

Name _____
Date _____

Class _____
Digestive System
Fill-in

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 (1) _____ to get (2) _____ to live.
But in order to use this food, they have to break it down in a process called
(3) _____. And so, all animals have a group of connected organs called the
digestive (4) _____.

In humans, the process of digestion begins in the (5) _____ where food is
(6) _____ into small pieces by the teeth. The (7) _____ helps by
moving these pieces around. These pieces are covered by (8) _____ or spit. The saliva
makes the food slippery so that it is easier to (9) _____. It also helps to break
down the food.

Once the food is swallowed, it passes through the (10) _____, which is like a
gate that sends food into the (11) _____ and air into the lungs. The food travels
down the esophagus and into the (12) _____. Once in the stomach the food is
mixed with (13) _____ and crushed some more.

After spending some time in the stomach, the food is sent into the (14) _____
where nutrients are (15) _____. The (16) _____ helps by
producing some digestive juices called bile. Next, the remaining food goes into the
(17) _____ where the (18) _____ are absorbed. The
remaining food is called (19) _____ and it is pushed into the
(20) _____ where it waits before leaving the body.