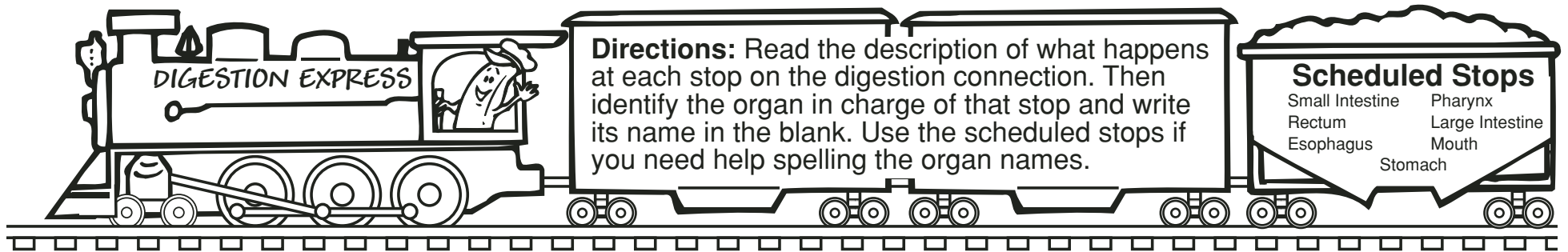


# The Digestion Connection

Food travels through many organs as it travels the digestion route. Each organ in turn helps to further digest the food so the body can use it.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the first stop for food on the digestion connection. At my stop, food gets ground up by teeth and softened by saliva.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I push chewed food from the mouth into the esophagus.

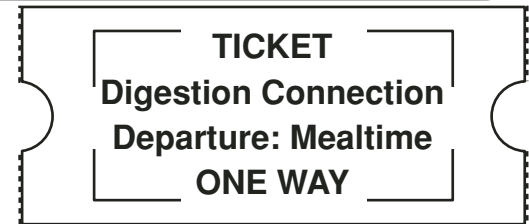
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I move in wavelike contractions and push food into the stomach.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ When food gets to my stop, digestive fluids help to digest it.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ At my stop, juices from the pancreas, the liver, and the intestinal wall continue to digest the food.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Welcome to stop 6 on the digestion connection. After leaving the small intestine, all undigested food comes to me.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ At my stop, solid wastes are passed out of the body.



## **Answer Key for “The Digestion Connection”**

1. Mouth
2. Pharynx
3. Esophagus
4. Stomach
5. Small Intestine
6. Large Intestine
7. Rectum