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The Amazing Journey of Digestion

Short Answer Key

1. The liver produces bile, stores nutrients, and detoxifies the blood.
2. Bile helps break down fats in the small intestine, and it is stored in the gallbladder.
3. In the stomach, food is mixed with gastric juices, and proteins begin to break down.
4. Undigested food in the large intestine has water absorbed from it, forming more solid waste.
5. Villi and microvilli increase the surface area of the small intestine, aiding in nutrient absorption by allowing more contact between nutrients and the intestinal wall.

