

C. Nutritional information & Food Labels

Nutrition and allergy information on food labels help us to make informed food and drink choices.

1. Look at and discuss these guidelines. These are healthy suggestions, but if you require a special diet, then you will need to create your own guidelines. A nutritionist can help you with this.

NUTRITION: DAILY AMOUNT GUIDELINE

| | MEN | WOMEN | | | |
|-----------------|------|-------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | CHILD aged 5-10 | GIRL 11-14 | BOY 11-14 |
| CALORIES | 2500 | 2000 | 1800 | 1850 | 2200 |
| SUGAR (g) | 120 | 90 | 85 | 90 | 105 |
| FAT (g) | 95 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 85 |
| SATURED FAT (g) | 30 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 25 |
| SALT (g) | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2. With these guidelines in mind, comment on the nutritional information below. Each serving (150g) contains

| Energy | Fat | Saturates | Sugars | Salt |
|---------|-----|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1046kJ | | 1.3g | 34g | 0.9g |
| 250kcal | LOW | LOW | HIGH | MED |
| 13% | 4% | 7% | 38% | 15 % |

of an adult's reference intake
Typical values (as sold) per 100g:697kJ/167kcal

| 3. Explain why food labels are required on some foods. |
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| 4. Name three examples food that we buy that do not have labels. |
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| 5. Name the two types of date marks found on food labels and explain what they mean. |
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6. Read: Manufacturers include a range of information on food labels, some of which is legally required and some of which is useful to the consumer or supermarket.

Information that often appears on a nutritional label:

- * name of food or drink
- * list of ingredients (including additives and allergens)
- * weight or volume
- * date mark
- * storage and preparation conditions
- * name and address of the manufacturer, packer or seller
- * country of origin and place of provenance
- * nutrition information

Sometimes, food labels could include:

- * price
- * customer guarantee
- * serving suggestion
- * photograph or image of the food
- * bar code



1. Look at the allergens below:

14 FOOD ALLERGENS



2. Look at some food labels. Find allergen information. Give examples of what you find.

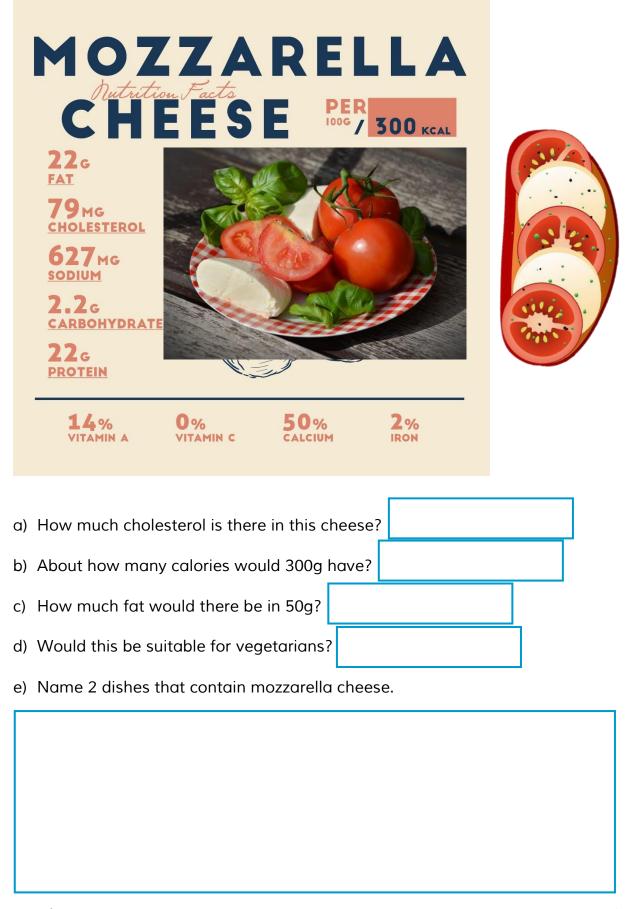
3. Each student must bring in a few food labels to class.



