

Max and Bea's Digestive System Dash

Learning objective: To identify and explain the functions of the organs in the human digestive system.

Help Max the monkey and Bea the honeybee navigate the human body! Read each question carefully and write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. Oesophagus, 4. B, 5. False, 6. Small intestine, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Saliva, 10. True. Explanations: The stomach uses acid to break down food, and the small intestine is where the body absorbs nutrients into the bloodstream.

Word bank: Oesophagus · Stomach · Small intestine · Large intestine · Nutrients · Saliva · Rectum · Digestion

1. 1. Where does the process of digestion begin? A) The stomach B) The mouth* C) The small intestine D) The large intestine (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The oesophagus is a muscular tube that carries food from the mouth to the stomach. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the tube that connects the throat to the stomach? (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the main job of the stomach? A) To breathe oxygen B) To churn food with acid* C) To pump blood D) To store water (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Digestion happens entirely in the large intestine. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which part of the digestive system absorbs the nutrients from our food into the blood? (1 mark)

7. 7. What does the large intestine primarily absorb from the remains of our food? A) Protein B) Sugar C) Water* D) Vitamins (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The liver produces bile to help break down fats. (1 mark)

9. 9. What liquid in the mouth helps to soften food and begins the chemical breakdown process? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: After the large intestine, waste material is stored in the rectum before leaving the body. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a diagram of the human digestive system and label the mouth, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, and large intestine.



Extension challenge: Max the monkey wonders what happens if we eat too fast. Write a short paragraph explaining why chewing our food thoroughly is a helpful first step for our digestive system.