

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

1

2

3

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.