

• **distoincisal of the mandibular lateral incisor**

The distoincisal angle of most anterior teeth is more rounded compared to the mesioincisal angle. **Another way to say this** is that the mesioincisal angles are **more square** (or acute) than the distoincisal angles, which are **more obtuse**. **Hint:** Distal is rounded like the letter “D”; mesial is straighter like the letter “M”.



- Important:** The **mandibular central** is the only anterior tooth in which the **distoincisal angle** is as **sharp** and distinct as the **mesioincisal angle**. All other incisors show a more or less rounded distoincisal angle.
- Anterior teeth** are highly important aesthetically and play an important role in the formation of many speech sounds (“V”, “F”, and “TH”). When viewed from the sagittal plane, the axial inclination of the anterior teeth inclines facially.

Maxillary and Mandibular Incisors				
	8,9	7,10	24,25	23,26
MI angle	Sharp right angle	Slight rounding	Sharp right angle	Some rounding
DI angle	Slight rounding	Distinct round	Sharp right angle	More rounded
Mesial profile	Straight	Slight rounding	Straight	Straight
Distal profile	Nearly round	Distinct round	Straight	Straight
Incisal outline	Straight	Straight	Straight	Straight DL twist
Proximal contacts				
Mesial	Incisal third	Junction	Incisal third	Incisal third
Distal	Junction	Middle third	Incisal third	Incisal third

**Maxillary Right Central Incisor**



**Labial**

**Maxillary Right Lateral Incisor**



**Labial**

**Mandibular Right Lateral Incisor**



**Labial**

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