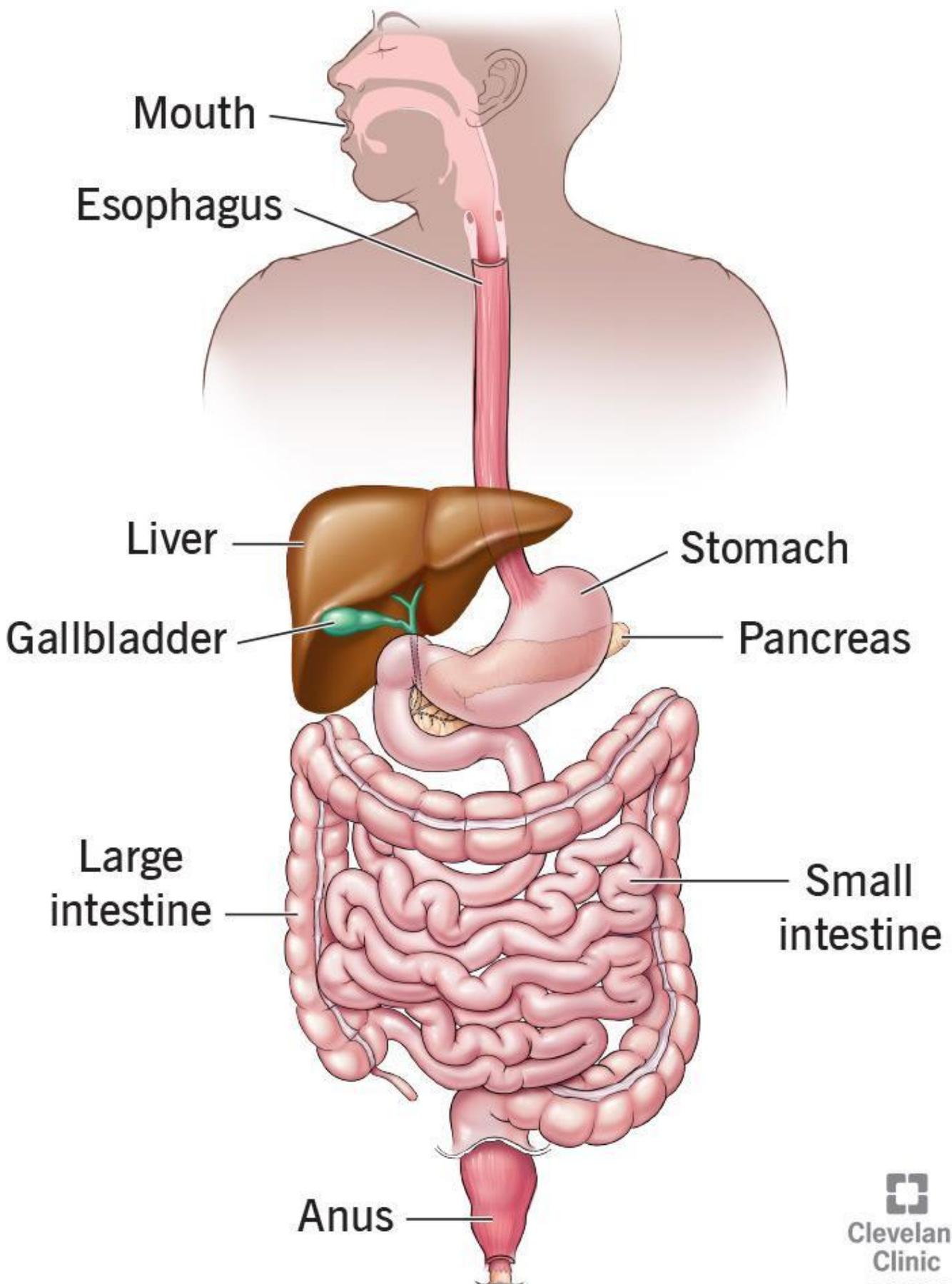


# Digestive system



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## WHAT IS DIGESTION?

Complete the paragraph using the words from the word box.

Word Box: - Enzymes - Nutrients - Small Intestine - Digestion - Stomach - Absorption - Mouth - Large Intestine -

Waste \_\_\_\_\_ is the process by which food is broken down into smaller molecules that the body can use. Digestion begins in the \_\_\_\_\_, where food is chewed and mixed with saliva. The chewed food then moves down to the \_\_\_\_\_, where it is mixed with digestive juices, including \_\_\_\_\_ that help break down proteins. After the stomach, the partially digested food moves to the \_\_\_\_\_, where most \_\_\_\_\_ are absorbed into the bloodstream. The remaining waste products continue to the \_\_\_\_\_, where water is absorbed and \_\_\_\_\_ is formed. Finally, the waste is eliminated from the body.