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PERSONAL EATING PRACTICES

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Understanding Nutrition

What is Nutrition?

Nutrition is the science that explains how the food we eat affects our bodies and our health. It's important because it helps us grow, repair our bodies, and stay active and healthy. Every food item contains different nutrients that our bodies need to function properly.

Key Nutrients

Our bodies need different nutrients, each playing a unique role in keeping us healthy.

- **Carbohydrates:** Provide energy for our bodies to learn, and do daily activities.
- **Proteins:** Help build and repair our muscles.
- **Fats:** Provide a long-lasting energy source and help keep our cells healthy.
- **Vitamins:** Support our immune system and help our bodies use other nutrients effectively.
- **Minerals:** Important for building strong bones and helping our muscles work properly.



Making Healthy Choices

Eating a balanced diet is crucial for good health. Here are some tips for making healthy eating choices:

- **Eat various foods:** Include fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy in your meals.
- **Limit sugar and salt:** Too much can lead to health problems like heart disease and high blood pressure.
- **Stay hydrated:** Drinking water is essential for your body to function well.

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True or False

Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?

1) Vitamins help our body use other nutrients.	T	F
2) Water is optional for body function.	T	F
3) Proteins are primarily energy sources.	T	F
4) Fats are only found in unhealthy foods.	T	F
5) Too much salt can raise blood pressure.	T	F



Instructions: List foods high in these nutrients.

Vitamins	
Minerals	
Proteins	
Fats	
Carbohydrates	

Draw

Draw and label a healthy snack that includes at least three different nutrients.

Nutrient Match-Up Activity

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will deepen their understanding of the importance of nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, protein, magnesium, and phosphorus, and their sources, through an engaging matching game.

Materials: What will you need for the activity?

- Index cards with names of nutrients
- Index cards with names of food sources
- Markers or pens



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Organize students into pairs or small groups for collaboration and discussion.
- 2) Give each group a mixed set of nutrient cards and food source cards.
- 3) Instruct students to work together to match each nutrient card to the correct food source card. Encourage them to discuss why each food is a good source of the nutrient.
- 4) After all groups have completed the matching, bring the class together. Each group presents their matches and explains the benefits of each nutrient and why the chosen food source is appropriate.
- 5) Correct any misunderstandings and provide additional information as needed.
- 6) Reinforce the key points about the importance of each nutrient and the best food sources for obtaining them.

Food Source

Cut the food sources and paste them to their nutrients.

Milk	Mackerel	Kale	Salmon	Tofu
Eggs	Fortified Milk	Lentils	Turkey	Nuts
Fish	Chicken	Pumpkin Seeds	Dark Chocolate	Yogurt
Fortified Cereals	Whole Grains	Cheese	Beans	Avocado
Spinach	Broccoli	Chicken Breast	Bananas	Orange Juice
Fish	Broccoli	Black Beans	Milk	
Beans	Eggs	Yolks	Dairy Products	
Almonds	Greek Yogurt	Tuna	Fortified Cereal	

Hints for Foods as Sources of Nutrients**1) Calcium**

Hint: Often found in dairy products and some leafy greens.

2) Vitamin D

Hint: Known as the "sunshine vitamin," found in certain fish and fortified foods.

3) Protein

Hint: Essential for muscle building, found in both animal and plant sources.

4) Magnesium

Hint: Present in leafy greens, nuts, seeds, and whole grains.

5) Phosphorus

Hint: Important for bones and teeth, found in various protein-rich foods.

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Match-Up

Paste the cutout foods to the correct nutrient source.

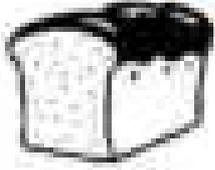
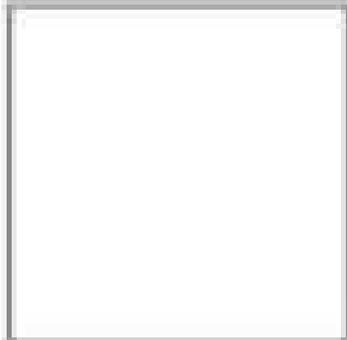
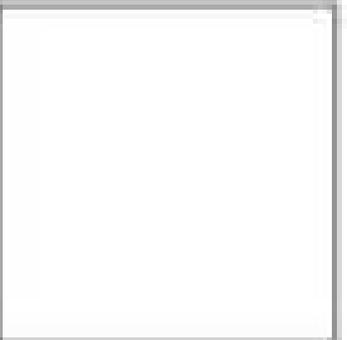
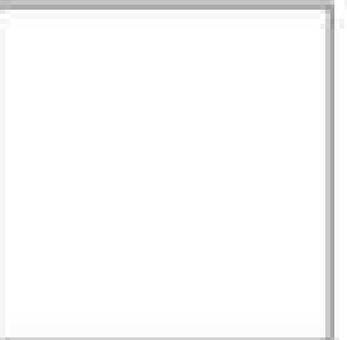
Nutrients				
Calcium	Vitamin D	Protein	Magnesium	Phosphorus

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Healthy Foods Help Our Brains Learn

What you eat can help your brain learn better. Foods like fish, fruits, vegetables, and nuts give your brain energy and help with focus, memory, and thinking. Omega-3 fats in fish and antioxidants in fruits protect your brain and help it work faster. Eating balanced meals and healthy snacks can improve learning at school, but it is also important to remember that not everyone can easily get these foods.

Identify the healthy snacks listed. Circle the listed brain-boosting snacks, then draw four additional brain-boosting snacks.

			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			

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Word Fit Puzzle Fill in the crossword below with the words from the word bank.

Word Bank: Brain Foods

Salmon	Blueberries	Nuts	Avocado	Grains
Beans	Eggs	Yogurt	Broccoli	Tomatoes
Pumpkin	Oranges	Beets	Spinach	Apple



Activity – Healthy Meal Planning

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will learn how to apply their knowledge of food groups, balanced diets, and portion sizes by planning a week's menu. This activity encourages thoughtful consideration of nutritional needs and food variety.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Food labels and portion size charts
- Blank weekly menu templates
- Pens and pencils
- Access to food magazines, newspapers, and nutritional websites



Instructions

How will you use the materials?

- 1) Start with a review of the different food groups (meat, grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy) and the importance of portion control. Discuss how each food group contributes to overall health.
- 2) Teach students how to measure portion sizes using common items (e.g., a serving of meat is the size of a deck of cards).
- 3) Allow students time to research various foods and recipes that fit into each food group using provided materials. Encourage them to think about meals that are both nutritious and appealing.
- 4) Using the blank weekly menu templates, students plan out meals for each day, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two snacks. Each meal should include items from at least three different food groups to ensure balance.
- 5) Remind students to consider portion sizes while planning to ensure that meals are well-balanced.
- 6) Have students present their weekly menus to the class. They should explain why they chose each meal and how it fits into the balanced diet model.
- 7) Discuss the variety in the menus, and how different foods can be combined to meet nutritional needs.

Food Group Guidelines

Food Category	Examples	Servings/Day	One Serving
Grains (Preferably Whole Grains)	Bread, pasta, rice, oatmeal, quinoa	4-8 servings	1 slice of bread, 1/2 cup cooked rice or pasta, 1 cup ready-to-eat cereal flakes
Protein	Lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, peas, eggs, nuts, seeds	5-6 servings	1 ounce of meat/fish/poultry, 1 egg, 1/4 cup cooked beans, 1 tablespoon peanut butter, a handful of nuts or seeds
Dairy	Milk, yogurt, cheese	3-4 servings	1 cup milk or yogurt, 1.5 ounces of cheese
Fruits	Canned fruit, fresh fruit	4-5 servings	1 medium apple, banana, or orange, 1/2 cup of chopped fruit, 3/4 cup of fruit juice
Vegetables	Fresh, frozen, or canned vegetables	3-5 servings	1 cup raw leafy vegetables, 1/2 cup of cut-up raw or cooked vegetables, 1/2 cup vegetable juice
Fats and Oils (Use sparingly)	Butter, margarine, salad dressing, cooking oil	2-3 servings	1/2 cup butter, 1 tablespoon salad dressing

Portion Size Chart

- A fist or cupped hand = 1 cup of salad or cereal
- A palm (no fingers) = 3 ounces of meat, fish, or poultry
- A thumb = 1 ounce of cheese
- A handful = 1-2 ounces of snack foods (like nuts or pretzels)
- A tip of your thumb = 1 teaspoon of butter or oil

Tips for Use

- Teach students to use their hand as a tool for measuring portion sizes, which can be particularly handy when they don't have measuring cups or spoons available.
- Encourage mixing of food groups within meals to ensure nutritional balance (e.g., adding vegetables to a pasta dish, having fruit with breakfast cereal).
- Discuss the importance of variety in the diet to get all necessary nutrients.

