# We Can!® Youth Handbook



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_









Dear Student,

Do you know what the different food groups mean in the Choose MyPlate picture?

Do you know how many teaspoons of sugar there are in your favorite drink?

Do you know how much physical activity you should do every day?

Do you know what screen time is?

If you know the answers to these questions, that is great! You are in a great place to learn more and share your ideas about healthy eating and physical activity.

If you do not know all the answers, don't worry! This handbook will guide you in learning about healthy eating and physical activity.

In the next six weeks, you will be on a journey to learn about smart healthy eating habits, and how to have an active lifestyle. These healthy habits will help you stay at a healthy weight, and stay strong to avoid chronic diseases. These healthy habits can help you stay at a healthy weight and perhaps reduce your chance of serious diseases. Some of these tips may be hard to follow. Give them a try for healthier choices at home, at school and even the grocery store. It will be worth it!

- Your CPHC Nutrition Team friends



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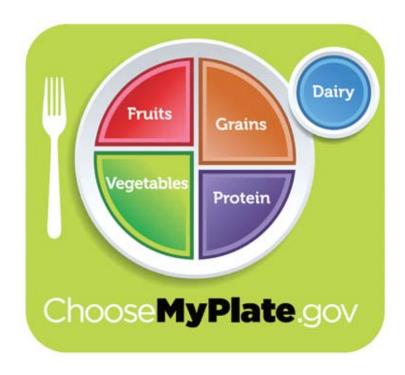
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# Lesson 1: Choose MyPlate



- Eating foods from each food group is important for your growth and health.
- Different food groups include:

Grains: Give energy for play and work

Fruits & Vegetables: Give vitamins and fiber

for better immunity and a healthy body

Dairy: Gives calcium for strong bones and teeth

Protein: Gives proteins for growth and healing

# TIPS FOR FAMILIES

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Make half your grains whole. Choose whole-grain foods, such as whole-wheat bread, oatmeal, brown rice, and lowfat popcorn, more often.

Wary your veggies. Go dark green and orange with your vegetables—eat spinach, broccoli, carrots, and sweet potatoes.

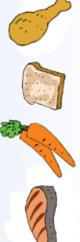
Secus on fruits. Eat them at meals, and at snack time, too. Choose fresh, frozen, canned, or dried, and go easy on the fruit juice.

Get your calcium-rich foods. To build strong bones, serve lowfat and fat-free milk and other milk products several times a day.

Go lean with protein. Eat lean or lowfat meat, chicken, turkey, and fish. Also, change your tune with more dry beans and peas. Add chick peas, nuts, or seeds to a salad; pinto beans to a burrito; or kidney beans to soup.

Change your oil. We all need oil. Get yours from fish, nuts, and liquid oils such as corn, soybean, canola, and olive oil.

**Note:** Don't sugarcoat it. Choose foods and beverages that do not have sugar and caloric sweeteners as one of the first ingredients. Added sugars contribute calories with few, if any, nutrients.







Take the President's Challenge as a family. Track your individual physical activities together and earn awards for active lifestyles at www.presidentschallenge.org.

**Setablish a routine.** Set aside time each day as physical activity time—walk, jog, skate, cycle, or swim. Adults need at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week; children 60 minutes everyday or most days.

Have an activity party. Make the next birthday party centered on physical activity. Try backyard Olympics, or relay races. Have a bowling or skating party.

Set up a home gym. Use household items, such as canned foods, as weights. Stairs can substitute for stair machines.

Move it! Instead of sitting through TV commercials, get up and move. When you talk on the phone, lift weights or walk around. Remember to limit TV watching and computer time.

Give activity gifts. Give gifts that encourage physical activity—active games or sporting equipment.

