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## The Human Digestive System

Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

stomach	chewed	food	energy
rectum	liver	mouth	small intestine
waste	saliva	large intestine	digestion
system	swallow	tongue	pharynx
acid	absorbed	liquids	esophagus

All animals need to eat \_\_\_\_\_ to get \_\_\_\_\_ to live. But in order to use this food, they have to break it down in a process called \_\_\_\_\_. And so, all animals have a group of connected organs called the digestive \_\_\_\_\_.

In humans, the process of digestion begins in the \_\_\_\_\_ where food is \_\_\_\_\_ into small pieces by the teeth. The \_\_\_\_\_ helps by moving these pieces around. These pieces are covered by \_\_\_\_\_, or spit. The saliva makes the food slippery so that it is easier to \_\_\_\_\_. It also helps to break down the food.

Once the food is swallowed, it passes through the \_\_\_\_\_, which is like a gate that sends food into the \_\_\_\_\_ and air into the lungs. The food travels down the esophagus and into the \_\_\_\_\_. Once in the stomach the food is mixed with \_\_\_\_\_ and crushed some more.

After spending some time in the stomach, the food is sent into the \_\_\_\_\_ where nutrients are \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ helps by producing some digestive juices called bile. Next, the remaining food goes into the \_\_\_\_\_ where the \_\_\_\_\_ are absorbed. The remaining food is called \_\_\_\_\_ and it is pushed into the \_\_\_\_\_ where it waits before leaving the body.