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Weekly Menu

Instructions for Use:

- **Fill in each meal:** Write down what you plan to eat for each meal and snack. Try to include a variety of foods from different food groups.
- **Consider Portion Sizes:** Remember to consider the portion sizes discussed in the food group guidelines.
- **Balance Your Meals:** Ensure each meal contains elements from different food groups to maintain a balanced diet.

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	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					

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Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack 1	Snack 2
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

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Serving

Check if Kyle follows the recommended serving size for each food guide.

What Kyle Eats - Nutrition Facts					
Day	Grains	Protein	Dairy	Fruit & Veg	Fats
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
2	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

Blog Post: Staying Hydrated

5 Benefits of Drinking Enough Water

Date: December 30, 2025

Author: Ms. Taylor Nguyen.

5-minute read

Drinking water every day is very important for your body and brain. Water helps your body work properly and keeps you feeling your best. When you do not drink enough water, you may feel tired, have headaches, or find it hard to focus. Below are five important benefits of staying hydrated.

- 1) **Stays alert:** Drinking enough water helps your brain stay alert. Students who drink water listen better, think clearly, and concentrate longer in class.
- 2) **More energy:** Water moves nutrients through your body. When you are hydrated, you have more energy to take part in sports.
- 3) **Helps digestion:** Water helps your body break down food so it can use it for energy. It also helps prevent stomach aches.
- 4) **Keeps your body cool:** Water helps lower your body temperature. This is especially important during hot weather or when you are active.
- 5) **Helps your body grow and stay healthy:** Water keeps your body hydrated. It helps your muscles move, your joints work smoothly, and your body heal itself.

Doctors say children should drink water throughout the day, not just when they feel thirsty. Bringing a water bottle to school is an easy way to stay hydrated.

Comments:



Sarah - December 30, 2025

I did not know water helped with focus. I will try to drink more water at school, but I am not sure how much water a Grade 5 student should drink each day.

Like Reply 1h ago



Nathan - December 30, 2025

My teacher said most Grade 5 students should drink about 6 to 8 cups of water a day. I bring a water bottle to school and refill it at lunch.

Like Reply 20m ago

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Yes or No

Circle Yes or No for each question.

1) Can dehydration affect focus without causing hunger?	Yes	No
2) Does drinking water replace the need for food?	Yes	No
3) Is digestion slowed when the body lacks water?	Yes	No
4) Should water intake stay the same in every situation?	Yes	No
5) Does water help control body temperature?	Yes	No

Questions

Write your answers to the questions below.

1) Explain why your body's needs may change based on activity.

2) What are three benefits of drinking water?

3) Write three signs that might show someone is not hydrated enough.

Comment

What comment would you post to the blog post?

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 Reply

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Activity – Water Tracker Challenge

Objective

What are we learning about?

To understand the impact of hydration on mental and physical performance by monitoring daily water intake over a week.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Printable water tracking chart for each student
- Colored markers for tracking
- Water bottles (various sizes)



Instructions

How will you do this activity?

- 1) Start with a discussion on why water is vital for our bodies, focusing on its benefits for brain function, energy levels, and overall health.
- 2) Provide each student with a water tracking chart and markers for recording each glass or bottle of water consumed.
- 3) Students will use their charts to record every glass of water they drink from the time they wake up until they go to bed.
- 4) Halfway through the week, discuss as a class any observations students have made about their mood, energy, and concentration related to their water intake.
- 5) At the end of the week, facilitate a reflection session where students share their tracking results and discuss how hydration affected their daily activities and school performance.
- 6) Discuss the importance of staying hydrated and encourage students to continue tracking their water intake as a good health practice. Summarize key learnings and take questions.

Weekly Water Tracker Chart

Instructions: In the "Daily Goal," draw the glasses you aim to consume daily. For each glass drunk, mark in the corresponding box under "Number of Glasses."

The "Notes" section can be used to note anything relevant, such as how they felt that day, specific times they felt particularly thirsty, or activities that required more hydration (like sports).

Daily Goal

Day	Number of Glasses	Notes
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

Reflective Journal

Write a journal about your Water Tracker Challenge experience.

Instruction

After completing the Water Tracker Challenge, take some time to think about your water-drinking habits and what you learned about hydration. Write your answers to the questions below in your journal.

- How much water did you plan to drink each day?
- Did you meet your daily water goal? Why or why not?
- How did drinking more or less water affect your energy or focus?
- What times of day was it hardest to remember to drink water?
- Did your water intake change on days you were more active?
- Did your body show when you needed more water?
- How would you change your water-drinking habits in the future?

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Interview: Talking With a Nutritionist About Digestion

Student: Thank you for talking with me today. What does the digestive system do?

Nutritionist: The digestive system breaks down the food you eat into nutrients. These nutrients give your body energy, help you grow, and keep your organs working properly.

Student: Why does food choice matter for digestion?

Nutritionist: Different foods affect digestion in different ways. Healthy foods help digestion work smoothly, but too much junk food can slow digestion and cause stomach aches.

Student: Which foods help digestion the most?

Nutritionist: Foods like fiber are very helpful. Fruits, vegetables, and whole grains help food move through the digestive system and prevent constipation.

Student: What happens if you eat too much sugar or fatty food?

Nutritionist: Sugary foods cause blood sugar spikes and crashes. Fatty foods slow digestion and can make you feel overly full or bloated.

Student: How does drinking water help digestion?

Nutritionist: Water helps break down food and move it through your digestive system. It also helps fiber do its job properly.

Student: Can changing your diet really make a difference?

Nutritionist: Yes, very much. Eating more vegetables and less junk food can help reduce bloating, improve energy, and keep your stomach feeling comfortable.

Student: What advice would you give students?

Nutritionist: Eat a balanced diet with foods from all food groups, drink enough water, and pay attention to how foods make your body feel.

Student: Thank you for sharing this information.

Nutritionist: You're welcome. Learning how food affects digestion helps you make healthy choices for life.



Draw

Draw foods that slow digestion and foods that promote smooth digestion.

SLOW DIGESTION		SMOOTH DIGESTION	
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Two Truths and a Lie

Read each group. Tick the two truths and mark X the one lie.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fibre helps food move through intestines smoothly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sugary foods cause steady energy all day.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatty foods can slow the digestive process.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Exercise slows digestion and energy levels.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water helps food move through intestines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fibre works best without drinking water.

Questioning

Write 2 questions you have about the reading.

1)	_____
2)	_____

Activity – Food and Digestion Experiment

Objective

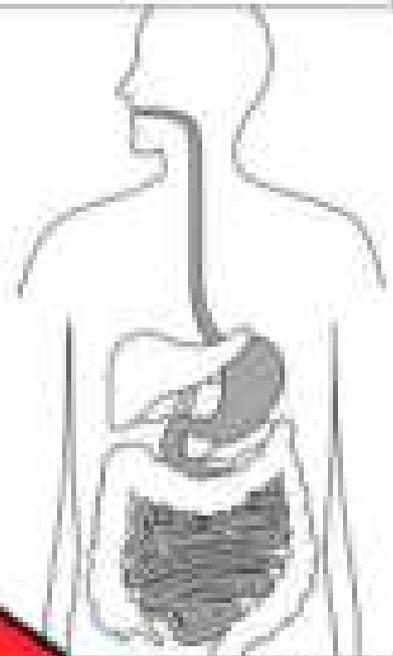
What are we learning about?

Students will conduct experiments to observe how different types of food react with a liquid that simulates stomach acid, helping them understand the digestive process and how various foods break down differently.

Material

What will you need for the activity?

- Clear plastic cups or glass jars
- White vinegar (simulates stomach acid)
- Various types of food (e.g., cooked meat, raw vegetables, cooked vegetables, rice, and cheese)
- Timer or stopwatch
- Safety goggles
- Spoons for stirring
- Notebooks and pens for recording observations



Instructions

How will you conduct the activity?

- 1. Introduction:** Begin with a brief explanation of the digestive process and how acids help to break down food. Discuss the purpose of acids in the digestive system and introduce white vinegar as a safe simulation of stomach acid.
- 2. Safety:** Ensure all students wear safety goggles during the experiment.
- 3. Setting Up**
 - Label each cup or jar with the type of food being tested.
 - Place a small, equal portion of each type of food into separate cups or jars.
 - Pour enough vinegar into each cup to completely cover the food items.
- 4. Observation**
 - Start the timer once all cups have vinegar. Observe and record the initial reaction of vinegar with the food.
 - Continue observing for 30 minutes, noting any changes. Students should look for signs of food breaking down, such as softening, disintegrating, or other physical changes.
- 5. Conclusion:** Students should record their observations in their notebooks, detailing the reaction at each time interval. Encourage them to note differences in how quickly or slowly each food type breaks down and relate the findings to the digestive process in the human body.