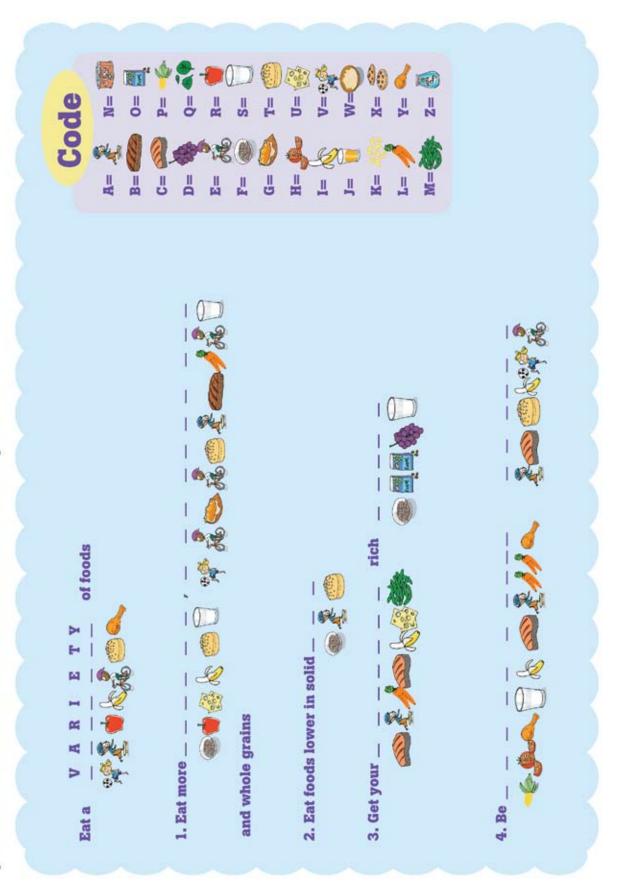




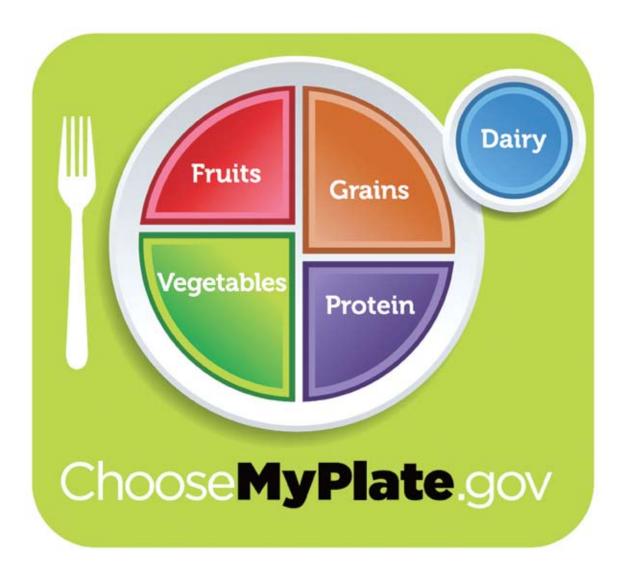
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# Use your detective skills and the code at the right to complete the sentences below:

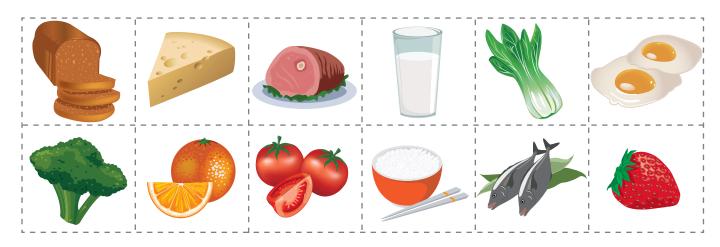
spaces below for children to write in the correct word. See example below. For each line of the quiz, pictures should spell out the answer, with



# **Choose MyPlate Activity**



Create your own MyPlate by cutting out the food pictures and pasting them onto the plate.



# Lesson 1 Goal Sheet

# Goal:

I will eat foods from all 5 food groups every day.

