

The Role of Enzymes in Protein Digestion

• Enzymes act as chemical scissors to cut the long

chains of amino acids into small chains.

The small chains are split by other enzymes.

## Mouth Where food enters the alimentary canal and mechanical digestion (salivary begins. Salivary glands produce amylase. glands) Oesophagus Muscular tube which moves ingested food to the stomach. This is called peristalsis. Churns the food and contains hydrochloric acid which provides the Stomach appropriate pH for enzyme pepsin to work. Liver Produces bile, which emulsifies fats and neutralises stomach acid. **Pancreas** Produces digestive enzymes, amylase, lipase and protease which are released into the small intestine. Small Where digested food is absorbed into the blood. They walls are folded Intestine into projections called villi which gives it a large surface area. Large Where water is reabsorbed Intestine Rectum Where faeces are stored. Anus Where faeces leave the alimentary canal

## Nutrient Groups



Water is also an essential nutrient.
Carbohydrates are split into starch and sugars

The function of the alveoli is to exchange gases in the lungs

Gases move into the lungs by diffusion

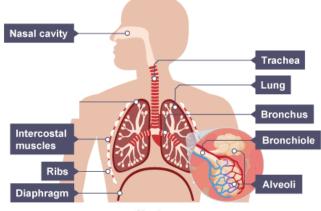
Alveoli are adapted by having a large surface area to increase diffusion

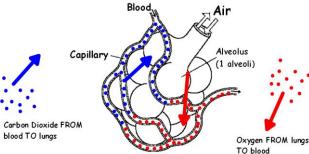
They are very thin, this means diffusion is very quick

They have a good blood supply, which maintains the concentration gradient

They are moist so that gases dissolve quickly

## Respiratory and Gas Exchange System





## Gas Exchange in Plants

Gases diffuse in and out of the leaf through little holes called the stomata

