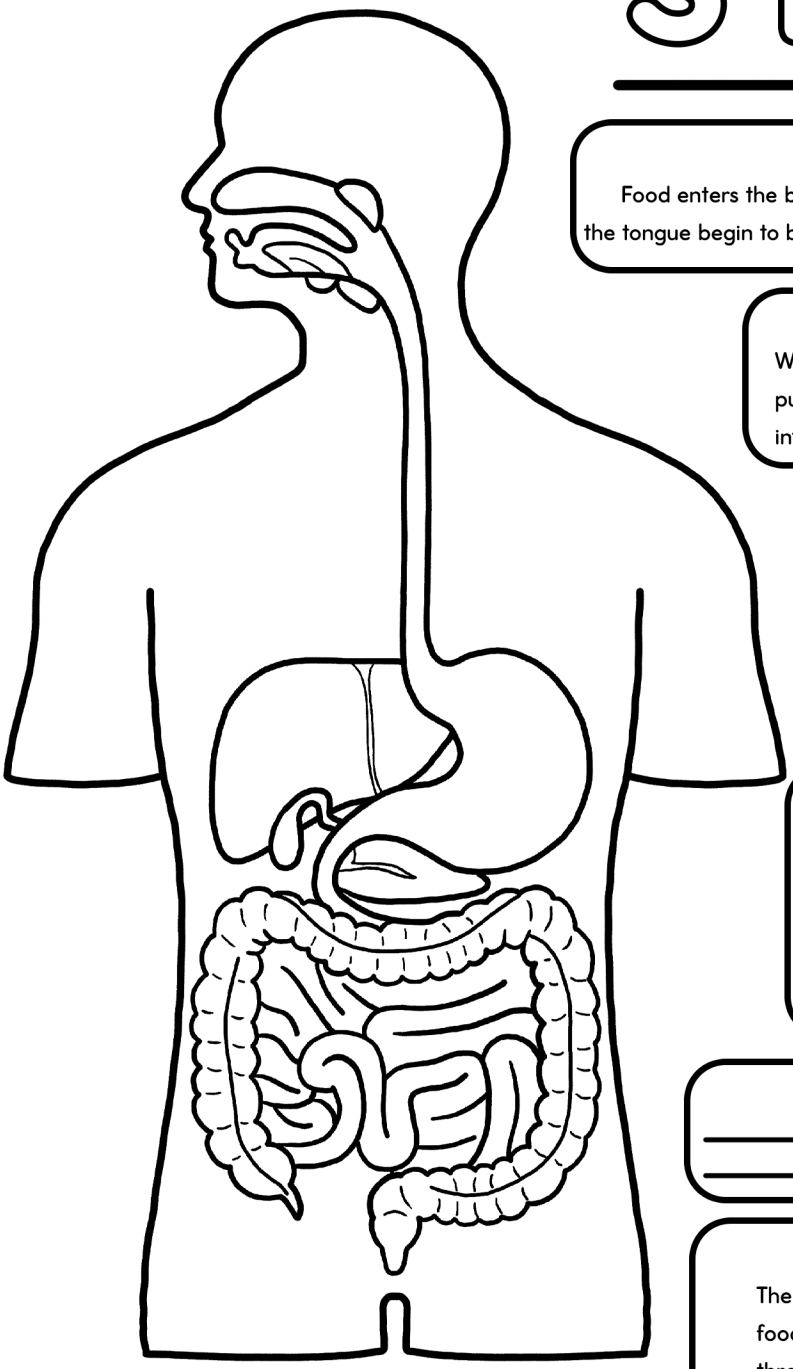
FUNCTIONS OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM



TAKES IN FOOD

Food enters the body through the _____, where teeth and the tongue begin to break it into a soft _____ that can be swallowed.

MOVES FOOD

Waves of muscle squeezing called _____ push food through the _____ and intestines, one section at a time.

CRUSHES AND CHURNS FOOD

Teeth grind food and the _____ churns it, breaking food into _____ pieces without changing what it is made of.

BREAKS DOWN MOLECULES

_____ from the salivary glands, stomach, and pancreas break large food _____ into small nutrient molecules. Most of this work is finished in the small intestine.

ABSORBS NUTRIENTS

_____ lining the small intestine pass nutrients into _____, where blood carries them to the body's cells.

ELIMINATES WASTE

The large intestine absorbs _____ from leftover food and forms _____, which leave the body through the _____.

anus	esophagus	mouth	stomach
bolus	feces	peristalsis	villi
capillaries	molecules	smaller	water
enzymes			

SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

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