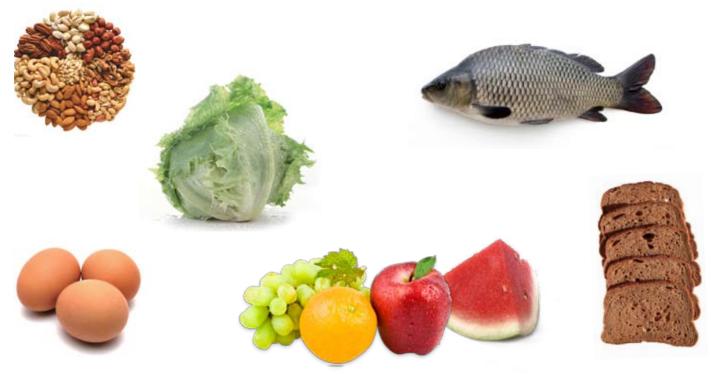
Write down 1 food item from each food group you ate every day in the table below.



	Grains	Fruits	Vegetables	Dairy	Protein
Sunday					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					

# Lesson 2 Energy In (GO, SLOW, WHOA)

- Use the GO, SLOW, WHOA chart to choose low fat and low sugar foods/drinks.
  - GO foods Eat almost anytime. These foods are lowest in fat, calories and added sugar.
  - SLOW foods Eat sometimes, at most several times a week. These foods have more fat, calories and added sugar than GO foods.
  - WHOA foods Eat only once in a while or at special events. These foods are highest in fat and added sugar.
- Choose more GO foods, and limit WHOA foods.



# U R What U Eat

Food supplies the nutrients needed to fuel your body so you can perform your best. Go, Slow, Whoa is a simple way to recognize foods that are the smartest choices.

- "Go" Foods: Eat almost anytime (Most often) they are lowest in fat, added sugar, and calories
- "Slow" Foods: Eat sometimes (Less often) they are higher in fat, added sugar, and/or calories
- "Whoa" Foods: Eat once in a while (Least often) they are very high in fat and/or added sugar, and are much higher in calories

Food Groups	G0	SLOW	WHOA
Fruits Whole fruits (fresh, frozen, canned, dried) are smart choices. You need about 2 cups of fruit a day. 1 cup is about the size of a baseball.		RAISINS	
Vegetables Adding fat (butter, oils, and sauces) to vegetables turns them from Go foods to Slow or Whoa foods. You need about 2 ½ cups of vegetables a day. Dark green and orange vegetables are smart choices.		creamed spinach mashed potatoes	
Grains Try to make at least half of your servings whole grain choices and low in sugar. An ounce of a grain product is 1 slice of bread, 1 cup of dry cereal, or ½ cup of cooked rice or pasta. You need about 6 ounces a day.	OF STATE OF		
Dairy Milk products are high in vitamins and minerals. Fat-free and low-fat milk and milk products are smart choices. About 3 cups are needed each day; 1 cup of milk, 1 cup of yogurt or 1 ½ ounces of natural cheese count as 1 cup.	LIGHT	MIR	WHOLE
Protein Eating 5 ½ oz. a day will give you the protein, vitamins and minerals you need. Limit meats with added fat. Smart choices include beans (¼ cup cooked) and nuts (½ oz.) which are the same as 1 oz. of meat.	EUNE OF AN Wrater	SUTTER O	

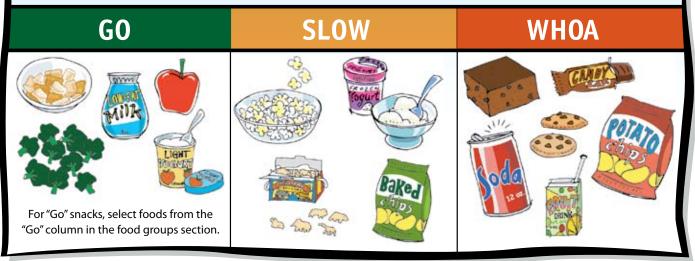
The amounts of foods recommended per food group are based on a 2,000-calorie diet, the approximate number of calories for most active boys and girls ages 9-13. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.





# U R What U Eat

The foods below are snack-type foods. The "Slow" and "Whoa" foods are higher in fat, added sugar, and/or calories and need to be limited so you do not eat more calories than your body needs. Remember, if you eat sweets and snacks, eat small amounts.