Food and Digestion Experiment Recording Worksheet

Instructions for Use:

- **Initial Reaction:** Note the immediate reaction of the food to the vinegar.
- **Observations:** At each time interval (5, 10, 20, 30 minutes), observe and record any changes in the food's appearance, texture, and any other notable reactions.
- **Final Observation:** Summarize the condition of the food at the end of the experiment.

	Reaction	5 Minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes
Bread					
Cooked Meat					
Raw Vegetable					

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Food and Digestion Experiment Recording Worksheet

	Initial Reaction	5 Minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes
Cooked Vegetable					
Fruit					
Cheese					

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Reflection

Which foods broke down the fastest? Which ones resisted acid the most?

Musculoskeletal Health and Nutrition

How Bones and Muscles Grow

Bones and muscles help your body move, stand, and stay strong. During childhood, these parts of your body grow quickly. To grow properly, they need the right nutrients from food. Exercise helps too, but food gives your body the building materials it needs every day.

Calcium and Bone Strength

Calcium is one of the most important nutrients for bones and teeth. Almost all the calcium in your body is stored in your bones. If you do not get enough calcium, bones can become weak over time. Children need more calcium than adults because their bones are still growing and getting stronger and larger.

Vitamin D and Absorbing Calcium

Vitamin D helps your body use calcium. If you do not get enough vitamin D, calcium cannot be absorbed well. In California, you can be sure to get vitamin D from the sun in winter, so food sources are important for all kids.

Muscles and Protein Power

Muscles help you move, lift, and stay active. Protein is the building blocks to repair muscle tissue. After physical activity, muscles use protein to fix tears and become stronger. This is especially important for active sports kids.

Other Minerals That Help

Magnesium and phosphorus also support strong bones and muscles. These minerals help bones stay firm and help muscles contract and relax. They work together with calcium and protein to support growth.

Key Facts Students Should Know

- Children ages 9–13 need about 1,300 mg of calcium each day
- Protein helps muscles recover after activity
- Fortified foods can add vitamin D and calcium when natural sources are limited



Food Comparison

Compare the nutritional value of Meal 1 and Meal 2 based on their calcium, vitamin D, protein, magnesium, and phosphorus content.

Meal 1 Breakfast	Scrambled eggs with spinach, whole grain toast, and a glass of fortified orange juice.
Meal 2 Lunch	Grilled salmon, quinoa salad with nuts and vegetables, and a cup of yogurt.

Nutritional Comparison		
Nutrient	Meal 1	Meal 2
Calcium	Orange juice, whole grain toast	Yogurt, quinoa salad with nuts
Vitamin D	Fortified orange juice, egg yolks	Grilled salmon, yogurt
Protein	Scrambled eggs	Grilled salmon, quinoa, yogurt
Magnesium	Spinach, whole grain toast	Quinoa, nuts, vegetables
Phosphorus	Eggs, whole grain toast	Grilled salmon, yogurt, nuts

1) Which meal provides more calcium-rich foods?

2) How do both meals ensure a good intake of vitamin D?

3) Compare the protein sources in both meals. Which one seems more protein-rich?

4) Which meal has a higher variety of foods that contain phosphorus?

5) Identify the sources of magnesium in both meals.

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____		Mark:
Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?		
1) Bones need nutrients more than exercise to grow.	T	
	F	
2) Most calcium in the body is stored in muscles.	T	
	F	
3) Vitamin D helps calcium enter the body properly.	T	
	F	
4) Canadian winters can reduce vitamin D from sunlight.	T	
	F	
5) Children need less calcium than adults do.	T	
	F	

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Reading Nutrition Labels

When we pick up a snack or something to eat, it has a label on it. This label is like a secret code to healthy eating! Let's learn how to be a detective and crack this code.

What's on the Label?

Every food label has important information. Here's what to look for:

1. **Serving Size:** This tells us how much is just right to eat.
2. **Calories:** This tells us how much energy for our body. Not too many calories are good to keep us playing and learning!
3. **Nutrients to Get More Of:** These are good things our body needs. Look for Vitamin D, Calcium, and Iron.
4. **Nutrients to Get Less Of:** We should have less of these: Saturated Fat, Trans Fat, Sodium (that's another word for salt).



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1/2 Cup (12g)	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 100	
Total Fat 2g	
Saturated Fat 1g	
Trans Fat 0g	
Sodium 100mg	
Total Sugar 10g	
Fiber 2g	
Iron 10%	
Vitamin D 10%	
Calcium 10%	



Why It Matters

Knowing how to read food labels helps us make smarter choices about what we eat. It can tell us if something has too much sugar or the right amount of good nutrients. This way, we can choose foods that help our bodies grow strong and healthy.

When we understand food labels, we become smart shoppers. We can choose the best snacks that help us run faster, think smarter, and play longer. Remember, always check the label to be a health hero!

Food labels are easier to understand when you look at just a few key parts, like serving size, sugar, and fibre.

Food Comparisons

Lowfat Vanilla Yogurt

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size (150g)
Servings Per Container 1

Amount Per Serving		
Calories 80	Calories from Fat 20	
		% Daily Value*
Total Fat 1g		2%
Sodium 30mg		6%
Total Carbohydrate 10g		2%
Dietary Fiber 0g		
Sugars 20g		
Protein 7g		14%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets.

Whole Milk Vanilla Yogurt

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size (150g)
Servings Per Container 1

Amount Per Serving		
Calories 140	Calories from Fat 40	
		% Daily Value*
Total Fat 4.5g		9%
Saturated Fat 3g		6%
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 15mg		3%
Sodium 70mg		14%
Total Carbohydrate 20g		4%
Dietary Fiber 0g		
Sugars 15g		
Protein 5g		10%

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1) Describe the pros and cons of both foods below.

Food	Pros
Low-fat Yogurt	
Whole Milk Yogurt	

2) Which would you choose? Why?

Nutrition Label Scavenger Hunt

Search

Work in pairs or small groups to find the answers to the following questions. Use the food labels on the next page as a reference.

Question	Answer
1) Which food has the highest sodium level?	
2) What is the total level of Honey Nut Cheerios?	
3) How much fat is in a serving of Macia Whole Milk?	
4) Which food has the most dietary fibre?	
5) What is the protein level in Ruffles?	
6) How much sugar is in a serving of Frosted Flakes?	
7) What is the serving size for Macia Whole Milk?	
8) Which food has the highest amount of total fat?	
9) What is the cholesterol level in Honey Nut Cheerios?	
10) How much calcium is in a serving of Macia Whole Milk?	
11) What is the amount of vitamin A in Ruffles?	
12) Which food has the highest calorie count per serving?	
13) How much potassium is in Honey Nut Cheerios?	
14) What is the total carbohydrate level in Ruffles?	
15) How much vitamin D is in Macia Whole Milk?	

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Activity – Nutrition Comparison Chart

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will compare the nutritional value of a provided traditional ceremonial food with a modern processed food of their choice and reflect on the differences.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Paper
- Markers
- Provided nutritional content information for traditional food
- Access to research (internet, articles)
- Notebooks and pens

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size: 1 container	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	130
Total Fat 5g	
Sodium 100mg	
Total Carbohydrate 20g	
Protein 5g	
Dietary Fiber 2g	
Sugars 10g	
Total Sugar 10g	
Saturated Fat 2g	
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 5mg	
Vitamin A 10%	
Vitamin C 20%	
Calcium 5%	
Iron 10%	
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Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Explain the importance of nutrition and how food plays a vital role in maintaining a healthy diet. Discuss how modern processed foods differ in terms of nutritional value and health benefits.
2. Provide the students with the nutritional content of a traditional ceremonial food.
3. Each student chooses two modern processed foods to compare with the provided traditional food. Examples might include fast food items, packaged snacks, sugary cereals, or soft drinks.
4. Have students present their charts to the class, explaining their findings and reflections.
5. Facilitate a class discussion on the importance of traditional foods and how they can contribute to a healthier diet compared to modern processed foods.
6. Summarize the key points discussed and encourage students to think about how they can incorporate healthier food choices into their own lives, taking into account both nutrition and cultural significance.

Handout:

Read and study this table to understand the nutrition in traditional foods.

Nutritional Content of Pottlach Feast		
	Salmon	Herring Roe
Serving Size	100 g	100 g
Calories	208	143
Protein	20 g	18 g
Fat	13 g	7 g
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturated Fat Omega-3 Fatty Acids 	2.3 g	1.4 g 1.1 g
Carbohydrates	0 g	0 g
Vitamin/Mineral		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vitamin B12 Vitamin D Selenium Vitamin B3 Phosphorus Iron 	3.2ug 526 IU 36.5ug 0.2mg 256mg -	20ug 93 IU 65.5ug 1.3mg 482mg 1.1 mg

Record

Use Nutrition Fact labels to fill in this chart for two modern processed foods.

