

# Science -Teeth & Digestive System

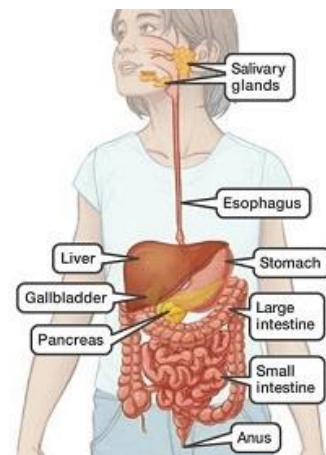
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## Overview

This topic examines the structure and function of teeth and gums. We look at ways to keep teeth and gums healthy. We explore the effect of acidic drinks on our teeth. We will consider why the teeth of carnivores and herbivores are different. We then progress to learning about the digestive system and what happens to food once it enters our mouth.

## Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Saliva	The clear liquid produced in the mouth.
Oesophagus	The tube which carries food from the mouth to the stomach.
Stomach	The organ in the body that receives food that has been swallowed.
Intestine	A long tube type organ which helps break food down.
Decay	Damage to a tooth caused by dental plaque.
Root	The part of the tooth embedded in the jaw.
Predator	Animals which eat other animals.
Prey	Animals that are eaten by other animals.
Consumer	A living thing which gets their food by eating plants or other animals.



## Key knowledge

- Describe some of the main parts of the digestive system.
- Describe what happens when food enters the digestive system.
- Understand some causes of tooth decay.
- Explain animals and humans have different types of teeth to suit the food they eat.