# **Combining Food Groups**

Foods we eat are usually a mixture of ingredients from the different food groups. A food can turn from a "Go" into a "Whoa" based on the ingredients used. The examples below contain ingredients from dairy products, grains, vegetables and protein groups – some "Go," some "Slow," and some "Whoa." Foods served in restaurants often use "Whoa" ingredients.

<b>Food Groups</b>	G0	SLOW	WHOA
Pizza	English muffin pizza with low-fat cheese (using ½ English muffin)	Regular or classic veggie pizza: 1 slice from a medium pizza	Deep dish pepperoni pizza: 1 slice from a medium pizza
Pasta	Pasta with tomato sauce and vegetables – 1 cup	Macaroni and cheese – 1 cup	Pasta with sausage – 1 cup

# **Move More**

To keep at a healthy weight, energy in (foods you eat) must balance with energy out (how much you move). Try to get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Move more, take the stairs, play ball, bike, swim, walk, and find active games you enjoy. Have fun!

For more information, visit the *We Can!*™ Web site at http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov. *We Can!* is a national education program promoting healthy weight for children from the National Institutes of Health.

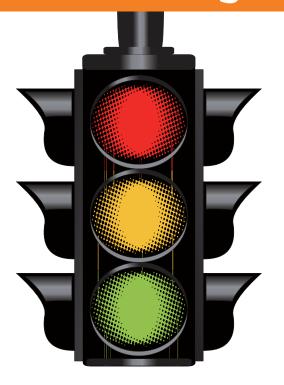
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# **Traffic Light Activity**

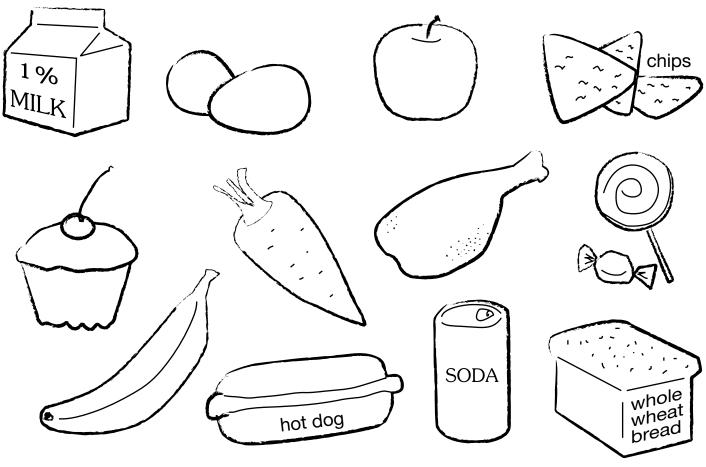


Red = WHOA foods

Yellow = SLOW foods

Green = GO foods

Color the foods with red, yellow or green according to the GO, SLOW, WHOA chart.



# Lesson 2 Goal Sheet

# Goal:

I will not eat a WHOA food today.

Put a star in the box if you did not eat a WHOA food today.

Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	









# Lesson 3 Fruits and Vegetables

Why should I eat fruits and vegetables every day?

Fruits and vegetables provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

How much fruits and vegetables do I need every day?

Youth 9-13 years old need 1½-2 cups of fruits & 1½-3 cups of vegetables every day, depending on the level of physical activity.

# **Examples of 1 cup of fruits and vegetables:**

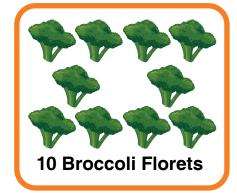












# Lesson 3 Power Search

Find each word on the list and circle it. Words can be spelled across, down, or diagonally.



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Brussels sprouts
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cantaloupe fig lettuce tomato

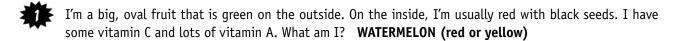
avocado

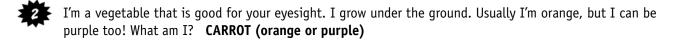
# **Lesson 3** Rainbow Mysteries

Instructions: Read each clue and solve the riddles.

