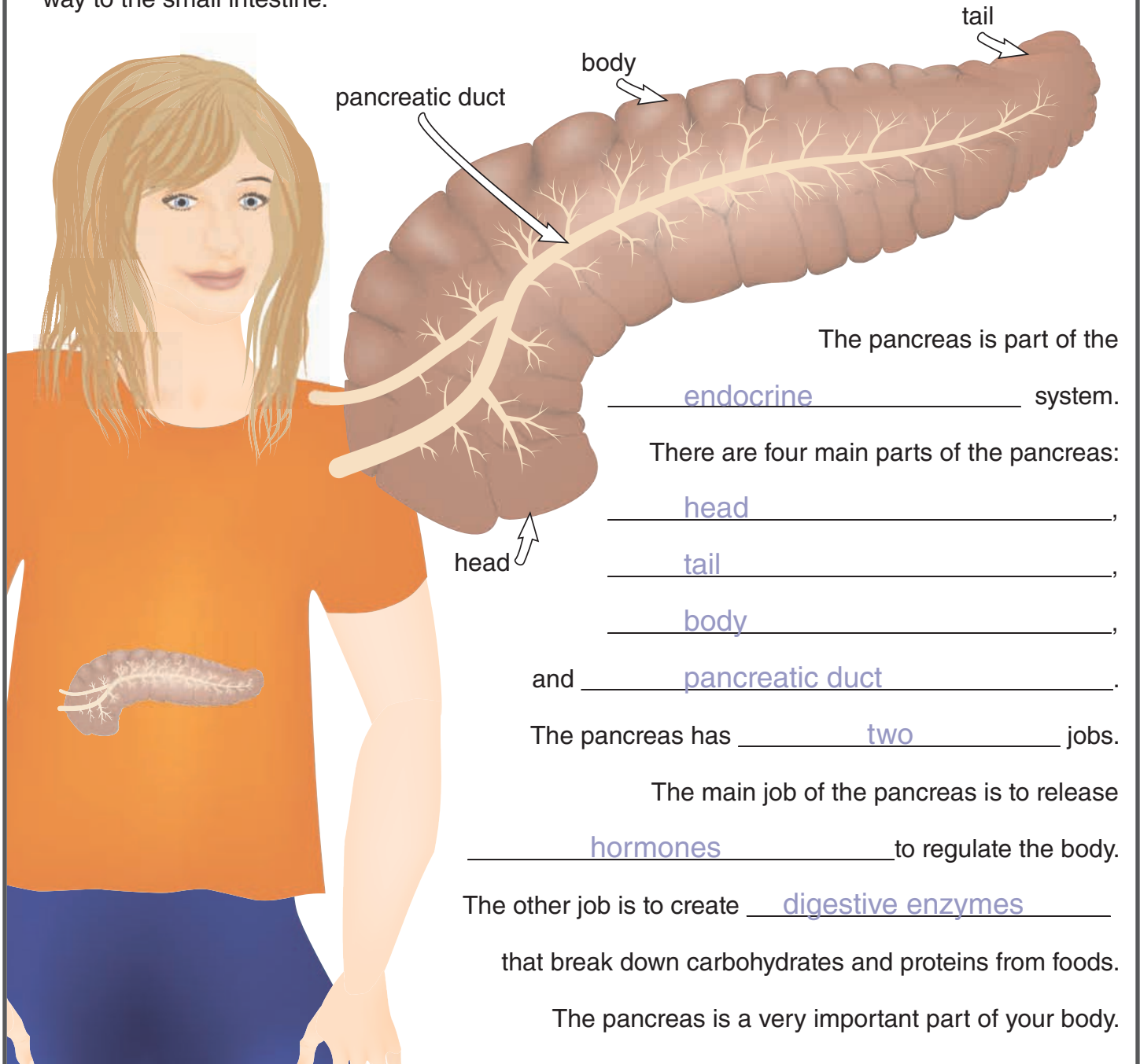


# What does the pancreas do?

**Directions:** Study the picture, and read the information below.  
Use the facts to fill in the paragraph below about your pancreas.

The endocrine system is a network of glands that release different hormones to regulate the body. The pancreas is a very unique organ. It is actually a part of two systems, as it does two jobs. The main function is to create hormones like insulin and glucagon.

It also creates digestive enzymes that break down carbohydrates and proteins from foods on the way to the small intestine.



The pancreas is part of the endocrine system.

There are four main parts of the pancreas:  
head,  
tail,  
body  
and pancreatic duct.

The pancreas has two jobs.

The main job of the pancreas is to release hormones to regulate the body.

The other job is to create digestive enzymes that break down carbohydrates and proteins from foods.

The pancreas is a very important part of your body.