Modern Processed Food		
Processed Food Name		
Serving Size		
Calories		
Protein		
Fat		
•		
•		
Carbohydrates		
Suger		
Fibre		
Sodium		
Vitamins/Minerals		
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Activity – Food Labels – Ingredients List

Did you know that the first ingredient in an ingredient list is always the most used ingredient? In fact, the company that makes the food has to order the ingredients in the ingredient list from most used to least used. This helps consumers understand what the product is made of.

If this rule wasn't applied, a company could include a tiny pinch of healthy and expensive ingredients and then load their product up with cheap and unhealthy ingredients. The consumer wouldn't know how much of each ingredient was being used. Therefore, they could be tricked!



Interpret the ingredient lists below and make observations. Is he right? Explain.

Ingredients: Enriched flour, niacin, reduced sodium oleic acid mononitrate, riboflavin, vegetable oil (contains the following: palm oil, soybean oil), sugar, high fructose syrup, salt, leavening (baking soda, sodium lecitin).

These crackers are healthy because they have enriched flour and vegetable oil.

Ingredients: Fruit puree (grape, peach, orange, strawberry and raspberry), corn syrup, sugar, modified corn starch, gelatin, concord grape juice from concentrate, citric acid, lactic acid, natural and artificial flavours, ascorbic acid (vitamin C), alpha-tocopherol acetate (vitamin E), calcium palmitate, sodium citrate, coconut oil, carotenes, annatto (colour), turmeric (colour), and blue 1.

This drink is healthy because they have vitamins.

Ingredients: Water, sugar, apple juice concentrate, citric acid, natural flavours, vitamin C (ascorbic acid), calcium lactate, vitamin D3.

This apple juice is healthy because it has apple juice concentrate and vitamin C.

Ingredients: Water, sugar, corn syrup, milk protein concentrate, hydrogenated coconut oil, cocoa processed with alkali, stabilizers (carrageenan, guar gum), artificial flavour.

This chocolate drink is healthy because it has milk protein concentrate and cocoa.

Activity – Nutrition Label Reading

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will learn how to read and understand nutrition labels on food packages. They will analyze and compare the nutritional content of various foods to make informed food choices.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Various food packages with nutrition labels (e.g., cereal, pasta, canned goods, etc.)
- Worksheets for recording nutrition information
- Calculators (optional)

Nutrition Facts

2 servings per container
Serving size 1/2 cup (110g)

Amount per serving
Calories 360

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 10g 20%

Saturated Fat 5g 10%

Trans Fat 0g 0%

Cholesterol 15mg 30%

Sodium 100mg 20%

Total Carbohydrate 70g 14%

Dietary Fiber 5g 10%

Total Sugars 10g 20%

Includes 5g Added Sugars 10%

Protein 10g

Vitamin D 10mg 20%

Calcium 100mg 20%

Iron 10mg 20%

Potassium 100mg 20%

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Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Begin the activity by explaining the importance of understanding nutrition labels and how they can help you make healthier food choices.
- 2) Distribute the food packages to the students, ensuring each student group has a variety of items to examine.
- 3) Provide each student with a worksheet to record the nutrition information from the labels. The worksheet should include columns for serving size, calories, total fat, saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, dietary fiber, sugars, and protein.
- 4) Demonstrate how to read a nutrition label, highlighting key components such as serving size, calories, and the daily value percentages.
- 5) Instruct students to fill out the worksheet with the nutrition information from each food package. Encourage them to double-check their entries for accuracy.
- 6) Once the worksheets are complete, have the students compare the nutritional content of the different food items. Discuss which items are healthier based on their nutrition labels and why.
- 7) Facilitate a class discussion on the findings, emphasizing the importance of making informed food choices and how to use nutrition labels to guide these choices.

Instruction

Analyze the nutrition labels of the products then answer the questions.



Yogurt	
Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 container	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 150	
Total Fat 2g	3%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	7%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 15mg	5%
Sodium 30mg	4%
Total Carbohydrates 22g	7%
Dietary Fiber 5g	2%
Sugars 11g	
Protein 5g	10%
Vitamin A 0% + Vitamin C 0% Calcium 25% + Iron 0%	
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1) How does the nutritional information influence your decision to choose this food?

2) How often do you think it would be healthy to consume this product?

3) What are the potential health benefits of this food in your diet?

4) Are there any nutritional concerns that might make you reconsider eating this product regularly?

5) Would you recommend this food item to a friend? Why or why not?



Breakfast Cereal

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1/2 cup (27g)
 Servings Per Container about 17

Amount Per Serving	Calories	% Daily Value*
	110	100
Calories from Fat	10	10

	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 2g	2%
Sodium 0mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 22g	4%
Dietary Fiber 2g	4%
Sugars 10g	20%
Other Carbohydrate 10g	20%

Protein 2g	4%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 170mg	34%
Potassium 10mg	2%

Total Carbohydrate 22g	4%
Dietary Fiber 2g	4%
Sugars 10g	20%
Other Carbohydrate 10g	20%
Protein 2g	4%

Vitamin A	10%	10%
Vitamin C	10%	10%
Calcium	10%	10%
Iron	10%	10%
Vitamin D	10%	10%
Thiamin	10%	10%
Riboflavin	10%	10%
Niacin	10%	10%
Vitamin B6	10%	10%
Folate Acid	10%	10%
Vitamin B12	10%	10%
Phosphorus	10%	10%
Magnesium	10%	10%
Zinc	10%	10%

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	Calories	Total Fat	Total Carbohydrate	Protein
1/2 cup	110	2g	22g	2g
1 cup	220	4g	44g	4g
1 1/2 cups	330	6g	66g	6g
2 cups	440	8g	88g	8g

1) How does the nutritional information influence your decision to choose this food?

2) How often do you think it would be healthy to consume this product?

3) What are the potential health benefits of including this food in your diet?

4) Are there any concerns that might make you not use this product regularly?

5) Would you recommend this food item to a friend? Why or why not?





Chicken Noodle

Nutrition Facts

About 2.5 servings per container
Serving size 1/2 cup (125ml)
Amount per serving

Calories 60
per serving

Amount per serving	% Daily Value*	Amount per serving	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 2g	3%	Sodium 110mg	20%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	1%	Total Carbohydrate 1g	2%
Trans Fat 0g	0%	Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Polysaturated Fat 0g	0%	Total Sugar 0g	0%
Monounsaturated Fat 0g	0%	Total Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 10mg	2%	Protein 1g	2%
Vitamin D 0mg	0%	Calcium 10mg	0%
Iron 0.5mg	1%	Potassium 50mg	0%

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1) How does the nutrition information influence your decision to choose this food?

2) How often do you think you will consume this product?

3) What are the potential health benefits of including this food in your diet?

4) Are there any nutritional concerns that might make you reconsider eating this product regularly?

5) Would you recommend this food item to a friend? Why or why not?



Granola Bar

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size _____
Servings Per Container _____

Amount Per Serving

Calories 140 **Calories from Fat** _____

Total Fat 4g

Saturated Fat 2g

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg

Sodium 90mg

Total Carbohydrate 29g

Dietary Fiber 9g

Sugars 10g

Protein 2g

Calcium 10% **Iron** 6%

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	Calories	Total Fat	Total Carbohydrate
Total Fat	4g	4g	29g
Saturated Fat	2g	2g	29g
Trans Fat	0g	0g	29g
Cholesterol	0mg	0mg	29g
Sodium	90mg	90mg	29g
Total Carbohydrate	29g	29g	29g
Dietary Fiber	9g	9g	29g

1) How does the nutritional information influence your decision to choose this food?

2) How often do you think it would be healthy to consume this product?

3) What are the potential health benefits of including this food in your diet?

4) Are there any allergens that might make you allergic to eating this product regularly?

5) Would you recommend this food item to a friend? Why or why not?

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Story: Impact of Marketing on Food Choices

The Power of Food Ads

One Saturday morning, Mia was watching her favourite cartoon show. During the commercials, she saw an ad for a new candy that looked really fun and colourful. The commercial showed kids playing and laughing, making the candy seem like the best thing ever. Mia felt like she had to try it.

Mia asked her mom to buy the candy, but her mom decided to teach Mia some important things. "Did you know that companies spend billions every year on advertisements to make products look exciting?" she asked. Mia nodded.



Her mom continued, "Yes, especially for sugary and unhealthy foods. Studies show that kids who watch a lot of TV ads for sugary foods are more likely to want those unhealthy foods." She explained that these ads often use bright colors and fun characters to catch your eye. "Too much sugar, salt, and fat, which can lead to health problems like obesity," she said. "In fact, about 30% of Canadian children are overweight or obese."

Mia's mom shared some tips on making smart food choices. "First, always read the nutrition labels to know what's really in your food. Second, don't be fooled by ads. Just because something looks fun in a commercial doesn't mean it's good for you. And third, try to eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains."