*	I'm a big, oval fruit that is green on the outside. On the inside, I'm usually red with black seeds. I have some vitamin C and lots of vitamin A. What am I?
*	I'm a vegetable that is good for your eyesight. I grow under the ground. Usually I'm orange, but I can be purple too! What am I?
*	I'm a vegetable that is great in tacos, on hamburgers, or in spaghetti sauce, but sometimes I can make you cry. What am I?
禁	Before I became a box of raisins, I was a bunch of
*	I'm yellow on the outside. The letter A is in my name three times. My potassium helps your muscles respond. What am I?
*	I look like a little fuzzy, oval shaped ball. You can cut me in half and eat my green insides with a spoon. I have lots of vitamin C. What fruit am I?
粹	I'm a crunchy vegetable, with lots of vitamin C and some fiber. My cousin is the cauliflower. Some kids think I look like a little, green tree. What am I?
*	I'm usually red when I'm ripe. I'm not a vegetable, but you may think I am. People like to use me to make spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce. What am I?
*	I'm a small fruit that comes in a rainbow of colors—blue, red, purple, and sometimes even yellow and green. I have a pit inside me. I rhyme with hum. What fruit am I?
***	I'm a yellow-orange vegetable with strings on the inside. When I'm cooked, you can scrape out my insides and eat me like spaghetti. What am I?
*	I'm a melon that is orange on the inside. My vitamin A can help keep you healthy. What am I?
ቝ	I'm a leafy green vegetable with lots of vitamin A and some vitamin C. Eating me can help keep your skin healthy. One cartoon character thinks I make him strong. What am I?
聯	I'm a tropical fruit. My name is "the opposite of woman" plus "the opposite of stop." I have lots of vitamin C. What am I?
聯	I'm a fruit that is juicy and yellow on the inside. I'm not an apple, but I have "apple" in my name. I grow in Hawaii and have lots of vitamin C. What am I?
尊	Even when there is one of me, my name makes it sound like there are two. I'm a fruit that grows on a tree. Eating me is a good way to get some fiber. What am I?

# Lesson 3 Rainbow Mysteries (Answer Key)





- I'm a vegetable that is great in tacos, on hamburgers, or in spaghetti sauce, but sometimes I can make you cry. What am I? ONION (white, red, or green)
- Before I became a box of raisins, I was a bunch of **GRAPES** (green, purple, or red).
- I'm yellow on the outside. The letter A is in my name three times. My potassium helps your muscles respond. What am I? BANANA (white)
- I look like a little fuzzy, oval shaped ball. You can cut me in half and eat my green insides with a spoon. I have lots of vitamin C. What fruit am I? **KIWIFRUIT (green)**
- I'm a crunchy vegetable, with lots of vitamin C and some fiber. My cousin is the cauliflower. Some kids think I look like a little, green tree. What am I? **BROCCOLI** (green)
- I'm usually red when I'm ripe. I'm not a vegetable, but you may think I am. People like to use me to make spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce. What am I? **TOMATO (red, yellow, or green)**
- I'm a small fruit that comes in a rainbow of colors—blue, red, purple, and sometimes even yellow and green. I have a pit inside me. I rhyme with hum. What fruit am I? **PLUM (blue, red, purple, yellow, or green)**
- I'm a yellow-orange vegetable with strings on the inside. When I'm cooked, you can scrape out my insides and eat me like spaghetti. What am I? SPAGHETTI SQUASH (yellow/orange)
- I'm a melon that is orange on the inside. My vitamin A can help keep you healthy. What am I? CANTALOUPE (orange)
- I'm a leafy green vegetable with lots of vitamin A and some vitamin C. Eating me can help keep your skin healthy. One cartoon character thinks I make him strong. What am I? **SPINACH (green)**
- I'm a tropical fruit. My name is "the opposite of woman" plus "the opposite of stop." I have lots of vitamin C. What am I? MANGO (orange)
- I'm a fruit that is juicy and yellow on the inside. I'm not an apple, but I have "apple" in my name. I grow in Hawaii and have lots of vitamin C. What am I? **PINEAPPLE (yellow)**
- Even when there is one of me, my name makes it sound like there are two. I'm a fruit that grows on a tree. Eating me is a good way to get some fiber. What am I?

