

The Human Digestive System

tongue	aesophagus	anus	small intestines	saliva
liver	rectum	mouth	stomach	teeth
large intestines			water	

Directions: Use the words in the box above to complete the passages below.

1. In humans, the process of digestion begins in the _____ where food is broken down into tiny pieces by the _____. The _____ helps by moving these pieces around, forming it into a bolus. These pieces are covered by _____, or spit which makes the food slippery so that it is easier to swallow. It also helps to break down the food.
2. Once the food is swallowed, it passes through the _____. The food travels down this tract until it reaches the _____ where it is broken down by acids and gastric juices. After spending some time in the sac, the food is sent into the _____ where nutrients are absorbed and digestion ends. The _____ helps by producing some digestive juices called bile.
3. The food then enters the _____ where the body gets its last chance to absorb minerals and _____. After all absorption has taken place waste materials left behind are pushed into the _____ by the large intestine and then out through the _____.