

## DIGESTIVE SYSTEM CLASS NOTES

### Digestion

- Breakdown of \_\_\_\_\_ food and the \_\_\_\_\_ of nutrients in the bloodstream.

### Metabolism

- Production of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ cellular activities.

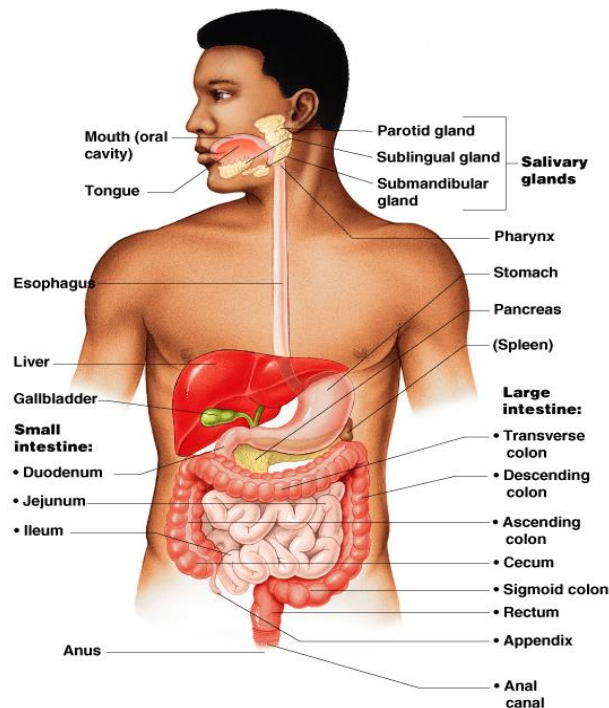
The digestive system is composed of the

\_\_\_\_\_ canal which is a continuous

\_\_\_\_\_ tube along with several

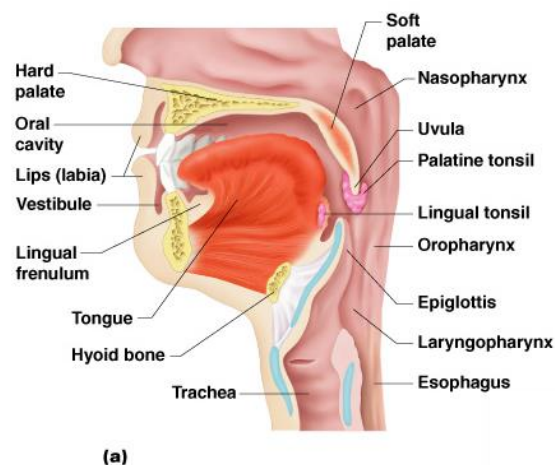
\_\_\_\_\_ organs. The organs along the

alimentary canal include:



### THE MOUTH

- The lips \_\_\_\_\_ the anterior opening.
- The hard palate forms the \_\_\_\_\_ roof of the mouth.
- The soft palate forms the \_\_\_\_\_ roof of the mouth.
- Uvula is the \_\_\_\_\_ projection of the soft palate.
- The oral cavity is the area contained by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_ extension aiding in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of food.
- Tonsils



In the mouth, mastication ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) of food, mixing masticated food with \_\_\_\_\_,

Initiation of swallowing by the \_\_\_\_\_ and allowing for the sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

In the pharynx, it serves as a passageway for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Food is propelled to the \_\_\_\_\_ by two muscle layers:

