

Box 5.7: I am a ...

Biology: the digestive system

Big Mac Under Attack

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It is a journey involving many risks and not all of you will survive. All of you will come under attack and most of you will be destroyed along the way. Many of you will suffer a painful death and be broken down into many thousands of pieces, to be absorbed into the blood of the voracious monster: otherwise known as Homo sapien!

Whether you survive or not, a report must be written for base HQ. In the report you must describe what happens at every stage of your journey. Say which of your friends (food types / nutrients) is destroyed at each stage and who is responsible (yes, watch out for the vicious enzymes and evil acid!!). Tell it as a story, starting in the mouth and ending at the anus. At the end, only one of your friends is left over ... let this 'person' take over the story after you have been destroyed.



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