



The intestines are a long, continuous pathway that food travels in the digestive system. They are made up of the small intestine, also called the small bowel, and the large intestine, also known as the large bowel or colon. The small intestine is the longest segment of the gastrointestinal tract and is where most of the digestion and absorption of nutrients takes place.

Food is broken down into liquid and nutrients are absorbed into the bloodstream through the walls of the small intestine. The waste is then passed on to the large intestine for further processing before being eliminated from the body. The small intestine is responsible for most of the digestion and absorption of nutrients, while the large intestine is responsible for absorbing water and solidifying the waste.