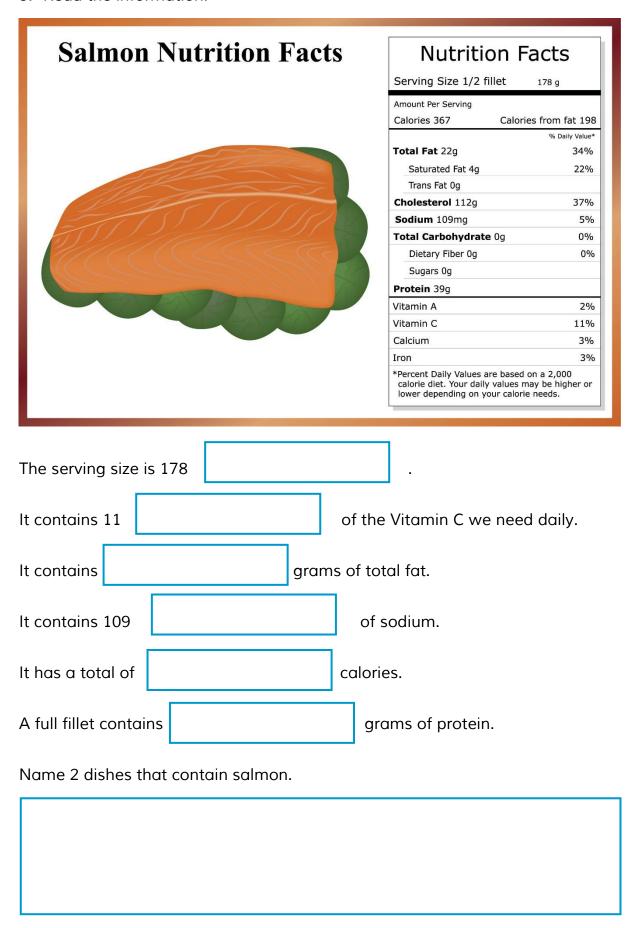
Get into groups. Study the food labels and discuss the information. Fill in the table below for 5 labels that you study. Tick \checkmark the correct columns.

| Does the label have this information? | Label 1 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Name of food or drink | | | | | |
| List of ingredients | | | | | |
| List of additives | | | | | |
| List of allergens | | | | | |
| Weight or volume | | | | | |
| date mark | | | | | |
| Storage conditions | | | | | |
| Preparation conditions | | | | | |
| Name and address of | | | | | |
| the manufacturer | | | | | |
| Country of origin | | | | | |
| Nutritional information | | | | | |
| Price | | | | | |
| Customer guarantee | | | | | |
| Serving suggestion | | | | | |
| Photograph of the food | | | | | |
| Bar code | | | | | |
| Other: | | | | | |

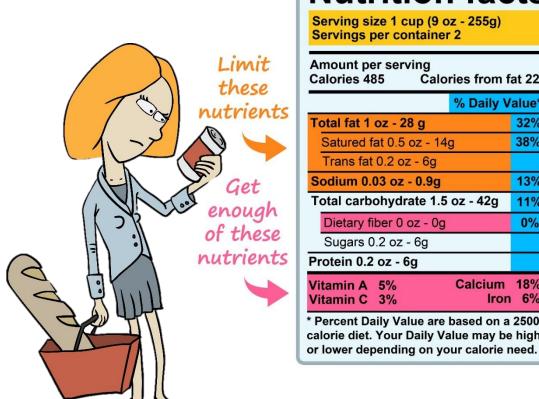
4. Read the information. Answer the questions.



5. Read the information.



6. Look at the label. Comment on the nutrition.



| Nutrition factoring size 1 cup (9 oz - 255g) Servings per container 2 | ts | | | |
|--|--------|--|--|--|
| Amount per serving Calories 485 Calories from t | at 220 | | | |
| % Daily V | 'alue* | | | |
| Total fat 1 oz - 28 g | 32% | | | |
| Satured fat 0.5 oz - 14g | 38% | | | |
| Trans fat 0.2 oz - 6g | | | | |
| Sodium 0.03 oz - 0.9g | 13% | | | |
| Total carbohydrate 1.5 oz - 42g | 11% | | | |
| Dietary fiber 0 oz - 0g | 0% | | | |
| Sugars 0.2 oz - 6g | | | | |
| Protein 0.2 oz - 6g | | | | |
| Vitamin A 5% Calcium 18% Vitamin C 3% Iron 6% | | | | |
| * Percent Daily Value are based on a 2500 calorie diet. Your Daily Value may be higher | | | | |

Quick Guide to % Daily Value: 5% or less is low 20% or more is high



- Study nutritional labels on foods and rate the foods, based on their nutritional value.
- Create a display of nutritional labels and packaging, with descriptions of whether the items are healthy or not.

7. Study the label below and write a short paragraph about the nutritional value of tomatoes.



| | | TOMA | ГО | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| | NUTRIT | IONAL FAC | CTS PER | R 100G | |
| PRINCIP | LE | VITAMI | NS | MINERA | LS |
| Energy Carbohydrates Protein Total Fat | 18 Kcal 3.9 g 0.9 g 0.2 g | Percentage of Vitamin K Vitamin A Vitamin C Vitamin B ₆ | 10% 17% 21% 4% | Potassium Manganese Magnesium Copper | 7% 6% 3% 3% |

8. Name 2 dishes that contain tomatoes.

9. Do this as a group. Compare the nutrition of a packet of soup with making the soup from scratch.





| | Packet of soup | Homemade soup |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ingredients | | |
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| Preservatives / Additives | | |
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| Totala | | |
| Taste | | |
| | | |
| Cost per serving | | |
| (roughly) | | |
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| Other info | | |
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10. Read the food label below.



11. Would this be a healthy spread for your sandwiches? Explain.

12. Compare this spread with other sandwich spreads. Check the labels! Which is the healthiest spread you found? Write about it below.





