

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE EAT?

1 Complete the text with these words:

gastric juices - teeth - bile - stomach - large intestine - saliva

When we eat food, it passes first through the mouth. In the mouth, our _____ crush it and mix it with a liquid called _____. These crushed pieces of food, travel through the esophagus and into the _____. There are mix with liquids called _____. These liquids help break down the food. In the small intestine, the food mixes with _____ from the liver. Then the food passes into the _____ where it becomes faeces. Finally, the faeces are expelled from the body.

2 Match the parts of the digestive system to their functions:

- 1. Mouth
- 2. Esophagus
- 3. Stomach
- 4. Liver
- 5. Small intestine
- 6. Large intestine
- 7. Rectum

- a) It produces bile, which helps break down food.
- b) Here gastric juices begin to break the food down.
- c) Here the food is crushed and mixed with saliva.
- d) Here the faeces are formed from the remains of the food.
- e) Here the nutrients are absorbed and pass into the blood.
- f) The faeces pass through this part before leaving the body.
- g) Here food travels down to the stomach.

3 Drag and drop the titles of the 3 stages of digestion. Then order the stages.

DIGESTION

ABSORPTION

ELIMINATION

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Undigested food is transformed into faeces.

Food is crushed and broken down in the mouth and the stomach.

Nutrients are absorbed in the small intestine and pass into the blood.