C. **Absorption of nutrients** that occurs in the small intestine: the following structures increase the surface area for absorption

*gives food/nutrients more chances to be absorbed and allows for more absorption at one time*

1. **Circular folds**: deep folds of the mucus layers of the small intestine
2. **Villi**: fingerlike projections present in the circular folds
3. **Microvilli**: tiny projections in the cell membrane of cells in one villi