19. Do this as a group. Investigate two types of bread. Activity Compare the labels of a white loaf of bread and a whole meal loaf of bread. Fill in the table.

Bread comparison:

| Per 100g | | White bread | Whole meal bread |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| Energy | kJ | | |
| | kcal | | |
| Fat | | | |
| g | | | |
| Of which s | saturates | | |
| g | | | |
| Carbohydı | rate | | |
| g | | | |
| Of which sugars | | | |
| g | | | |
| Fibre | | | |
| g | | | |
| Protein | | | |
| g | | | |
| Salt | | | |
| g | | | |

| Explain the nutritional differences between the wholemeal bread and the white bread. Which bread provides more fibre? Why is this important in the diet? | | g | | |
|---|-----|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Explain the nutritional differences between the wholemeal bread and the white bread. | | Protein | | |
| Explain the nutritional differences between the wholemeal bread and the white bread. | | g | | |
| Explain the nutritional differences between the wholemeal bread and the white bread. | | Salt | | |
| bread. | | g | | |
| | | | differences between the whol | emeal bread and the white |
| Which bread provides more fibre? Why is this important in the diet? | k < | oread. | | |
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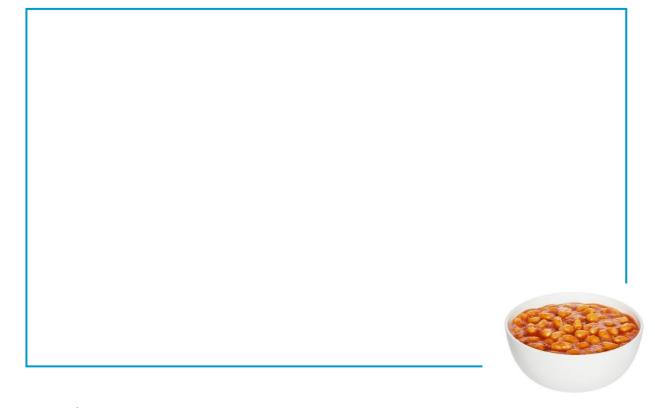


20. Do this as a group. Make a comparison between two types of tin baked beans – one standard and one with reduced salt and/or sugar.

beans comparison:

| Per 100g | | Standard baked beans | Reduced salt and/or sugar baked beans |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Energy | kJ | | |
| | kcal | | |
| Fat | | | |
| g | | | |
| Of which saturates | | | |
| g | | | |
| Carbohydrate | | | |
| g | | | |
| Of which su | igars | | |
| g | | | |
| Fibre | | | |
| g | | | |
| Protein | | | |
| g | | | |
| Salt | | | |
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Which one do you think is healthier? Give good reasons for your answer.



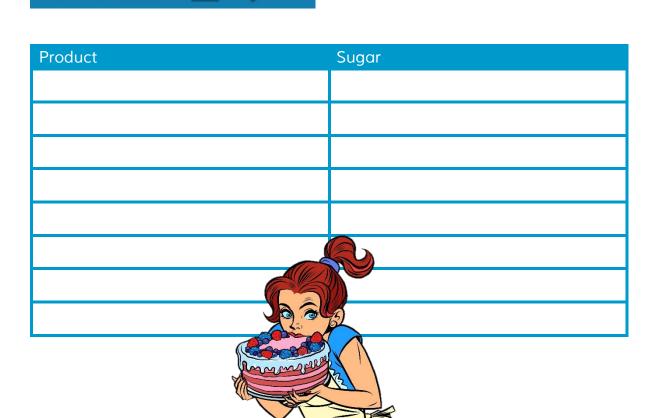
21. Beware of hidden sugar in your food! Here are some other words for sugars.

WHERE'S ALL THAT SUGAR HIDING?

Agave nectar - Agave syrup - Barley malt Beet sugar - Brown rice syrup - Brown sugar Buttered syrup - Cane sugar - Cane juice Corn syrup - Corn sugar - Corn sweetener Crystalized fructose - Dextran - Dextrose Diatase - Fructose - Glucose - Golden sugar Grape sugar - Honey - Invert sugar - Lactose
- Malt - Maltodextrin - Maltose - Maple syrup Molasses - Raw sugar - Sucanat - Sucrose Sugar - Yellow sugar

Look at some labels and state how much sugar is in the products. Fill in the table below.





22. In your class, discuss these elements of a food label. Make sure you understand how to read such a label, so that you are fully informed of what you are eating.



| Nutrition Facts Serving Size 1 Slice (33g/1.16oz) Servings Per Container 3 |
|---|
| Amount Per Serving Calories 200 Calories from Fat 120 |
| % Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 14g 22% Saturated Fat 10g 50% Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 15mg 5% Sodium 30mg 1% Total Carbohydrates 19g 1% Dietary Fiber 0g 0% Sugars 1g Protein 2g |
| Vitamin A 0% • Vitamin C 0% Calcium 0% • Iron 2% *Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. |



