

# THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

The digestive system gets the **nutrients** we need from food. This system is made up of the **mouth, esophagus, stomach, small intestine** and **large intestine**.

- **Mouth:** teeth break the food into small pieces.
- **Esophagus:** it's a long tube. Food goes down here to the stomach.
- **Stomach:** in the stomach, gastric juices break down the food and turn it into a thick liquid.
- **Small intestine:** nutrients pass into the blood here.
- **Large intestine:** the food our body doesn't need goes along here and out through the **anus**.