Mia thought about the candy ad and realized she didn't need it. She decided to choose an apple instead. It was tasty and made her feel good. From then on, Mia became smarter about her food choices, not letting ads decide for her.

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Advertisements can make unhealthy foods look appealing.	True	False
2) TV commercials can influence children's eating habits.	True	False
3) Marketing never leads to poor eating habits.	True	False
4) Advertisements are designed to make products look exciting.	True	False
5) Understanding ads can help you make better food choices.	True	False

Visualizing

What were you picturing while you were reading? Explain the picture.

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Questions

Answer the questions below using complete sentences.

1) Think of a post on social media you've seen that helped you make a food choice.
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2) Name an ad where a celebrity endorses a food or drink. Are you more likely to want the product because of who is telling you to eat or drink it?
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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____		Mark
Circle Yes or No for each question.		
1) Can unhealthy foods appear healthy in advertisements?	Yes	
	No	
2) Do food ads always show full nutrition information?	Yes	
	No	
3) Does colourful packaging guarantee healthy food inside?	Yes	
	No	
4) Are sugary snacks often targeted toward children?	Yes	
	No	
5) Are healthier foods advertised more than unhealthy foods?	Yes	
	No	

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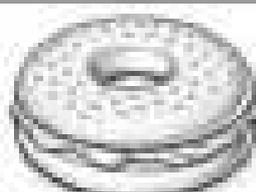
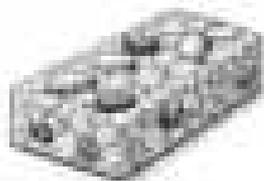
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Choosing a Healthy Snack

Question

How do we know what the healthiest choice is?

When we are trying to make the healthiest food choice, there are several things to consider, including how much fat, salt, and sugar the food has. Also, does the item have nutrients, or is it just empty calories? Imagine you are going to a coffee shop for a morning snack. You have a choice between a blueberry muffin, a whole wheat bagel with peanut butter, or a granola bar.

How much of this food do you eat each day?	 Blueberry muffin	 Whole wheat bagel with peanut butter	 Granola bar
Fibre	15 - 20 g	4 g	3 g
Fat	66 g	15 g	5 g
Carbohydrates	130 g	50 g	35 g
Sugar	30g	39g	13g
Calories	3000	400	250
Sodium	1800 mg	350 mg	500 mg
Protein	34 g	5 g	10 g
Calcium	1300 mg	30 mg	60 mg
Iron	8 mg	3 mg	5 mg

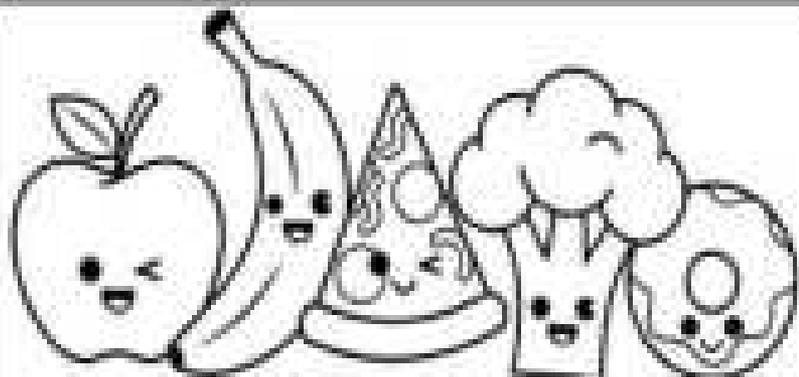
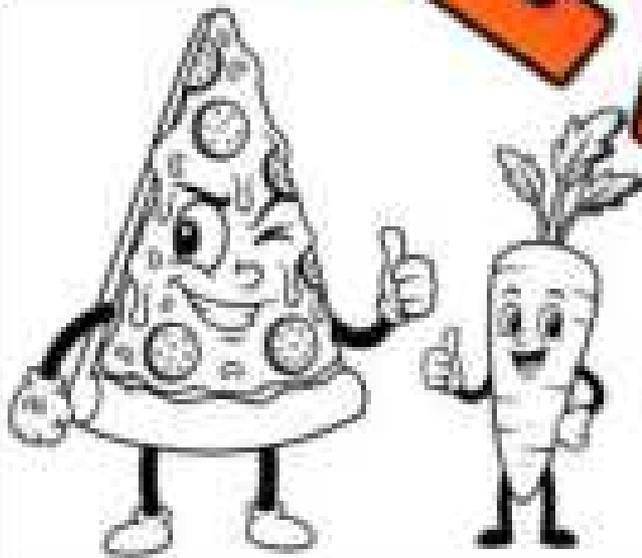
A typical serving of peanut butter on a bagel is 2 tbsp.

** Everyone is different. These values are averages. It depends on your size and activity level.

Which item do you think is the healthiest choice? Why?

Colour

Colour the healthier food alternatives for each group



Instruction

Draw a healthier alternative for the following fast food items.



Blank space for drawing a healthier alternative to the hamburger.



Blank space for drawing a healthier alternative to the pizza.



Blank space for drawing a healthier alternative to the fries and soda.

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Reflection

Answer the questions below

1) How do the ingredients in your healthy alternative compare to those in the original fast food item?

2) How do these benefits can impact your overall health and well-being?

3) How has this activity change your perspective on fast food and healthier eating options?

4) Can you think of other popular fast food items that you could make healthier? How would you do it? Draw it.

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Activity: Meal Plan Analysis

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will analyze sample meal plans to understand the importance of balanced meals and the nutritional value of different foods.

Material

What will you need for the activity?

- 5 sample meal plans (provided by the teacher)
- Food group cards (one per student)



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Begin with a brief discussion on what constitutes a balanced meal. Use the whiteboard to list the main food groups: fruits, vegetables, grains, protein, and dairy.
- 2) Put students into small groups.
- 3) Hand out a sample meal plan to each group and form a group of one for each student.
- 4) Students should check off the food groups included in each meal and note any missing groups.
- 5) After students have completed their analysis, bring the class together for a discussion. Have each group present their meal plan and the missing components of their plan.
- 6) Have students suggest ways to improve any unbalanced meals. For example, if a meal lacks a vegetable, ask what kind of vegetable could be added.
- 7) Summarize the key points about balanced meals and the importance of including all food groups.

Analysis

Analyze the provided meal plans.

Balanced meals include carbohydrates, proteins, and healthy fats in the right amounts. A healthy plate should be about half fruits and vegetables, one-quarter whole grains, and one-quarter protein. Carbohydrates give the body energy, proteins help build and repair muscles, and fruits and vegetables provide important vitamins and minerals. Planning meals helps people make healthier food choices and can increase how often they eat fruits and vegetables. Meal planning also helps people apply healthy eating habits in everyday life.

Meal Plan #1

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Cereal	Yogurt, cream cheese		Apple juice	
Lunch	Cheese Sandwich			Soda	
Dinner	Meatloaf	Ground beef, bread crumbs, ketchup	Potatoes	Lemonade	Chocolate Bar

Meal Plan #2

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Toast	White bread, butter		Apple juice	
Lunch	Cheese Pizza	Pizza dough, cheese, tomato sauce		Soda	
Dinner	Pasta	White pasta, marinara sauce		Lemonade	Ice cream

Meal Plan #3

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Cereal	Sugary cereal, milk		Chocolate milk	
Lunch	Hot Dog	Hot dog bun, wiener, ketchup		Sports drink	
Dinner	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken nuggets	French fries	Cola	Apple Pie

Analysis

Analyze the provided meal plans

Meal Plan #4

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Pancakes	Pancake mix, syrup		Fruit punch	
Lunch	Mac and Cheese	Macaroni, cheese sauce		Iced tea	
Dinner	Burger	Burger bun, beef patty, cheese, ketchup, mustard	Potato chips	Milkshake	Brownie

Meal Plan #5

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Donut	Donut mix, eggs		Sweetened coffee	
Lunch	Fried Chicken	Chicken, flour, oil	Mashed potatoes	Tea	
Dinner	Tacos	Taco shell, ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes		Soft drink	Ice cream Cake

Meal Plan #6

Meal	Main Item	Ingredients	Side	Drink	Dessert
Breakfast	Muffin	Flour, sugar, eggs, butter		Flavoured milk	
Lunch	PBJ Sandwich	White bread, peanut butter, jelly		Fruit juice	
Dinner	Fish Sticks	Fish sticks	Fries	Root beer	Yogurt and Strawberries

Name: _____

Checklist

Complete this checklist for the meal plan you are analyzing.
Check off the food groups included in each meal and note any missing groups.

