it can have a lifelong impact on speech, hearing, teeth, breathing and self-esteem.

## 45% of clefts are 'invisible'

A cleft palate is a gap in the roof of the mouth. You can't see a cleft palate from the outside, but it can have a big impact on speech, feeding and hearing.



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## One in 700 babies is born with a cleft

That's three every day in the UK! A cleft lip is one or two gaps in the upper lip. A cleft palate is a gap in the roof of the mouth.

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