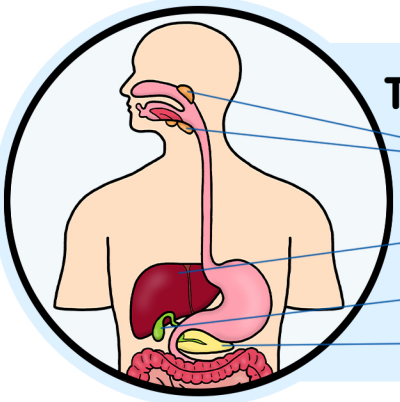
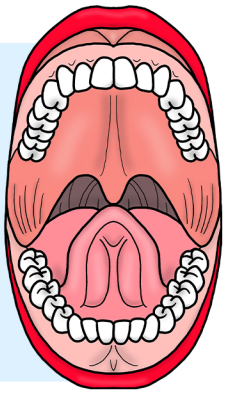
A CLOSER LOOK AT
ACCESSORY ORGANS

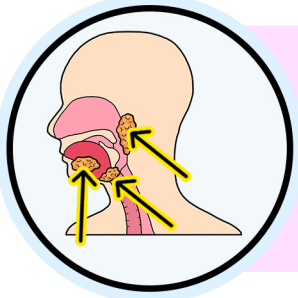
Accessory organs make or store digestive juices and send them into the digestive tract. Food never passes through them.



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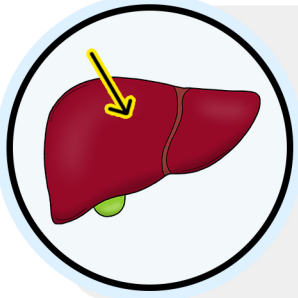
- Salivary Glands
- Liver
- Gallbladder
- Pancreas





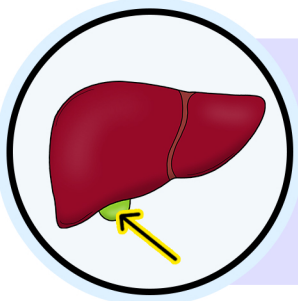
SALIVARY GLANDS

Three pairs of glands around the mouth make saliva. Saliva moistens food so it is easy to swallow, and its amylase begins breaking down starches.



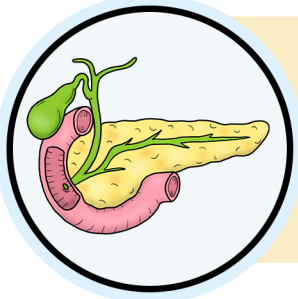
LIVER

The liver makes bile, which breaks large fat droplets into tiny ones, and sends it through the bile duct. It also receives nutrient-rich blood from the intestines through the hepatic portal vein.



GALLBLADDER

This small pouch under the liver stores bile. When fatty food reaches the duodenum, the gallbladder squeezes bile through the bile duct into the small intestine.



PANCREAS

The pancreas makes pancreatic juice and sends it into the duodenum. Its enzymes break down carbohydrates, proteins, and fats, and the juice neutralizes stomach acid.

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