

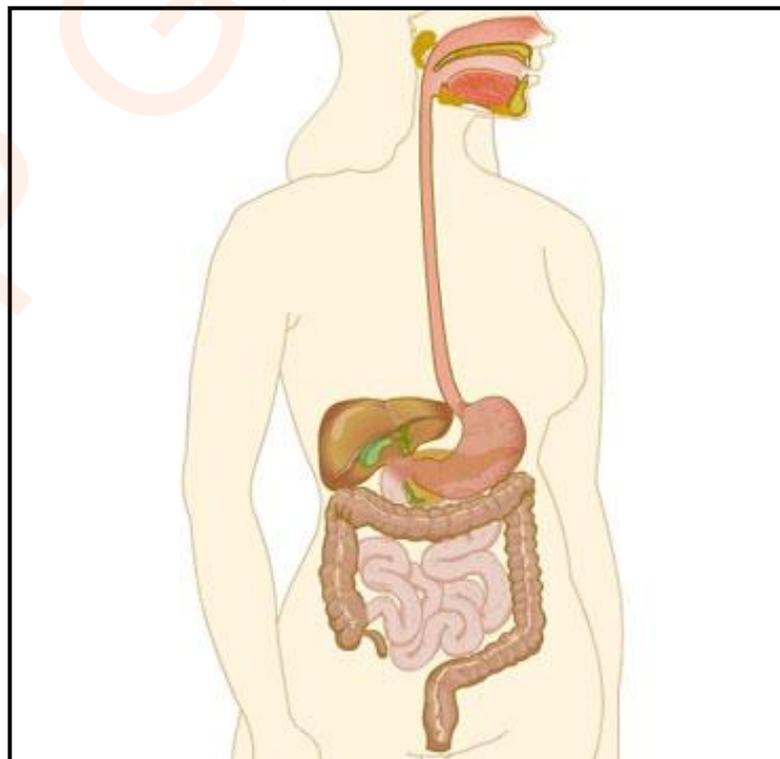
4th GRADE MINIMUM CONTENTS-NATURAL SCIENCE

UNIT 7: THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

► THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Our body needs to breakdown the food we eat to absorb the **nutrients** it needs. This process is called **digestion**. Digestion happens in the **digestive system**, which begins in the mouth and ends at the anus.

1. Digestion begins in our **mouth**. Our teeth cut and chew our food. We use our tongue to taste and to mix food with **saliva**.
2. The food travels down the **oesophagus** to the **stomach**.
3. In the stomach, the food mixes with **gastric juices**. Gastric juices break the food down.
4. The mixture of food and gastric juices travels through the **small intestine**. Nutrients from the food are absorbed into our blood.
5. The parts of the food our body does not need continue into the **large intestine**.
6. Finally, the parts of the food our body does not need leave our body through the **anus**.