  PEAR (white, yellow, green, or red)

# Lesson 3 Goal Sheet

# Goal:

I will eat fruits or vegetables as snack every day.

Write down the fruits and vegetables you ate each day in the table below.



	Fruits	Vegetables
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

# Lesson 4 Energy Out — Physical Activity & Screen Time

- Increase physical activity and cut back on screen time.
- Why do I need to do physical activity every day?
  - · To keep my body and heart healthy
  - · To make my bones and muscles strong
- How many minutes of physical activity do I need every day?
  - · 60 minutes
- Examples of physical activity:



 What is screen time? Screen time is time you spend watching TV, DVD, playing computer games, or surfing the internet. Aim for no more than 2 hours (120 minutes) of screen time every day.

# Lesson 4 Goal Sheet

## Goal:

I will limit my screen time to no more than 2 hours or 120 minutes every day.

Write down the number of minutes you spent on each type of screen time every day in the table below. Put a star in the column if you met your goal.

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7	TV	DVD	Computer	Video games	Total	*
Sunday						
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						

# Lesson 5 Food Label Reading

# How many servings are you eating?







# **Nutrition Facts**

Serving Size 1 cup (228g) Servings Per Container 2

**Amount Per Serving** 

Calories 250 Calories from Fat 110

% Daily Valu	
Total Fat 12g	18%
Saturated Fat 3g	15%
Cholesterol 30mg	10%
Sodium 470mg	20%
Total Carbohydrate 31g	10%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 5g	
Protein 5a	

### Protein 5g

Vitamin A	4%	•	Vitamin C	2%
Calcium	20%	•	Iron	4%

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat Sat Fat Cholesterol Sodium Total Carbohydrate	Less than Less than Less than Less than	65g 20g 300mg 2,400mg 300g	80g 25g 300mg 2,400mg 375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

What food would have this Nutrition Facts label? Answer below."

# **Get What** You Need!

**Get LESS** 

**Get ENOUGH** 

**5** % or less is low

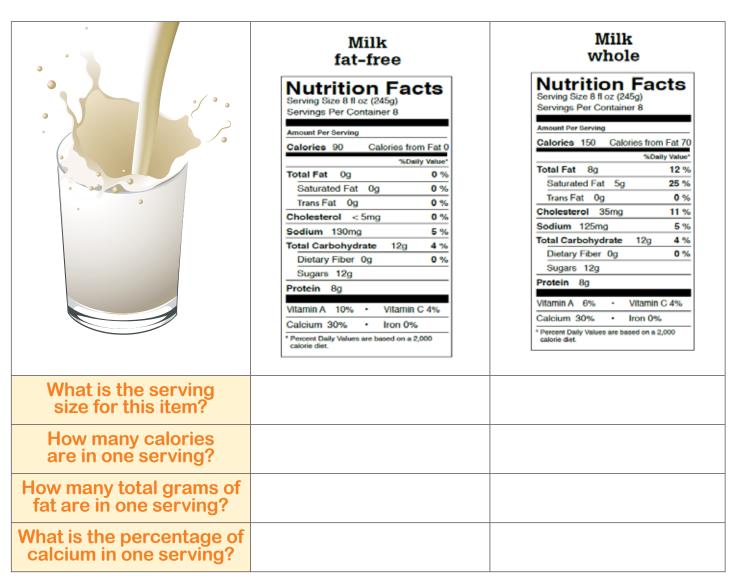
# What's the Best Choice for You?

Use the 5%-20% Guide to Daily Values to choose foods.

\*Answer: Box of macaroni and cheese.



# Lesson 5 Which is a Healthier Choice?



### **Questions:**

- 1) Which type of milk has more grams of fat? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do fat-free milk and whole milk have the same calcium content?