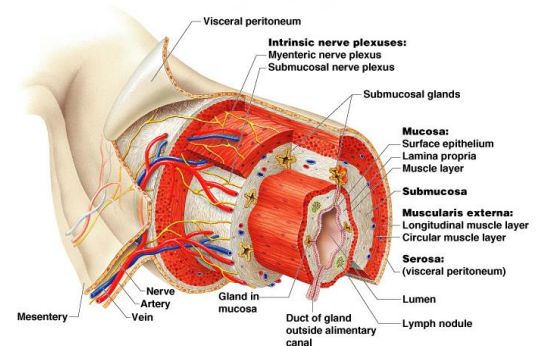
◦ \_\_\_\_\_ inner layer

◦ \_\_\_\_\_ outer layer

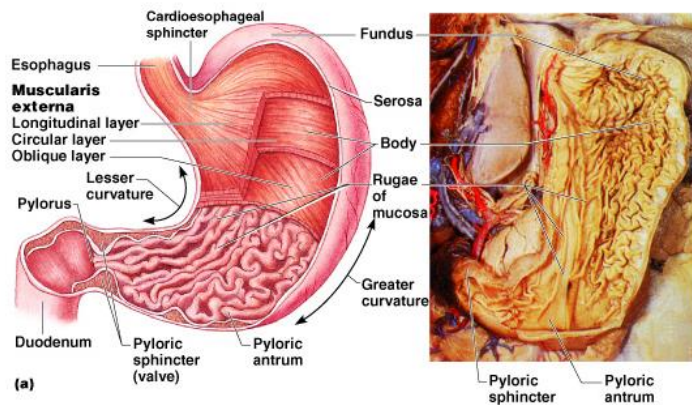
–Food movement is by alternating contractions of the muscle layers (\_\_\_\_\_)

The esophagus runs from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and moves food by \_\_\_\_\_.

The submucosa contains blood vessels, \_\_\_\_\_ and lymphatics.



The stomach is located on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the abdominal cavity. Food enters through the \_\_\_\_\_ and exit through the \_\_\_\_\_.



The stomach is a \_\_\_\_\_ for food and it is where food begins to \_\_\_\_\_. The chemical digestion of \_\_\_\_\_ begins here. The processed food is called \_\_\_\_\_ that will be delivered to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Simple columnar epithelium

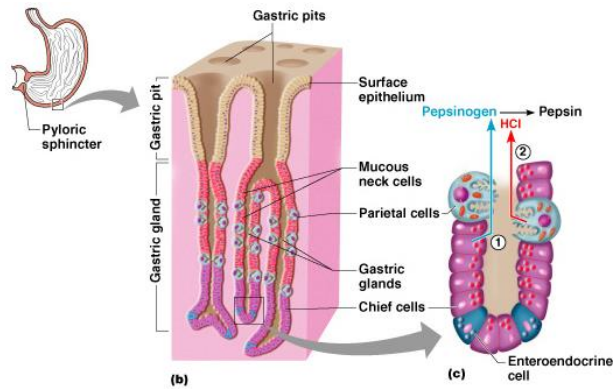
◦ Mucous neck cells – produce a sticky \_\_\_\_\_ mucus

◦ Gastric glands – secrete \_\_\_\_\_ juice

◦ Chief cells – produce \_\_\_\_\_-digesting enzymes (pepsinogens)

◦ Parietal cells – produce \_\_\_\_\_ acid

◦ Endocrine cells – produce \_\_\_\_\_



The small intestines are the body's major \_\_\_\_\_ organ. It is the site of nutrient absorption into the \_\_\_\_\_

The subdivisions of the small intestines include:

