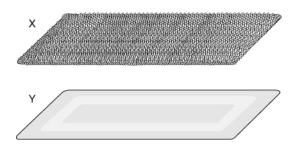
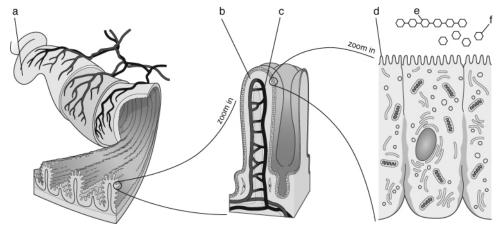
## **Absorbing digested food**

- 1 Jason's bathroom has two cotton bathmats in it, X and Y.
  - a Which bathmat will absorb water more quickly?
  - **b** Explain your answer to part **a**.



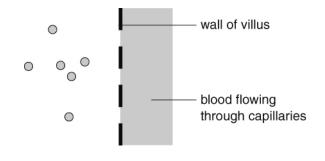
2 The diagram shows how food gets into the body.



From the words in the box, choose one to match each label a-f.

capillary	glucose molecule	microvillus	small intestine
	starch molecule	villus	

- 3 Explain how the small intestine is adapted to absorbing the products of digestion quickly.
- **4** The circles in this diagram represent soluble food molecules in the small intestine.
  - **a** What will happen to the number of food molecules in the blood in the diagram?
  - **b** Why will this happen? Explain as fully as you can.
  - c This process is very slow through skin but very fast through the wall of the small intestine. Explain why.



**d** Why is it useful if the blood flows quickly, continuously supplying fresh blood?

## I can...

- explain how diffusion allows the absorption of soluble nutrients by the small intestine
- explain how the small intestine is adapted to its function.