Meal Plan #	_____
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Meal	Fruits	Vegetables	Grains	Protein	Dairy
Breakfast					
Lunch					
Dinner					

Breakfast:	
Is it balanced?	_____
Suggestions:	_____ _____ _____

Lunch:	
Is it balanced?	_____
Suggestions:	_____ _____ _____

Dinner:	
Is it balanced?	_____
Suggestions:	_____ _____ _____

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Name: _____

Reflection

Think about the meal plans you analyzed. Answer in short sentences.

1) Which meal was the most balanced? Why?

2) Which meal was the least balanced? What was missing?

3) Which food group was missing from the meal?

Fruits

Grains

Protein

Dairy

4) Which food group was eaten in the most? Why?

5) Which drink choices were the healthiest?

6) How can planning meals help people eat healthier?

7) What is one balanced food you would like to eat more often?

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Changing Nutritional Needs

Growing Up Means Changing Up

As we grow from kids to teenagers, our bodies go through big changes. This means our **nutritional needs** change too. When kids hit growth spurts, usually between ages 10 to 15, they need more of everything—protein, and vitamins.



Key Changes in Nutrition

- 1) **Calories:** Kids need about 1,600 calories, but a teenager might need up to 2,500 during a growth spurt.
- 2) **Protein:** Important for growing bones. While a 10-year-old might need 34 grams of protein daily, a teen will need 52 grams.
- 3) **Calcium and Vitamin D:** Critical for bone health, especially during the teenage years when bones are growing quickly.

Why Does This Happen?

These changes are mostly because of **metabolism** and how active bodies are. Metabolism is like a fire inside us that burns food for energy. Kids and teens have fast metabolisms because their bodies are busy building muscles and bones and doing a lot of growing!

What Can We Do?

Eating right means listening to our bodies. As we grow, we might feel hungrier—that's our body's way of telling us it needs more fuel. Choosing healthy snacks and balanced meals helps keep our "body engine" running smoothly and supports all the growth our bodies are doing!



True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Kids' nutritional needs change as they grow older.	True	False
2) Teenagers need fewer calories than young kids.	True	False
3) Growth spurts usually happen between ages 10 to 15.	True	False
4) A 10-year-old needs more protein than a 15-year-old.	True	False
5) Metabolism is like a fire inside us that burns food.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What are the most changes needed during growth spurts?

2) Why is protein important for kids and teenagers?

Word Search

Find the words in the wordsearch.

Changes	Vitamin
Growth	Metabolism
Teenager	Active
Nutrition	Energy
Calories	Muscle
Protein	Bones
Calcium	Healthy

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Activity - Tracking Your Tummy

- 1) Track when you feel hungry, the time, and the food you eat for one day.
- 2) Write down how hungry you feel using a scale from 1 (not hungry) to 5 (very hungry).
- 3) Write how full you feel using a scale from 1 (not full) to 5 (very full).

Time	How Hungry?	Food Eaten	How Full?

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Self-Reflection Checklist

Check the box that best fits you.

1) I noticed patterns in when I felt hungry.

Yes, a lot

Yes, somewhat

Not much

No

2) My hunger levels changed at different times of day.

Yes, a lot

Yes, somewhat

Not much

No

3) The food I ate affected how full I felt later.

Yes, a lot

Yes, somewhat

Not much

No

4) I can explain why I get hungry.

Yes, totally

Yes, somewhat

Not much

No

5) I noticed how activity or rest affected my hunger.

Yes, a lot

Yes, somewhat

Not much

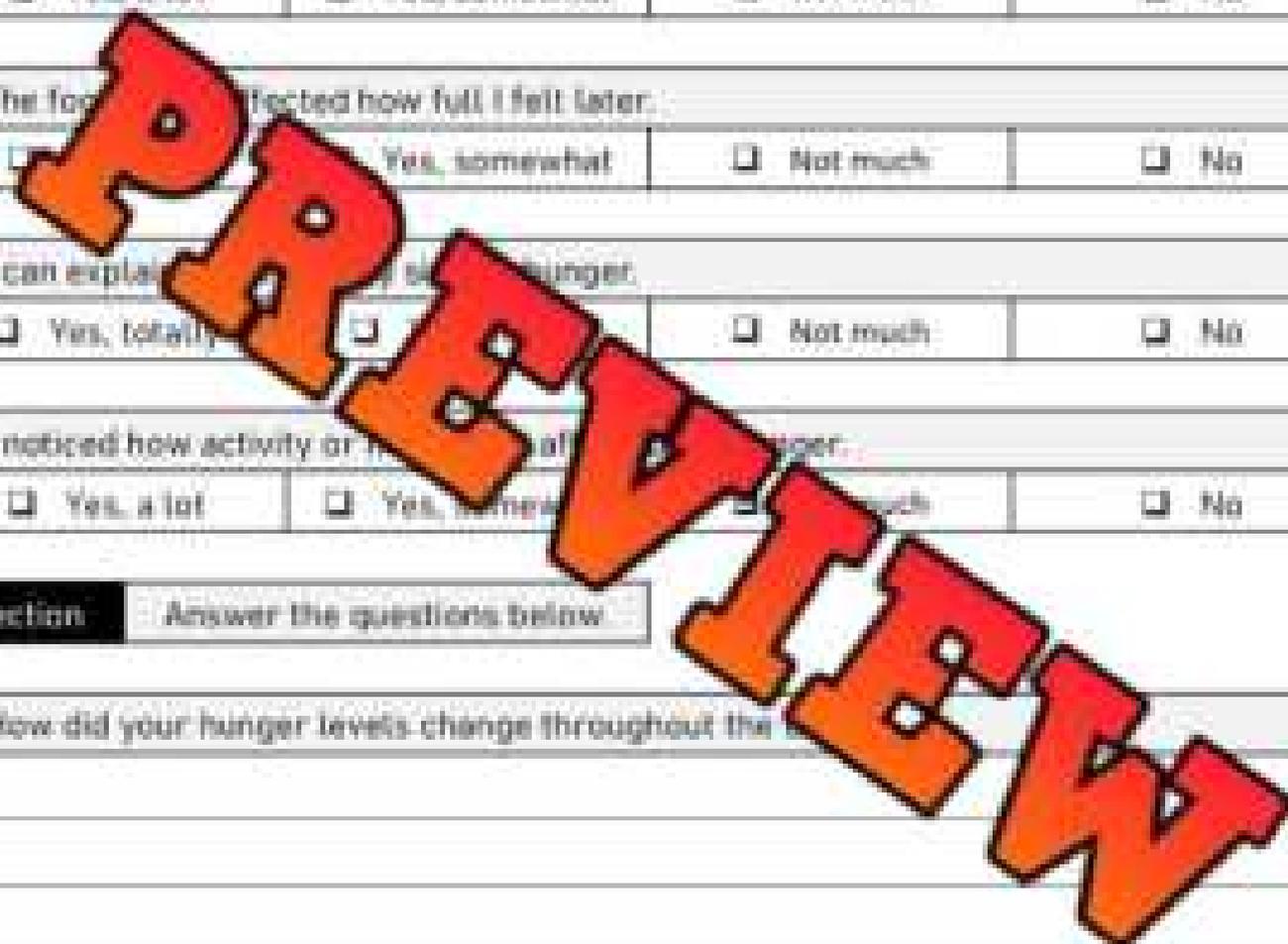
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Reflection

Answer the questions below.

1) How did your hunger levels change throughout the day?

2) How can tracking your hunger and fullness help you make better food choices?



Activity: Tracking Five Small Meals a Day

Objective

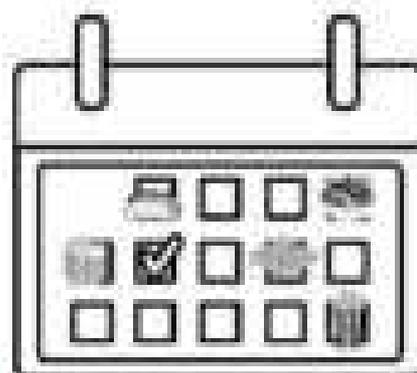
What are we learning about?

Understand healthy eating practices by tracking five small meals each day for one week and reflecting on how regular, balanced eating supports energy, focus, and overall health.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Food diary template (one per student)
- Pens or pencils



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Explain the objective of the activity and how to use the food diary. Students should record every meal and snack they eat throughout the day, including the time and type of food eaten.
- 2) Explain that healthy eating can include five smaller meals throughout the day, rather than only a few large meals.
- 3) Distribute the food diary templates and ensure each student has a pen or pencil (or digital device).
- 4) Students will keep their food diaries for one week, starting from a designated day. They should be honest and detailed in their entries.
- 5) At the end of the week, collect the food diaries and have a class discussion about meal timing, balanced choices, and energy levels throughout the day.
- 6) Ask students to complete the reflection questions, focusing on how eating smaller, balanced meals affected how they felt during the day.

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Instruction

Keep a detailed record of everything you eat for one week, including the time and where you got the food.

