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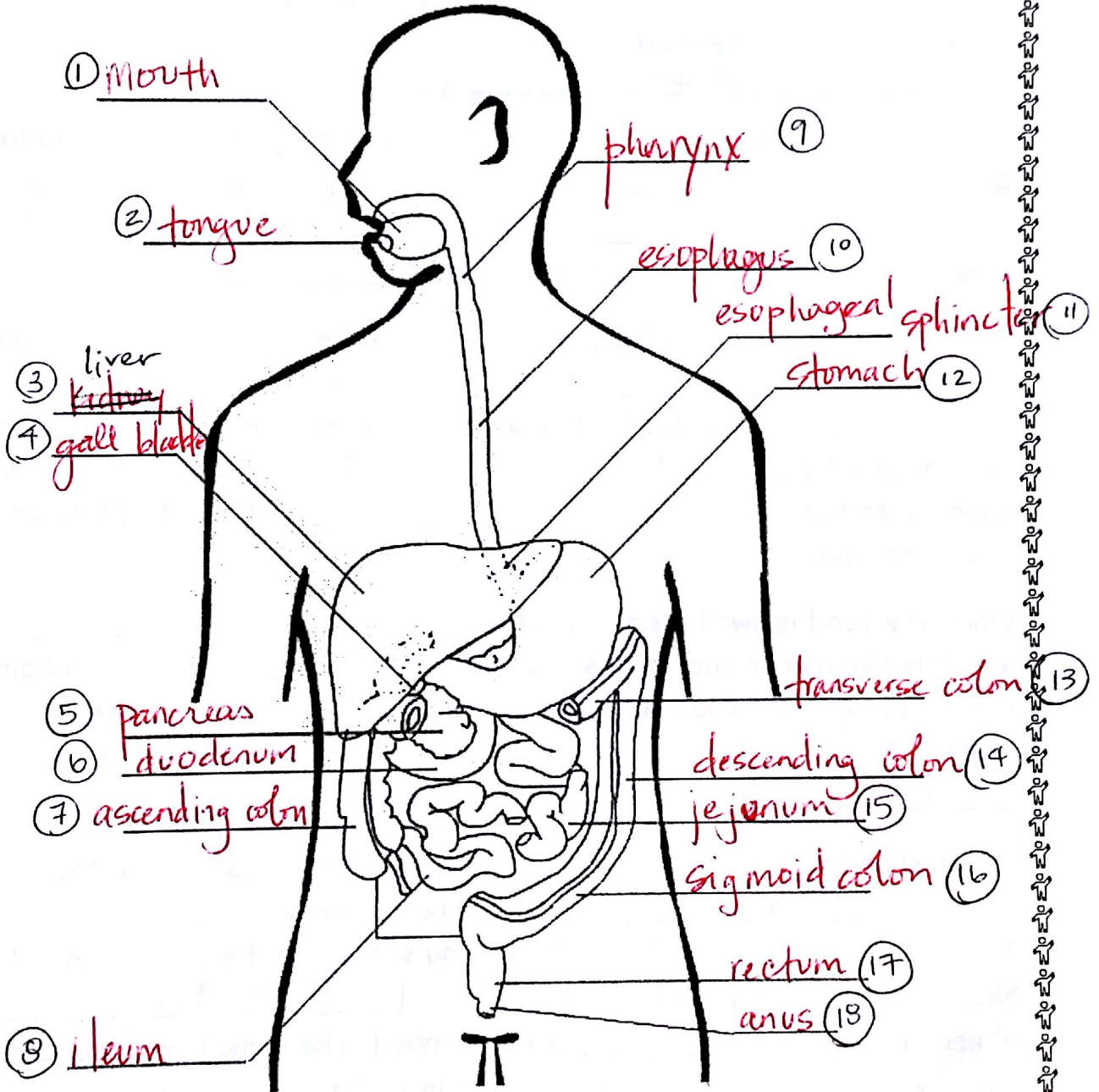
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The Digestive System

Directions: Label the parts of the digestive system: anus, ascending colon, descending colon, duodenum, esophageal sphincter, esophagus, gallbladder, ileum, jejunum, liver, mouth, pancreas, pharynx, rectum, sigmoid colon, stomach, tongue, transverse colon.



Question: What three parts above make up the small intestine?

duodenum, jejunum, ileum

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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 food to get energy to live. But in order to use this food, they have to break it down in a process called digestion. And so, all animals have a group of connected organs called the digestive system.

