



What is food made of?



Nutrients and Food

• Food:

• Any substance that is **ingested** (eaten) and **sustains life**

Nutrients and Food

- Nutrients:
 - Food is broken down into substances our <u>cells</u> can use; we call these substances <u>nutrients</u>
 - Nutrients are required to <u>meet the</u> needs of the body

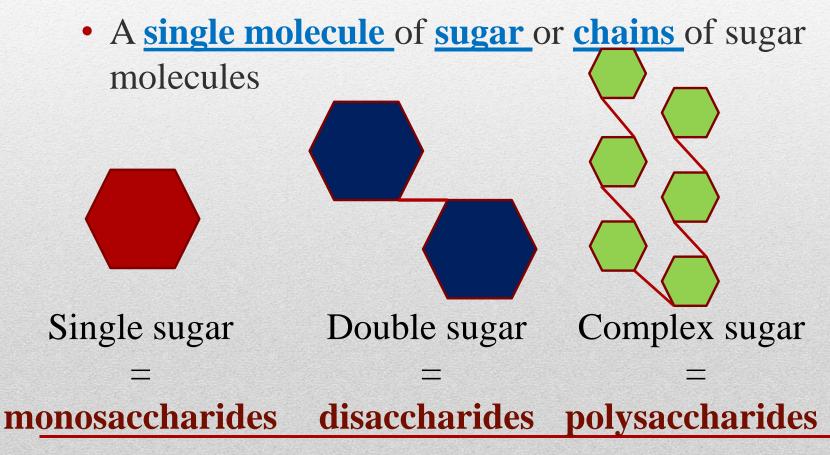
What are some nutrients?

- There are <u>six</u> types of nutrients:
 - <u>Carbohydrates</u>
 - Proteins
 - Fats
 - Water
 - Vitamins
 - <u>Minerals</u>



We call these the macronutrients

• What are they?



- What is their function?
 - The body's main **source of energy**

- In what foods are they found?
 - Monosaccharides and disaccharides: <u>fruits</u>, fruit <u>juices</u>, pastries, sweets, soft drinks, <u>granulated sugar</u>
 - Easy to digest

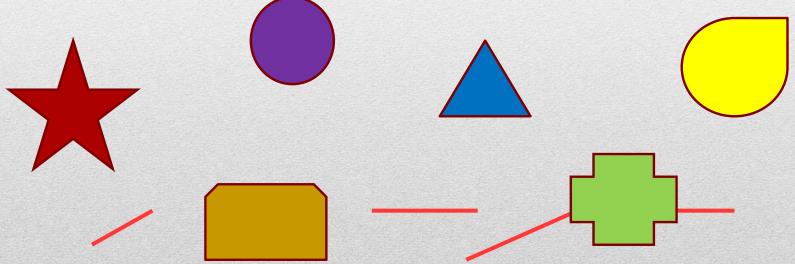
- Polysaccharides (starches):
 bread, cereal, potatoes, pasta,
 rice
 - Longer to digest

Dietary Fibre

- A type of carbohydrate that we cannot digest
- Regulates metabolism
 - good for the digestive tract
 - Keeps us regular
 - PREVENTS constipation
- Found in: fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals

Proteins

- What are they?
 - Large molecules composed of <u>chains of</u> <u>amino acids</u>



These anthindividuateimino acids

Proteins

• What is their function?

• Build and repair cells

and tissues

Provide <u>energy (3rd</u>
 source)



Proteins

• In what foods are they found?

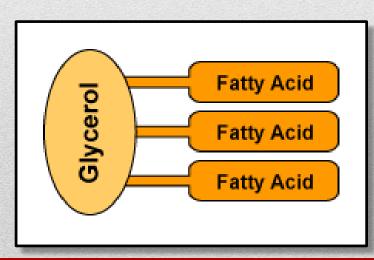
- Dairy products
- <u>Meat</u>
- Fish

- <u>Nuts</u>
- Legumes
- <u>Tofu</u>

• Eggs

Fats (Lipids)

- What are they?
 - Molecules composed of <u>fatty</u> <u>acids</u> and a <u>glycerol group</u>



Fats (Lipids) • What is their function?

- <u>Store</u> and provide <u>energy (2nd</u> <u>source</u>)
- Building blocks of <u>hormones</u> and <u>cell membranes</u>
- **Protect organs** and **insulate** body
 - from cold

Fats (Lipids)

- Saturated fats
 - Animal sources (solid at room temperature)
 - Linked to **increased cholesterol** levels
- Unsaturated fats
 - *Vegetable sources* (Liquid at room temperature)
 - Linked to **reduced cholesterol** levels

Saturated Fat

meats, butter, dairy products

solid at room temperature

increase levels of "bad" cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein)

low-density lipoprotein clogs arteries

Unsaturated Fat

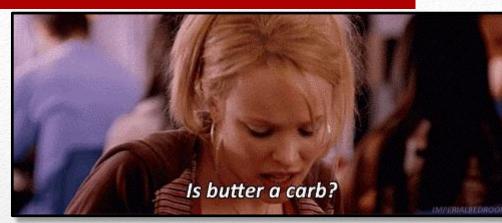
vegetable oils

liquid at room temperature

increase levels of "good" cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein)

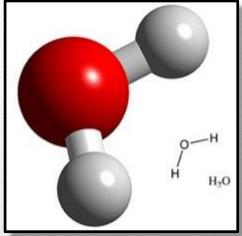
high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, "grabs" LDL and escorts it to the liver where LDL is broken down and eventually removed from the body

Fats (Lipids)



• In what foods are they found? -Dairy products -Eggs -Vegetable oils -Nuts and seeds -Butter -Fatty meats and fish

Water

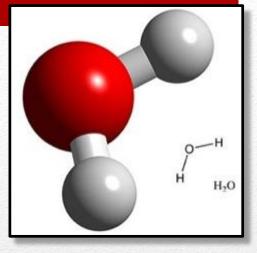


What is it? Simple molecule (H2O)

Also a compound!