Day 1	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

Day 2	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

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Day 3	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

Day 4	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

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Day 5	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

Day 5	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

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Day 7	Time	What did you eat?	Where did you get your food?
Meal - 1			
Meal - 2			
Meal - 3			
Meal - 4			
Meal - 5			

Reflection

Answer the questions below.

1) How did eating five small meals affect your energy level?

2) How do you think living in a food desert could impact a person's diet and health?

3) Would you continue eating five small meals a day? Why or why not?

PREVIEW

Nutritional Traditions Tied to the Land

Traditional Foods and Health

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities have diets deeply connected to the land, which provide unique nutritional benefits. These traditional foods are not only part of cultural practices but also contribute significantly to health. For example, caribou, a common food in many Inuit communities, is rich in protein and low in fat compared to store-bought meats. Similarly, fish like salmon, often eaten by many First Nations communities, are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential for heart health and brain development.

List of Traditional Foods

- Caribou - High in protein and low in fat, providing essential B2.
- Salmon - Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential for heart health.
- Berries - High in antioxidants, which help fight off diseases.
- Wild Rice - Provides magnesium, phosphorus, and B1.



Harvesting and Sustainability

Traditional harvesting practices are not only about gathering food but also about respecting and preserving the land. These practices include seasonal hunting and fishing, gathering wild plants and berries, and farming crops like corn and squash. These methods ensure that the land remains fruitful for future generations.

Connecting to the Land

Understanding the connection between traditional diets and the land helps us appreciate the importance of sustainable food sources. By eating foods that are locally sourced, we support the environment and gain nutritional benefits.

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer based on the article.

1) Which food is rich in protein and low in fat?

A) Caribou

B) Salmon

C) Berries

2) What is high in omega-3 fatty acids?

A) Berries

B) Salmon

C) Wild Rice

3) Which food helps the body fight off diseases?

A) Caribou

B) Salmon

C) Berries

4) What provides magnesium, phosphorus, and B vitamins?

A) Berries

B) Wild Rice

C) Salmon

5) What traditional practice helps the land remain fruitful?

A) Gathering Food

B) Seasonal Hunting

C) Farming Crops

Questions

Answer each question.

1) Why is it important to preserve traditional food practices?

2) In what ways do traditional food practices connect people to the land?

Two Truths and a Lie

Read each group. Tick ✓ the two true ones. Mark X the one lie.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Caribou meat is lower fat than store meats.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Salmon provides omega-3 fats for brain health.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild rice supplies only energy, not minerals.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Berries mainly help bones grow stronger.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Omega-3 fatty acids support heart health.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal hunting helps protect future food sources.
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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark

Write the correct letter (A, B, C, or D) beside each traditional food.

	Caribou
	Salmon
	Berries
	Wild Rice

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- B) High in antioxidants that help fight disease
- C) Provides magnesium, phosphorus, and B vitamins
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Activity – Food Map of Canada

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will explore the regional diversity of traditional foods in Canada and understand their cultural and nutritional significance.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Map of Canada
- Markers
- Blank sticker labels
- Glue or tape
- Pens or pencils



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Draw traditional foods on the map or on blank paper and place them in the correct regions: Caribou: Northern regions (e.g., Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut)
2. Write brief notes on index cards explaining the significance of each food. Include Nutritional benefits and/or Cultural importance
3. Attach the notes to the map near the corresponding foods using glue or tape.
 - Caribou (Nunavut): "Rich in protein and vitamins B12 and B2. Traditional food for Inuit."
 - Salmon (British Columbia): "High in omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D. Important for heart health."
4. Share and discuss the significance of the foods and their regional locations.

Handout

Reference sheet on the nutritional traditions tied to the land

Province/ Territory	Traditional Food	Nutrients	Cultural Importance
Nunavut	Caribou	High in protein and vitamins B12 and B2.	Traditionally hunted by Inuit; important for survival and cultural heritage.
British Columbia	Salmon	High in omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin D.	Fished by many First Nations; integral to cultural ceremonies and diets.
Yukon Region	Wild Berries	High in antioxidants.	Gathered by many Indigenous communities; used in traditional medicines and foods.
Ontario/ Manitoba	Wild Mushrooms	High in Magnesium, Vitamin B, and proteins.	Hand-harvested by First Nations; significant for ceremonies and sustenance.
Yukon	Moose	High in protein and iron.	Hunted by First Nations; vital for traditional diets and cultural practices.
Alberta	Bison	High in protein and low in fat.	Highly valued by Plains First Nations; used in traditional dishes and medicines.
Quebec	Maple Syrup	Contains natural sugars and minerals.	Traditional food of Indigenous peoples; used in various dishes and as a sweetener.
Newfoundland Labrador	Seal	High in protein and omega-3 fatty acids.	Hunted by Inuit and other Indigenous groups; critical for survival and traditions.
Saskatchewan	Saskatoon Berries	High in fiber and antioxidants.	Harvested by First Nations; used in traditional dishes and medicines.
Nova Scotia	Lobster	High in protein and essential minerals.	Fished by Mi'kmaq people; important for diet and economy.
Northwest Territories	Arctic Char	High in protein and omega-3 fatty acids.	Fished by Inuit; important for diet and cultural heritage.

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Story: Nutrition in Indigenous Culture

Healing Foods of the North

In the vast landscapes of Northern Canada, where the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities thrive, food is not just for sustenance but is deeply woven into their healing practices. Young Kai, a curious Métis boy, was on a journey to learn more from his grandmother about how their meals helped keep them healthy.

"The most important foods we eat is fish, especially salmon," explained Grandma as they sat at the dinner table together. "It's rich in omega-3 fatty acids which are good for our hearts and help our brains stay sharp. Did you know, Kai, that salmon also has natural oils that help with skin health and help in healing?"

Kai was amazed. "What about berries?" he asked, remembering the blueberries he had picked last summer.

"Ah, berries are powerful medicine," Grandma smiled. "They are full of antioxidants. These help fight off diseases and even boost our mood. For instance, blueberries can improve brain function and improve emotional health."

Kai thought about how these foods not only tasted good but also made them feel good. "And what makes these foods even more special, Kai, is how we respect the land and waters they come from, which teaches us to be grateful and live in harmony with nature," Grandma added.

As they sat down to eat, Kai felt a deeper connection to his culture and the natural wisdom passed down through generations. Every meal was a step towards physical and emotional well-being, a true lesson in holistic living.



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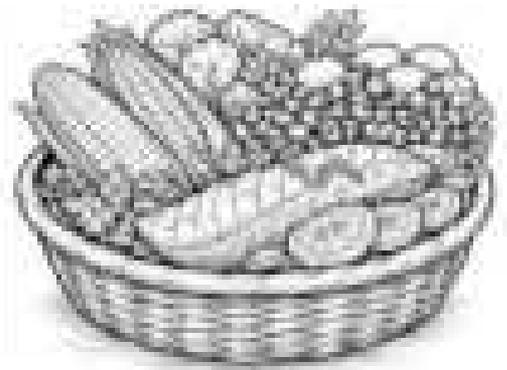
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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Fish is a staple in Kai's diet.	True	False
2) Salmon is low in omega-3 fatty acids.	True	False
3) Berries can enhance memory function.	True	False
4) Respecting the land is important to Kai.	True	False
5) Meals have no cultural significance.	True	False



Draw

Draw a meal you would share with your family, like Kai's foods.

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Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Why are the foods special, according to Kai's Grandma?

2) Describe how meals contribute to holistic living in Kai's culture.

Fact or Fiction: Cultural Influences on Eating Habits

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students develop critical thinking skills by examining how culture influences eating habits and by deciding whether statements about cultural food practices are facts or fiction.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Fact or Fiction cards
- A 'Fact' sign and a 'Fiction' sign, placed on the two sides of the room
- Designated areas in the classroom for the 'Fact' and 'Fiction' signs, allowing students to move to either side

FACT
OR
FICTION



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Your teacher will read statements. Pay close attention as each statement is read.
- 2) Consider carefully whether you think the statement is true or false.
- 3) If you decide the statement is true, walk to the 'Fact' side of the room.
- 4) If your guess is that it's not true, move to the 'Fiction' side of the room.
- 5) Stay on your chosen side and listen attentively for the correct answer to be revealed.
- 6) When the right answer is announced, return to your seat, ready for the next round.
- 7) Have fun getting up and moving!

Fact or Fiction

Read the statements to the class.