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

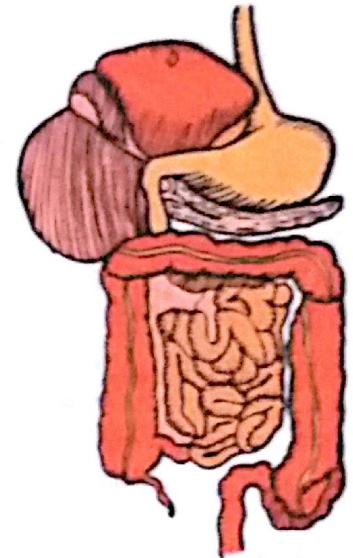
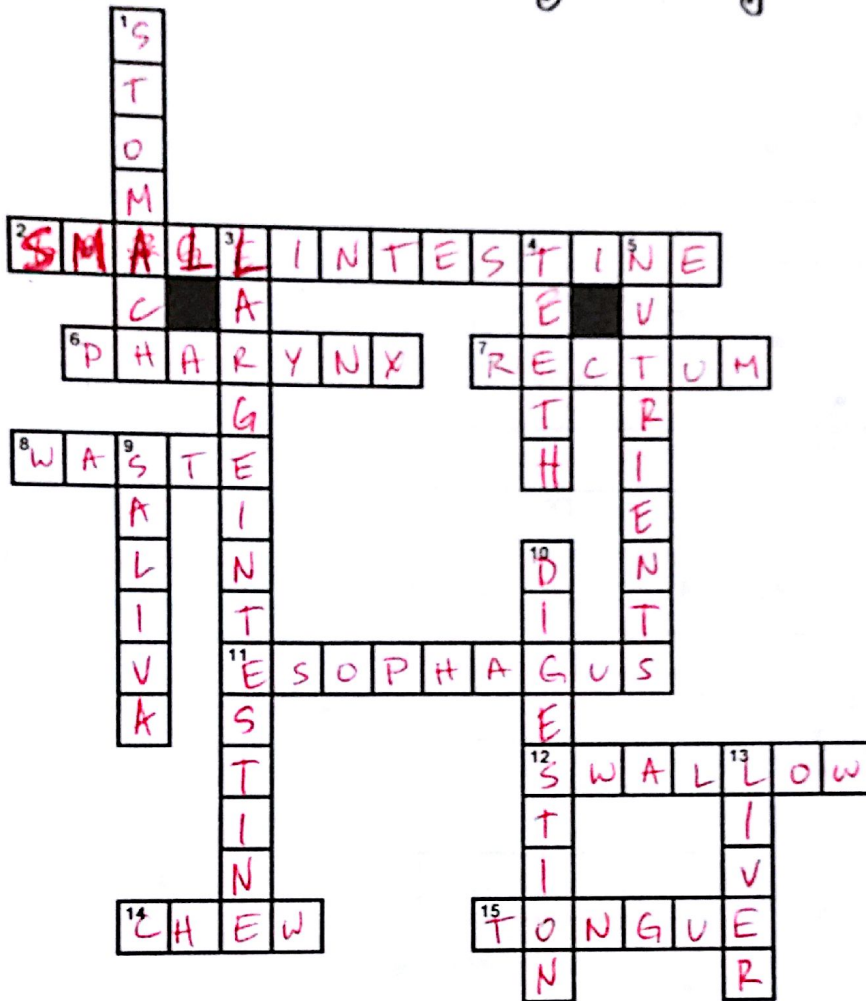
Once the food is swallowed, it passes through the pharynx, which is like a gate that sends food into the esophagus ~~pharynx~~ ~~stomach~~ and air into the lungs. The food travels down the esophagus and into the stomach. Once in the stomach the food is mixed with acid and crushed some more.

After spending some time in the stomach, the food is sent into the small intestine where nutrients are absorbed. The liver helps by producing some digestive juices called bile. Next, the remaining food goes into the large intestine where the liquids are absorbed. The remaining food is called waste and it is pushed into the rectum where it waits before leaving the body.



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Find the digestive system words below in the grid to the left.



Across

2. A long folded tube inside the body attached to the stomach where nutrients in the food are absorbed.
6. A part of your throat that acts like a gateway sending air into the lungs and food down into the stomach.
7. The place where waste is stored before it leaves the body.
8. The part of the food that is not digested.
11. The tube that connects the stomach to the mouth.
12. A verb that means to push food through your pharynx.
14. Crush food with your teeth.
15. Muscle in your mouth that is used for pushing food around.

Down

1. After being swallowed, food goes to this place where it is mixed with acid.
3. The tube after the small intestine where liquid is absorbed.
4. These are used to chew food.
5. The good things in food.
9. A slippery liquid that makes food easy to swallow and helps to break the food down.
10. The process of breaking down food for use as energy and building materials for your body.
13. This produces juices (called bile) that go into the small intestine and help digest the food.