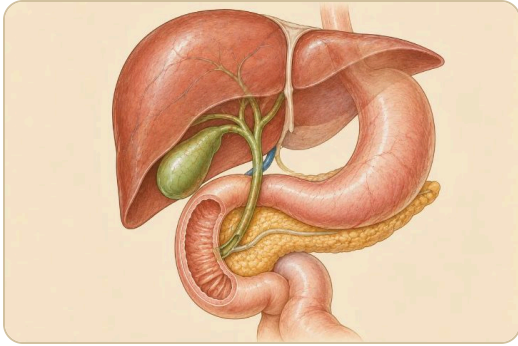


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What does the gallbladder do?



READ

The gallbladder is a small pouch under the liver. The liver makes bile, a greenish-yellow liquid that helps digest fat, and the gallbladder stores it until mealtime. When fatty food arrives, it squeezes and sends bile into the intestine.

1 Which part is it? Use the words in the box.

Cystic duct

Gallbladder

Bile ducts of the liver

1. A small green pouch under the liver. It stores bile, a liquid that helps digest the fat in food. _____
2. The little tube that leaves the gallbladder. Bile goes in and out through it. _____
3. Channels that look like tree branches (just a comparison) and collect bile from inside the liver. _____

2 Match each part to what it does. Write the letter.

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| ☐ 1. Liver | A. Carrying pancreatic juice |
| ☐ 2. Duodenum | B. Receiving bile and pancreatic juice |
| ☐ 3. Pancreas | C. Making digestive juice and insulin |
| ☐ 4. Pancreatic duct | D. Making bile |

3 True or false? Write T or F.

- ☐ 1. **Gallbladder:** storing bile
- ☐ 2. **Cystic duct:** collecting bile from the liver
- ☐ 3. **Bile ducts of the liver:** linking the gallbladder to the other ducts
- ☐ 4. **Stomach:** starting digestion

4 Think and answer

Can you live without a gallbladder?



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Answer key: What does the gallbladder do?

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2 Match each part to what it does.

1. D
2. B
3. C
4. A

3 True or false?

1. T
2. F (Cystic duct: linking the gallbladder to the other ducts)
3. F (Bile ducts of the liver: collecting bile from the liver)
4. T

4 Think and answer

Yes. When the gallbladder is removed, the liver keeps making bile, which then flows straight into the intestine little by little.