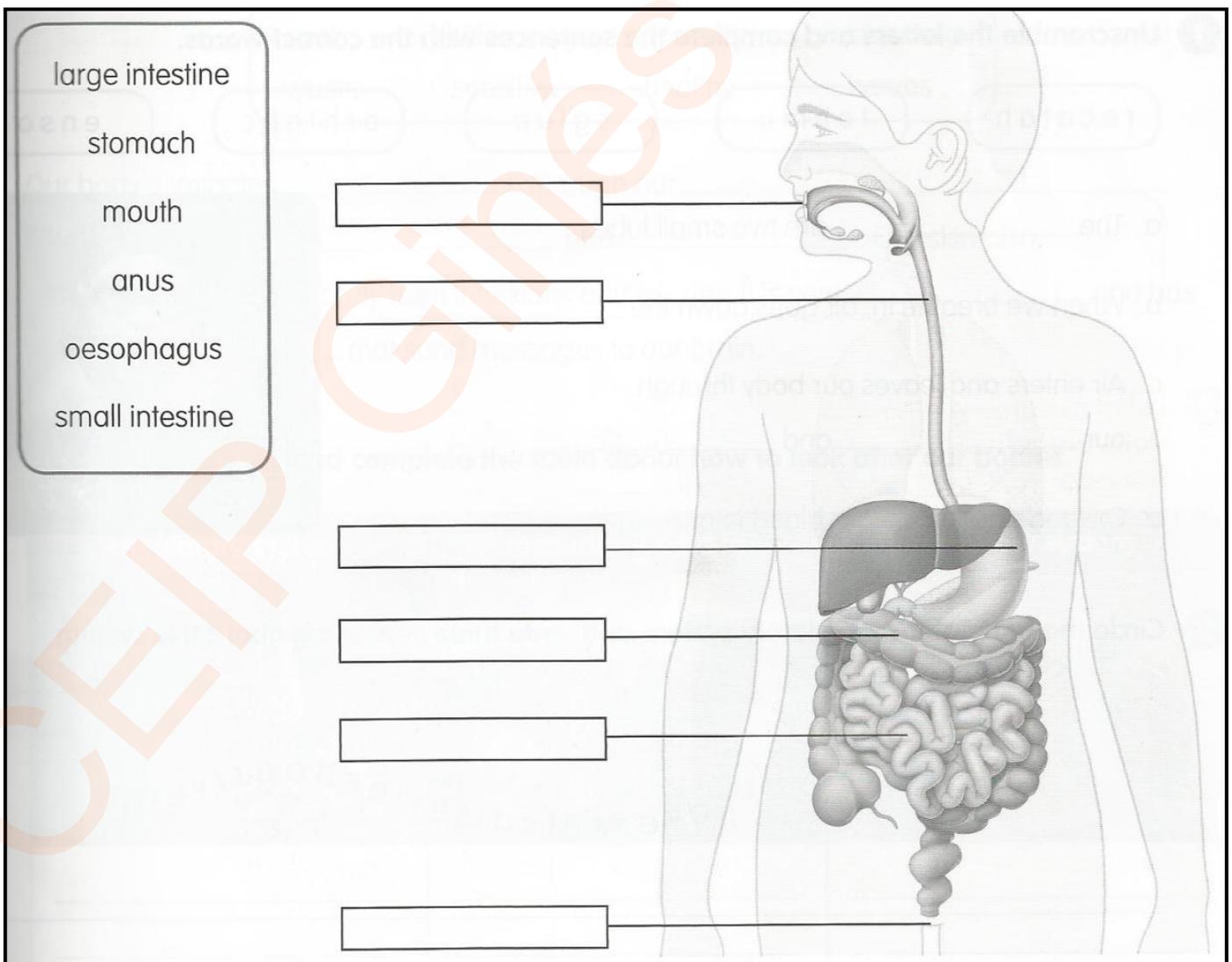
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ACTIVITIES

1.- Cross out the mistakes and correct them:

- a) Digestion begins in our stomach
- b) Food mixes with gastric juices in our mouth
- c) Nutrients are absorbed into our blood in the oesophagus.
- d) The parts of food we do not need leave our body through the small intestine.

2.- Label the diagram of the digestive system:



3.- How does the digestive system work? Read and match:

1.- In the mouth,	leave our body through the anus.
2.- Food travels down the	oesophagus to the stomach.
3.- In the stomach,	food mixes with saliva.
4.- In the small intestine,	food mixes with gastric juices.
5.- The parts of food our body does not need	nutrients are absorbed into blood
6.- Finally, the parts of food our body does not need	continue into the large intestine

4.- Read the definitions and write the words related to the digestive system.

- a. Part of the body where digestion ends: _____
- b. Substances in the stomach that break food down: _____
- c. A long, thin organ where nutrients are absorbed: _____
- d. A substance in the mouth that mixes with food: _____
- e. A long tube from the mouth to the stomach: _____

5.- Complete your bilingual dictionary.

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- Mouth: _____	- Large intestine: _____	- Mix / mixture
- Teeth: _____	_____	_____
- Tongue: _____	-Anus: _____	- Break the food down
- Saliva: _____	-----	_____
- Oesophagus: _____	- Cut the food	- Need
- Stomach: _____	_____	_____
- Gastric juices: _____	- Chew the food	- Travel (down/through)
_____	_____	_____
-Small intestine: _____	- Taste	- Leave (through)
_____	_____	_____