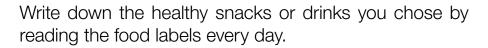
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3) Which type of milk is a healthier choice? \_\_\_\_\_\_

# Lesson 5 Goal Sheet

### Goal:

I will choose healthy snacks or drinks by reading the food label every day.





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Sunday	
Monday	
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Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
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# Lesson 6 ReThink Your Drink & Snack

- Choose drinks and snacks that are low in sugar.
- Drink water several times a day.

Draw a line to connect the food/drink item to its number of teaspoons of sugar.



1 cup highly sweetened cereal

9 teaspoons



6.75 oz. orange-flavored fruit drink

17 teaspoons



20 oz. soda

4 teaspoons



20 oz. sports drink

3 teaspoons



"Too much sugar can hurt our teeth."

Too many calories from sweetened products may affect your health.

Answer Key: Grapes, Carrot, Glass of Water, Milk, Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste



# Lesson 6 Popular Food Items Ranked by Amount of Sugar

Food	Typical Serving	Calories	Sugar (g)	Sugar (tsp)
McDonald's Triple Thick Choc Shake (medium)	16 oz	580	84	21
Snapple Lemonade Iced Tea	16 oz	220	50	13
Starbucks Grande Mocha Frappuccino (no whipped cream)	16 oz	260	45	11
Tropical Skittles (regular sized bag)	2.17 oz	250	47	12
Vitamin Water	20 oz	125	32	8
Plain M&Ms (regular sized bag)	1.69 oz	240	31	8
Snickers (regular bar)	2.07 oz	280	30	8
Yoplait Yogurt (flavored, 99% fat free)	6 oz	190	28	7
Cap'n Crunch Cereal	1.5 cups	220	24	6
Bubble/Boba Tea	12.7 oz	207	22	6
Gummi Bears	22 bears	150	22	6
Sunny D Tangy Original Style	6.75 oz	120	16	4
Capri Sun Fruit Drink (small pouch)	6 oz	60	16	4
Nutrigrain Mixed Berry Cereal Bar	1 bar	130	12	3
Go-Gurt	2.5 oz	70	10	2
Kellogg's Special K Cereal	1 cup	120	4	1
Subway Fat Free Italian Salad Dressing	1 packet	35	4	1
Del Monte Ketchup	1 tbsp	15	4	1

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# Lesson 6 Check How Much Sugar is in the Bottle of Soda!

Nutrition	racis
Serving Size 20 fl. oz (591ml	)
Servings Per Container 1	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 250	
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat Og	0%
Cholesterol Omg	0%
Sodium 55mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 69g	
Sugars 69g	
Protein 0g	
* Percent Daily Values are based on a	2,000 calorie diet.
Not a significant source of calories fr trans fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, vi calcium and iron.	

4 grams of sugar equals 1 teaspoon
To find out how much sugar is in a bottle of soda:

Grams of Sugar  $\div$  4 = Teaspoons of Sugar

69 Grams ÷ 4 ≈ 17 Teaspoons

(Note: if the container has more than one serving, multiply the number of teaspoons by the number of servings to get the Total Teaspoons of sugar in the container. For example, 10 teaspoons x 2 servings = 20 teaspoons in total)



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# Lesson 6 Goal Sheet

# Goal:

I will try to avoid sweetened drinks every day.

Put a star in the box if you did not drink any sweetened drinks today.



# You Made It!

If you have come to this point in this youth handbook, you have more ideas to start – or continue – to set up healthy living habits. Be sure to share the 6 important lessons with your friends and family, so that they will also have the skills to make better food choices, increase physical activity and reduce screen time.

Put a star in the box if you have fulfilled the goal.

## **Your Six Goals Checklist**

Goal 1	I will eat foods from all 5 food groups every day
Goal 2	I will eat WHOA foods only on special days
Goal 3	I will eat fruits or vegetables as snack every day
Goal 4	I will limit my screen time to no more than 2 hours or 120 minutes every day.
Goal 5	I will choose healthy snacks or drinks by reading the food label every day
Goal 6	I will try to avoid sweetened drinks every day

Step by step, you will be able to make a difference in you and your family's health.

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