

Bea's Digestive System Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the functions of the human digestive system in accordance with the Class 4 Science curriculum.

Join Bea the honeybee on a journey through the human body! Use this fact-file to explain what happens to the food we eat. Fill in the sections below to show how the different parts of our digestive system work together to keep us healthy.

Word bank: oesophagus · stomach · small intestine · large intestine · mouth · nutrients · digestion · teeth · saliva

1. The Mouth: Describe what happens to food when it first enters the mouth. Think about the role of teeth and saliva. (2 marks)

2. The Oesophagus and Stomach: Explain how food travels from the mouth to the stomach and what the stomach does to the food once it arrives. (3 marks)

3. The Small Intestine: What is the main job of the small intestine during the process of digestion? (2 marks)

4. The Large Intestine: Explain what the large intestine does before waste leaves the body. (2 marks)

5. Healthy Choices: Why is it important to eat a balanced diet to help our digestive system work properly? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a piece of toast! Write a short 'travel diary' entry describing your exciting journey through each part of the digestive system, starting from the mouth and ending at the large intestine.