Key knowledge

The different types
of teeth
and their
incisors- cutting, slicing caninesripping, tearing molarschewing, grinding

The structure of teeth and the effects of decay.

func-tion.

Teeth have three layers:
Enamel, (say ee-nam-el) is a hard protective outer layer covering the crown of the tooth. Dentine, (say den-teen) is a second protective layer covering the nerve of the tooth. Pulp, (also called the nerve) is the soft middle of the tooth that has a blood supply and nerve endings.

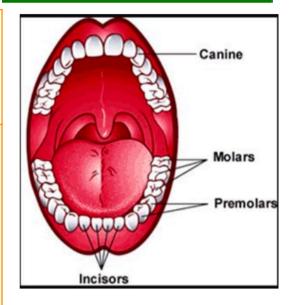
The simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans

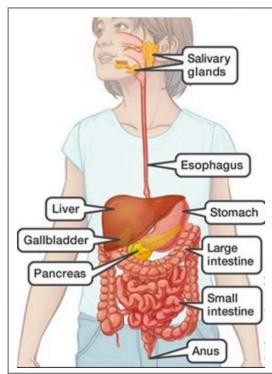
The function of the digestive system is digestion and absorption. Digestion is the breaking down of food into small molecules, which are then absorbed into the body. The digestive system is divided into two major parts:

The digestive tract (alimentary

The digestive tract (alimentary canal) is a continuous tube with two openings: the mouth and the anus; and the accessory organs, which are the teeth, tongue and glandular organs (salivary glands, liver, pancreas, gallbladder).

Diagrams





Key Vocabulary

incisor	a narrow-edged tooth at the front of the mouth, adapted for cutting. In humans there are four incisors in each jaw.
canine	a pointed tooth between the incisors and premolars of a mammal
premolar	a tooth situated between the canine and the molar teeth. An adult human normally has eight premolars, two in each jaw on each side.
molar	a grinding tooth at the back of a mammal's mouth
esophagus	this squeezes food down into the stomach like a toothpaste tube
stomach	this organ adds special enzymes which help speed up the digestive process
large intestine	takes water and some minerals from leftover food material and creates solid waste
small intestine	here nutrients are absorbed through the walls into the body
acid	acid plays a key role in digestion of proteins by activating digestive enzymes
saliva	a watery liquid that is produced to moisten food, so it can be swallowed easily
enzymes	these are special proteins that break up large molecules of food into tiny molecules
pancreas	pancreas produces digestive juices and helps to control blood sugar
anus	this is where solid waste (poo) leaves the body
digestion	breaking down food so that it is small enough and soluble enough to pass through the wall of the small intestine