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DIGESTION IN THE MOUTH

Fill in the blank spaces below with the most appropriate words or phrases.

1. Digestion is important because it breaks down complex food molecules that are too _____ to fit into and be used by our cells into simple _____ parts.
2. Digestion is of two types _____ and _____ digestion.
3. Mechanical digestion is carried out by the _____ of the alimentary canal and by the _____ in our mouth.
4. Chemical digestion is carried out by protein molecules called _____.
5. Digestion in humans takes place internally while digestion for some organisms such as _____ and _____ takes place externally.

CHEMICAL DIGESTION IN THE MOUTH

Chemical digestion starts in the _____. The mouth contains the digestive juice _____ which contains water, mucus and the enzyme _____. This enzyme breaks down the starch in foods to a sugar known as _____. That is why if we chew starchy food like bread for long, it eventually tastes _____. The water from the digestive enzyme in the mouth _____ food while the _____ lubricates it.