Water

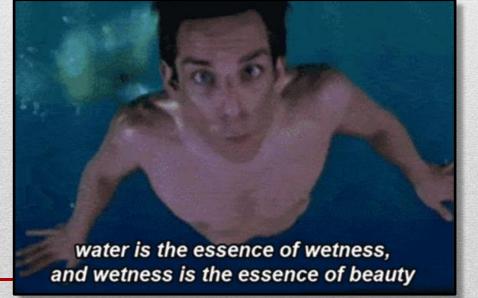
• What is its function?



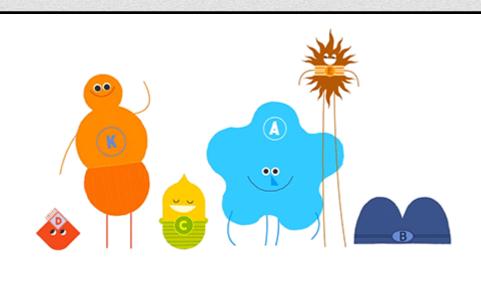
- **Transports nutrients** and **waste** products
- Regulates <u>body temperature and</u> <u>metabolism (homeostasis)</u>
- Essential for numerous <u>chemical</u> reactions in the body

Water

- In what foods is it found?
 - Fruits and fruit juices
 - <u>Vegetables</u> and vegetable juices
 - <u>Soups</u>
 - <u>Milk</u>
 - Energy Drinks
 - Water



- What are they?
 - Vitamins are vital <u>organic</u> substances that the human body only needs in <u>small amounts</u>



- Examples:
 - Vitamin A



- Vitamin B1, B2
- Vitamin C
- Vitamin D
- Vitamin E

- What are their functions?
- Each vitamin plays a <u>different</u> role in the body, including:
 - Contributing to <u>chemical</u> reactions and regulating <u>metabolism</u>

•Helping in <u>energy</u> production

• Strengthening the body to **fight off infection**

• Repairing damaged tissue

• What foods are they found in?



• What are they? • Minerals are **inorganic** substances that make up about 4% of the weight of the human body

• Just like vitamins, they are vital to the proper functioning of the body but we only need small amounts daily

- What are their functions?
- Each group of minerals plays a **different role** in the body,

including:

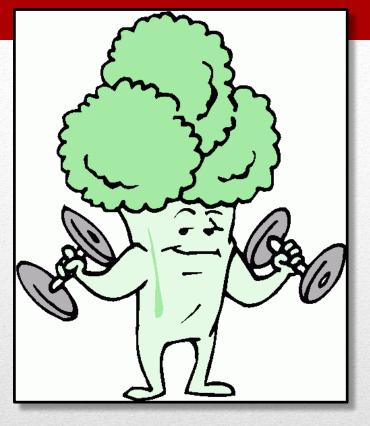
- <u>Regulating metabolism</u>
- **Building tissues** (ex: bones and



- Maintaining proper <u>fluid</u>
 <u>balance</u> in the body
- **Transporting oxygen** in the blood (iron)

What foods are they found in?
 Fruits

Vegetables Dairy products



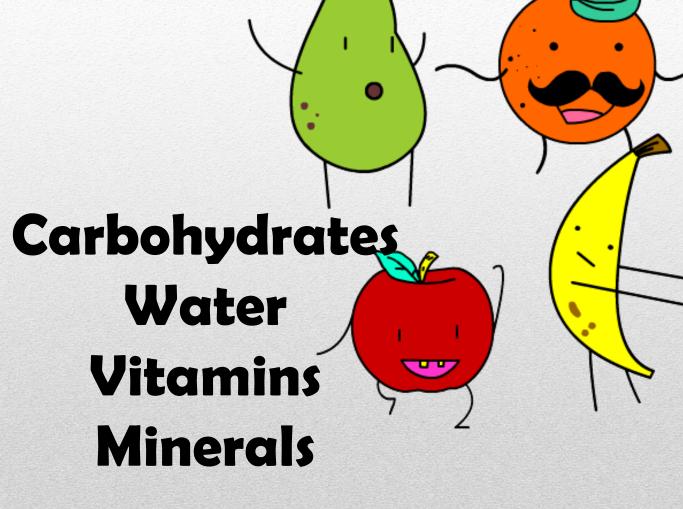
Fish and other seafood Meat



Game: What are the "main" nutrients involved?



Carbohydrates Fats





Protein Fats

Minerals



Protein Water Carbohydrates Vitamins Fats Minerals