- Duodenum

- Attached to the \_\_\_\_\_
- Curves around the head of the pancreas

- Jejunum

- Attaches anteriorly to the duodenum

- Ileum

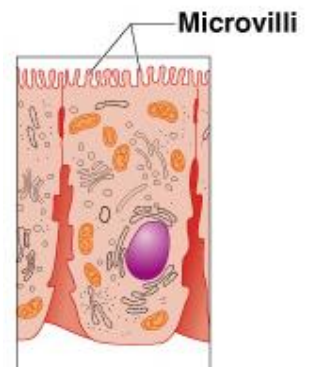
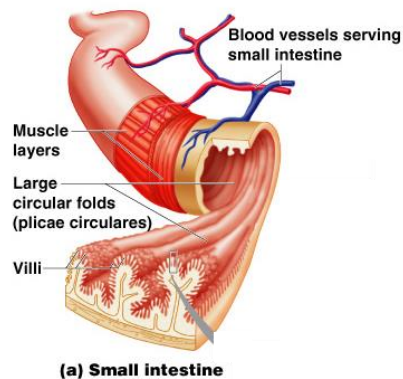
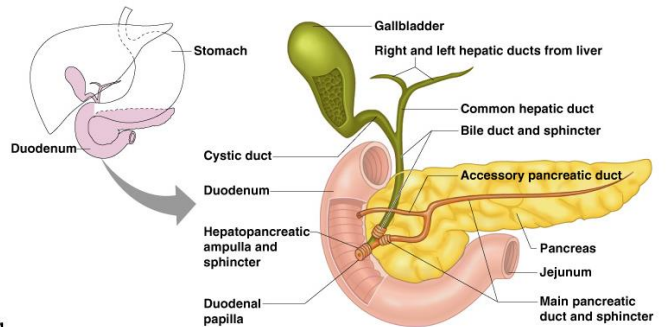
- Extends from jejunum to \_\_\_\_\_.

The source of the enzymes needed come from the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

Bile enters from the \_\_\_\_\_.

The villi of the small intestines is where all of the action

is. The also increase the \_\_\_\_\_.



Absorptive \_\_\_\_\_ and blood \_\_\_\_\_ are present.

**(c) Absorptive cells**

The large intestines are \_\_\_\_\_ in diameter but \_\_\_\_\_ than the small intestines. It frames the internal \_\_\_\_\_.

Its function is to absorb \_\_\_\_\_ and eliminates \_\_\_\_\_ food as \_\_\_\_\_.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ here. \_\_\_\_\_ cells produce mucus as a lubricant.

Cecum – saclike first part of the large intestine

Appendix

- Accumulation of lymphatic tissue that sometimes becomes inflamed (\_\_\_\_\_)
- Hangs from the \_\_\_\_\_

The structures of the large intestines include: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

ACCESSORY ORGANS

The accessory organs of the digestive system include:

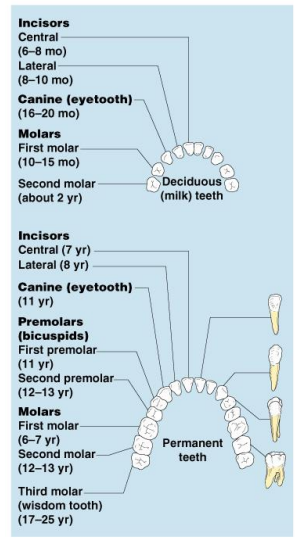
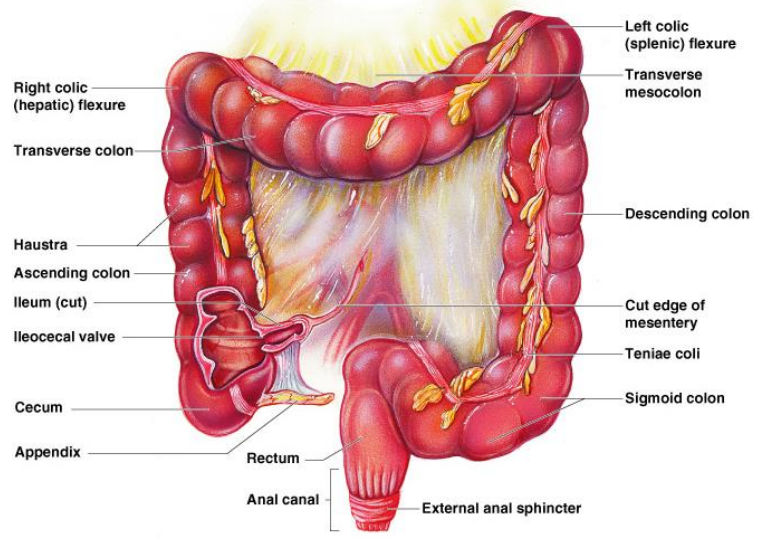
The salivary glands produce \_\_\_\_\_. Saliva is a combination of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which helps form food into a \_\_\_\_\_. It contains \_\_\_\_\_ to begin the digestion of \_\_\_\_\_.

