What's on a Food Label?

Serving Sizes

Serving sizes help people understand how much they're eating and how many servings are contained in that package of food.

How many total cups are in this package of food?

Total Calories

This number tells you the amount of energy in the food, per serving.

> How many calories are in this whole package of food?

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size ½ cup (114g) Servings Per Container 4

Amount Per Serving

Calories 90 Calories fro	m Fat 30
% Da	ily Value*
Total Fat 3g	5%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 300mg	13%
Total Carbohydrate 13g	4%
Dietary Fiber 3g	12%

Sugars 3g Protein 3g

Vitamin A 80%	Vitamin C 609
Calcium 4%	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	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber		300g 25g	375g 30g

Calories per gram: Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

Fat Calories

This is the number of calories that come from fat. People check this because it's good to limit fat intake.

If you ate two servings from this package of food, how many calories from fat would you get?

%Daily Value

The percentage means you are getting a certain percentage out of 100% for the day.

Which nutrient are you getting 5% of the Daily Value?

What does it mean...?

Free: "Calorie-free" means fewer than 5 calories per serving.

Low Fat: 3 grams or less per serving. Is this food "low fat"?

YES or NO

Low Sodium: 140 mg or less per serving. Is this food "low sodium"? YES or NO

Low Calorie: 40 calories or less per serving. Is this food "low calorie"? YES or NO

High: This term can be used if the food contains 20% or more of the Daily Value for a particular nutrient in a serving.