THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

HUMAN BODY *What each part does*

The digestive system breaks food down into nutrients the body can use and removes the rest as waste.

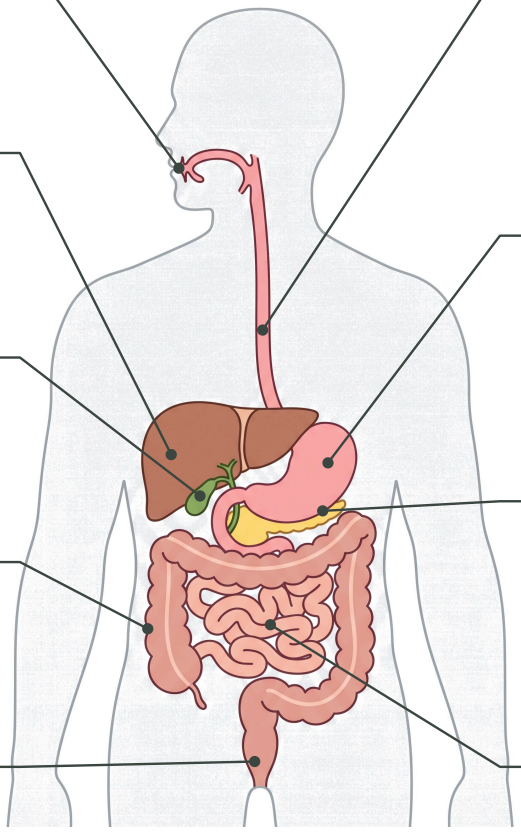
Mouth
Teeth and saliva begin breaking food down.

Liver
Makes bile, a fluid that helps digest fats.

Gallbladder
Small sac that stores bile until it is needed.

Large intestine
Absorbs water from the leftovers, forming solid waste.

Rectum
Stores solid waste until it leaves the body.



Esophagus
Muscular tube that pushes food down to the stomach.

Stomach
Churns food with acid into a thick liquid.

Pancreas
Releases juices that help break down food.

Small intestine
Most nutrients pass through its wall into the blood.