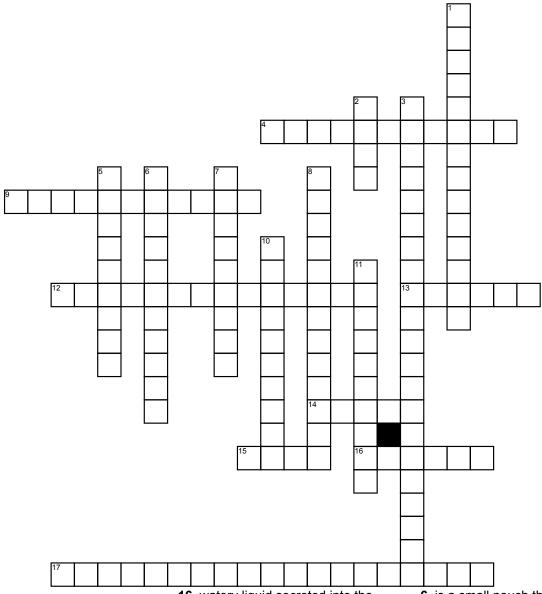
Digestive System



Across

- **4.** is the process by which food is crushed and ground by teeth
- **9.** symmetrical contraction and relaxation of muscles that propagates in a wave down a tube, in an anterograde direction
- **12.** the part of the intestine that runs between the stomach and the large intestine
- **13.** is a muscular organ in the mouth of most vertebrates that manipulates food for mastication and is used in the act of swallowing
- **14.** is also known as the large bowel or large intestine
- **15.** the opening at the end of the alimentary canal through which solid waste matter leaves the body.

- **16.** watery liquid secreted into the mouth by glands, providing lubrication for chewing and swallowing, and aiding digestion.
- **17.** involves physically breaking the food into smaller pieces.

Down

- **1.** he cecum, colon, and rectum collectively.
- **2.** a bitter greenish-brown alkaline fluid that aids digestion and is secreted by the liver and stored in the gallbladder.
- 3. tract from the mouth to the anus which includes all the organs of the digestive system in humans and other animals.
- **5.** is a muscular tube connecting the throat (pharynx) with the stomach.

- **6.** is a small pouch that sits just under the liver.
- 7. the process of breaking down food by mechanical and enzymatic action in the alimentary canal into substances that can be used by the body.
- 8. a thin, clear, virtually colorless acidic fluid secreted by the stomach glands and active in promoting digestion.
- 10. the process or action by which one thing absorbs or is absorbed by another.11. the chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to

maintain life.