

Max's Amazing Digestion Journey

Learning objective: To describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.

Use this writing scaffold to explain how the body digests food. Look at the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Max the monkey has been eating a healthy snack, and now his body is starting the amazing process of digestion.

Word bank: mouth · teeth · stomach · nutrients · energy · chew · swallow · first · then · finally · because

1. The Start: What happens to food when it first enters your mouth? Start your sentence with: 'First, I use my teeth to...' (2 marks)

2. The Journey: Where does the food go after you swallow it? Start your sentence with: 'Then, the food travels down to the...' (2 marks)

3. The Process: What does the stomach do to the food? Start your sentence with: 'Inside the stomach, the food is...' (2 marks)

4. The Result: Why does our body need to digest food? Start your sentence with: 'We digest food because we need energy to...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw an arrow to show the path food takes through the body on a simple outline of a human?