The role of the teeth is to \_\_\_\_\_ food. Humans have two sets of teeth, the \_\_\_\_\_ teeth or baby/milk teeth. 20 of them are formed by age \_\_\_\_\_.

The pancreas produces digestive enzymes that break down \_\_\_\_\_ categories of food into the duodenum.

Alkaline fluid introduced with enzymes neutralizes acidic chyme

Endocrine product of the pancreas



◦Insulin

The liver is the \_\_\_\_\_ gland in the body and produces \_\_\_\_\_. It is located on the right side of the body under the \_\_\_\_\_. Connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ via the common hepatic duct.

The gall bladder stores \_\_\_\_\_ from the liver by way of the cystic duct. Bile is introduced into the duodenum in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ food. Gallstones can cause blockages.

- \_\_\_\_\_ - getting food into the mouth
- \_\_\_\_\_ - moving foods from one region of the digestive system to another

Peristalsis - alternating waves of contraction

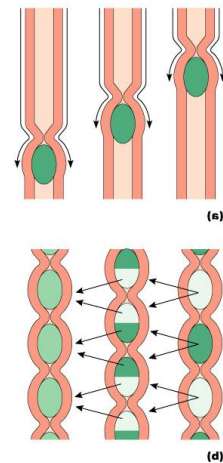
Segmentation - moving materials back and forth to aid in mixing

Mechanical digestion

- Mixing of food in the mouth by the \_\_\_\_\_
- Churning of food in the \_\_\_\_\_

Chemical Digestion

- \_\_\_\_\_ break down food molecules into their building blocks
- Each major food group uses different \_\_\_\_\_



The processes of the digestive system are:

Absorption

◦End products of digestion are absorbed in the \_\_\_\_\_ or lymph

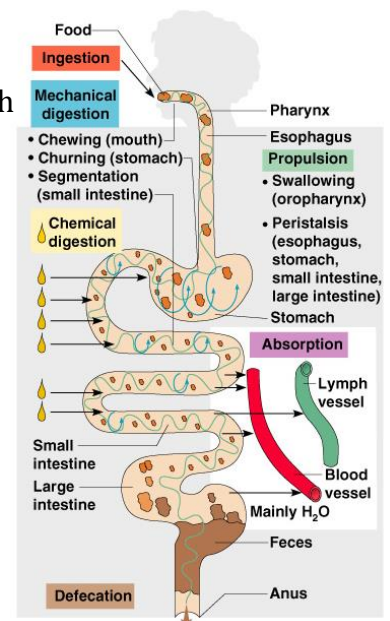
Defecation

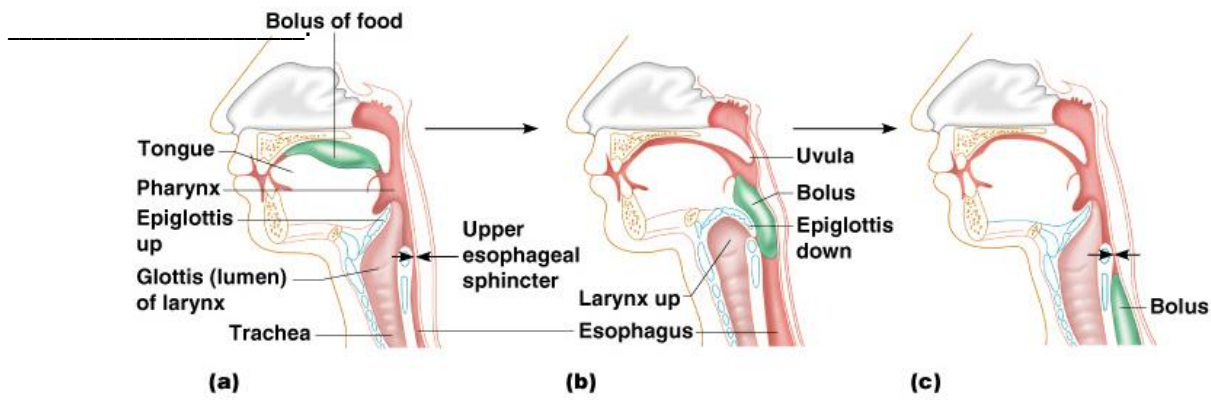
◦Elimination of indigestible substances as \_\_\_\_\_

