

Nova's Human Body Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the functions of the human digestive system and the role of teeth.

Nova the Owl is fascinated by how our bodies turn snacks into energy! Use this fact-file to record what you have learned about the human digestive system. Write clearly in the spaces provided.

Word bank: oesophagus · stomach · intestine · incisors · canines · molars · digestion · nutrients · saliva

1. The Journey Begins: Describe what happens to food when it first enters the mouth and how our teeth help the process. (3 marks)

2. The Oesophagus: Explain the role of the oesophagus in moving food from the mouth to the stomach. (2 marks)

3. The Stomach's Job: What happens to the food once it reaches the stomach? (2 marks)

4. Nutrient Absorption: Where does the body absorb the nutrients from the food we have eaten? (2 marks)

5. Dental Care: Why is it important to look after our teeth to ensure we can digest food properly? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a tiny piece of food. Write a short, funny story about your journey through the human digestive system, starting at the mouth and ending in the intestines!