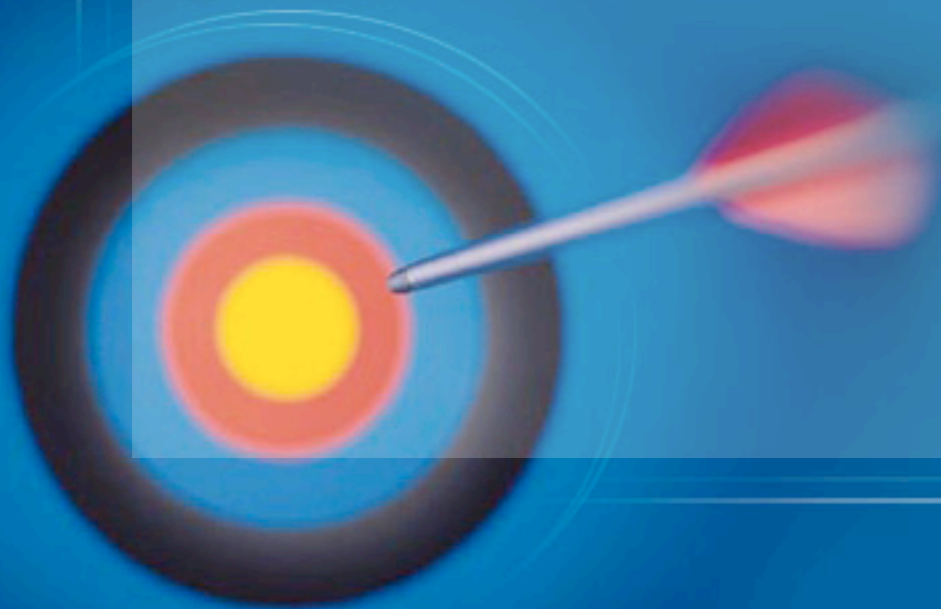


II. Digestive System

- A. Energy from Nutrients
 - 1. Digestive System: A group of organs that work together to break down food into smaller pieces the body can use.



B. Stages of Digestion

1. **Esophagus:** A muscular tube that pushes food toward the stomach.
2. **Stomach:** A muscular organ that mixes and stores food and turns it into a soupy mix.
3. **Saliva** is the watery liquid in the mouth. It moistens the food and begins to break it down. Enzymes in saliva break down starch into sugar.



III. Removing Wastes

A. The Excretory System

1. **Excretory System:** a system of organs that removes wastes and maintains water balance in the human body.
2. **Kidneys:** a pair of bean-shaped organs located near the middle of the back.



