The digestive system breaks down the food we eat into smaller and smaller pieces allowing us to absorb nutrients and get rid of waste.

Let’s Color the Digestive Tract:

1. **BLUE**
2. **YELLOW**
3. **PINK**
4. **RED**
5. **GREEN**
6. **PURPLE**
7. **BROWN**
1. Write out the words of the digestive tract using the picture above:

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2. Why is the digestive system important?
3. Our oceans depend on the digestive systems of whales. Whales eat some of the smallest organisms in the world called plankton.

Color in the baleen whale food chain below!

4. Just like humans, whales poop once food travels through their entire digestive tract. Baleen whales’ poop provides A LOT of nutrients to the ocean, giving whales the name “farmers of the ocean.” Their poop provides the nutrients phytoplankton need to grow and survive.

Phytoplankton are incredibly important because they give us most of the oxygen we breathe, about 70%!

Watch this video! https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/til/00000159-0493-db34-a5d9-85b730170000

a. Without whale poop we would not have ____________________.

b. Without phytoplankton we would not have _______________ to breathe.