The pharynx and the esophagus have \_\_\_\_\_ digestive function. They only serve as passageways to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Swallowing or the \_\_\_\_\_ phase is voluntary and occurs in the mouth.

The food is formed into a \_\_\_\_\_ and forced down by the





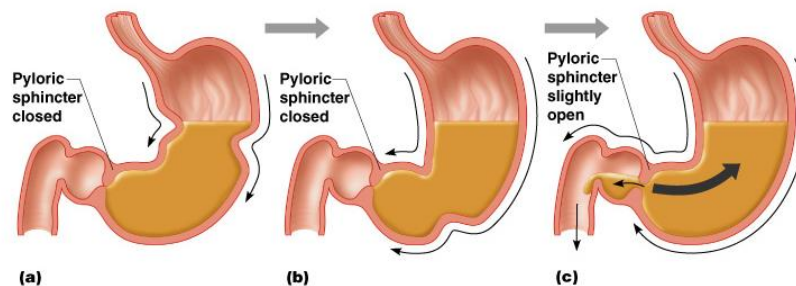
In the stomach, \_\_\_\_\_ acid helps digest food chemically. The environment has to be acidic because it activates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for protein digestion. This also helps kill \_\_\_\_\_.

Protein digestion enzymes

- Pepsin – an active \_\_\_\_\_ digesting enzyme
- Rennin – works on digesting \_\_\_\_\_ protein

–The only absorption that occurs in the stomach is of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The stomach empties in \_\_\_\_\_ hours.



Digestion in the small intestines uses lipase to digest \_\_\_\_\_ from the pancreas. Nucleic acids are digested with \_\_\_\_\_. The alkaline content helps \_\_\_\_\_ the acidic environment.

Two hormones that stimulate the release of pancreatic juices are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Water is absorbed along the small intestines. \_\_\_\_\_ helps move things along.

In the large intestines, \_\_\_\_\_ digestive enzymes are produced. Resident \_\_\_\_\_ digest remaining nutrients

- Produce some vitamin \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

◦Release \_\_\_\_\_  
Water and vitamins K and B are \_\_\_\_\_. Remaining materials are eliminated via feces

#### Mass movements

- Slow, powerful movements
- Occur \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ times per day

Presence of feces in the rectum causes a defecation reflex

- Internal anal sphincter is relaxed
- Defecation occurs with relaxation of the voluntary (external) anal sphincter

#### DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS

- The alimentary canal is a continuous tube by the \_\_\_\_\_ week of development
- —Digestive glands bud from the mucosa of the alimentary tube
- —The developing fetus receives all nutrients through the \_\_\_\_\_
- —In newborns, feeding must be frequent, peristalsis is inefficient, and vomiting is common
- —Teething begins around age \_\_\_\_\_ months
- —Metabolism \_\_\_\_\_ with old age
- —Middle age digestive problems
  - Ulcers
  - Gall bladder problems
- Activity of digestive tract in old age
  - Fewer digestive juices
  - Peristalsis \_\_\_\_\_
  - Diverticulosis and cancer are more common