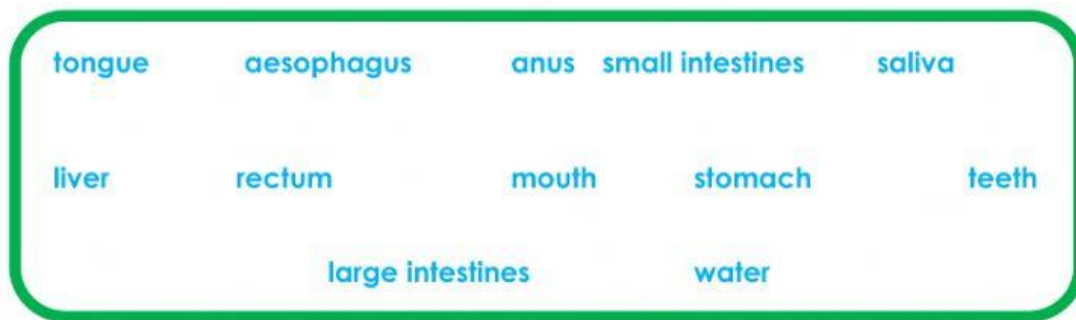


# The Human Digestive System



**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 \_\_\_\_\_.