

soft palate *(soft-pal-ate)*

Definition

n. the soft part at the rear of the roof of the mouth; forms a movable muscular flap that seals off the nasopharynx during swallowing and speech

Example Sentence

The mouth has a hard palate and a **soft palate**.

Synonyms

velum; roof of the mouth; posterior portion of the mouth's roof

Antonyms

knee

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