



# The Human Digestive System

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| stomach | chewed   | food            | energy          |
| rectum  | liver    | mouth           | small intestine |
| waste   | saliva   | large intestine | digestion       |
| system  | swallow  | tongue          | pharynx         |
| acid    | absorbed | liquids         | esophagus       |

All animals need to eat \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ to live. But in order to use this food, they have to break it down in a process called \_\_\_\_\_. And so, all animals have a group of connected organs called the digestive \_\_\_\_\_.

In humans, the process of digestion begins in the \_\_\_\_\_ where food is \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces by the teeth. The \_\_\_\_\_ helps by moving these pieces around. These pieces are covered by \_\_\_\_\_, or spit. The saliva makes the food slippery so that it is easier to \_\_\_\_\_. It also helps to break down the food.

Once the food is swallowed, it passes through the \_\_\_\_\_, which is like a gate that sends food into the \_\_\_\_\_ and air into the lungs. The food travels down the esophagus and into the \_\_\_\_\_. Once in the stomach the food is mixed with \_\_\_\_\_ and crushed some more.

After spending some time in the stomach, the food is sent into the \_\_\_\_\_ where nutrients are \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ helps by producing some digestive juices called bile. Next, the remaining food goes into the \_\_\_\_\_ where the \_\_\_\_\_ are absorbed. The remaining food is called \_\_\_\_\_ and it is pushed into the \_\_\_\_\_ where it waits before leaving the body.