

# Digestive System

Six friends were talking about the function of the digestive system. This is what they said:

**Mina:** “I think the main function is to release energy from food.”

**Manny:** “I think the main function is to help us breathe.”

**Sasha:** “I think the main function is to break food down into molecules that can be absorbed by cells.”

**Harriet:** “I think the main function is to break food down in the stomach into small pieces of food that can be used by the body.”

**Todd:** “I think the main function is to carry bits of food and nutrients to all the different parts of our body.”

**Curtis:** “I think the main function is to store food so that we can get energy when we need it.”



Which student do you most agree with? Explain your thinking. Describe your ideas about the main function of the digestive system.

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