#	Statement	Answer
1	Bannock is a traditional bread commonly made by Métis and First Nations communities.	Fact
2	The Inuit diet traditionally includes lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.	Fiction
3	The Métis often incorporate wild game such as bison and deer into their diets.	Fact
4	Seal is an important part of the traditional Inuit diet.	Fact
5	First Nations people traditionally eat a lot of pasta and pizza.	Fiction
6	Many First Nations communities harvest and use wild rice in their traditional diets.	Fact
7	The Inuit traditionally eat a bread called frybread.	Fiction
8	Métis cuisine often incorporates wild berries.	Fact
9	Caribou is a significant part of the traditional Inuit diet.	Fact
10	First Nations people in coastal regions rely on seafood such as salmon and shellfish.	Fact
11	The traditional diet of the Métis includes lots of fruits, oranges and pineapples.	Fiction
12	The Inuit practice ice fishing to catch fish such as salmon.	Fact
13	First Nations diets do not include any plant-based foods.	Fiction
14	Moose and elk are commonly hunted and consumed by many First Nations communities.	Fact
15	The Métis have a traditional dish called pemmican, made from dried meat and fat.	Fact
16	The Inuit diet traditionally excludes any kind of meat.	Fiction
17	Many First Nations communities gather and use maple syrup in their cooking.	Fact
18	The Métis traditionally rely on rice as their primary staple food.	Fiction
19	Whale blubber, known as muktuk, is eaten by the Inuit for its high nutrient content.	Fact
20	First Nations people traditionally avoid eating fish and seafood.	Fiction

Unit Test**Personal Eating Practices**

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Mark	/
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<p>1. Which nutrient mainly supports long-lasting energy?</p> <p>a) Protein b) Vitamins c) Fats d) Minerals</p>	<p>2. Why do teenagers need more calories during growth spurts?</p> <p>a) They sleep less b) Their metabolism increases c) Food digests slower d) Muscles stop growing</p>
<p>3. Which nutrient and calcium work together to help bones grow properly?</p> <p>a) Protein b) Iron c) Vitamin D d) Fibre</p>	<p>4. Which food label detail shows how much food is recommended?</p> <p>a) Calories b) Ingredients c) Daily value d) Serving size</p>
<p>5. Why is the first ingredient on a food label important?</p> <p>a) It is used the most b) It is the healthiest c) It costs the most d) It has the most vitamins</p>	<p>6. Which nutrient repairs muscles after a workout?</p> <p>a) Carbohydrates b) Protein c) Fat d) Fibre</p>
<p>7. Why are omega-3 fatty acids important?</p> <p>a) They add sweetness b) They help digestion c) They reduce hunger d) They support brain and heart health</p>	<p>8. Which food is high in fibre?</p> <p>a) Caribou b) Salmon c) Berries d) Wild rice</p>
<p>9. Why do food ads often use bright colours?</p> <p>a) To show ingredients b) To increase cost c) To explain nutrition d) To attract attention</p>	<p>10. Which choice best shows smart response to food advertising?</p> <p>a) Reading nutrition information b) Buying what looks fun c) Ignoring all labels d) Choosing the biggest package</p>

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Meal Plan

Using what you learned about healthy eating, plan five small healthy meals for one day, including snacks between meals.

Short Answer

Answer the questions.

Mark

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1) Why are five small meals better than three large meals? Explain.

2) What is vegetarianism, and why do some people choose it?

3) Why are traditional foods often more nutritious than processed foods?

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Long Answer

List and describe 5 benefits of drinking plenty of water

Mark

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Instruction

Use the Nutrition Facts label to answer each question.

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Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 Bar (36g)
Servings Per Container 4

Amount Per Serving

Calories 170 Calories from Fat 90

Total Fat 5g 10% Daily Value*

Saturated Fat 4g 8%

Trans Fat 0g

Polyunsaturated Fat 0.5g

Monounsaturated Fat 1g

Cholesterol 10mg 20%

Sodium 30mg 6%

Total Carbohydrate 30g 6%

Dietary Fiber 4g 8%

Sugar 25g

Protein 3g

Vitamin A 10% • **Vitamin C** 20%

Calcium 10% • **Iron** 20%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets.

Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

	Dietary	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	3,000mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Sources per gram:

Fat 9 Carbohydrate 4 Protein 4

1) How many grams of fat are in one serving of this bar?

2) How many grams of saturated fat are in one serving of this bar?

3) How many grams of trans fat are in one serving of this bar?

4) How many grams of polyunsaturated fat are in one serving of this bar?

5) How many grams of monounsaturated fat are in one serving of this bar?

6) Which is higher: sugar or fibre?

7) Is this food a good source of vitamins?

8) Is this food a healthy everyday snack? Explain using two facts.

9) How many servings are in the whole container?

10) How many grams of protein does one serving provide?

11) How many milligrams of cholesterol are in one serving of this bar?

12) How many milligrams of sodium are in one serving of this bar?

13) How many grams of total carbohydrate are in one serving of this bar?

14) How many grams of dietary fiber are in one serving of this bar?

15) How many grams of sugar are in one serving of this bar?

16) How many grams of protein are in one serving of this bar?

17) How many milligrams of vitamin A are in one serving of this bar?

18) How many milligrams of vitamin C are in one serving of this bar?

19) How many milligrams of calcium are in one serving of this bar?

20) How many milligrams of iron are in one serving of this bar?

21) How many milligrams of potassium are in one serving of this bar?

22) How many milligrams of magnesium are in one serving of this bar?

23) How many milligrams of zinc are in one serving of this bar?

24) How many milligrams of phosphorus are in one serving of this bar?

25) How many milligrams of manganese are in one serving of this bar?

26) How many milligrams of copper are in one serving of this bar?

27) How many milligrams of selenium are in one serving of this bar?



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Grade 5 Health Unit

Puberty

	Curriculum Expectations	Pages
USC5.2a	Identify local, provincial, and national sources of information about puberty.	6-8, 28-30
USC5.2b	Discuss criteria that can be used to decide if a source is reliable.	28-30
USC5.2c	Identify and use correct and respectful language and terminology in relation to sexual anatomy and gender identity as it relates to changes of puberty.	9-30, 76-78
USC5.2d	Determine that puberty is a natural process that often occurs at different rates.	6-8, 13-20, 70, 74-78
USC5.2e	Describe physical changes, both expected and unexpected, that occur during puberty.	9-30, 33-44, 48
USC5.2f	Identify the signs and symptoms of puberty.	9
USC5.2g	Identify the signs and symptoms of puberty.	70
USC5.2h	Identify the signs and symptoms of puberty.	0-67
USC5.2i	Describe personal responsibilities and determine the increasing importance of balanced health practices associated with physical, social, spiritual, and emotional changes during puberty.	31-35, 52-59, 62-67
USC5.2j	Discuss with a significant and trusted adult the expected changes.	60-61, 71-73
APS.1a	Identify the elements of effective action plans, including what will be done, who will be involved, where it will take place, when it will take place, and why this action is being taken.	36-40
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APS.1c	Carry out, with guidance, the steps identified in the design of the action plan.	36-40
APS.1d	Reflect on if the goal was achieved in order to guide future application.	36-40

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Puberty

What is Puberty?

Puberty is the time when your body goes through a lot of changes, and you start to grow into an adult. It usually happens between the ages of 8 and 13 for girls and between the ages of 9 and 14 for boys. When your

body goes through puberty you will be able to

have children.

What is Puberty?

During puberty, your body produces hormones that make you grow taller, develop muscles, and change your voice. You will look more like an adult. In girls, the hormone

estrogen is responsible for the growth of breasts and widening of hips. In boys, the hormone

testosterone is responsible for the

growth of facial hair and deepening of the voice.

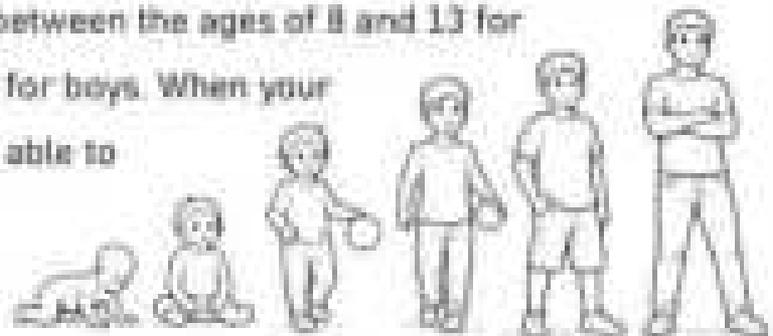
Everyone Goes Through Puberty

Everyone goes through puberty, but it happens at different times for each person. Some people start puberty earlier than others, and some start later. There is no right or wrong time to start puberty, it's just a natural part of growing up.

Social Problems Because of Puberty

These differences in physical development can also lead to teasing or bullying from other kids. For example, a girl who starts puberty earlier than her friends might feel self-conscious about her developing body, while a boy who starts puberty later than his peers may feel left out.

Everyone is different. We should be kind and respectful to each other, no matter where we are in our physical development.



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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Puberty always begins at the same age.	True	False
2) Girls and boys experience identical puberty changes.	True	False
3) Starting puberty later means something is wrong.	True	False
4) Estrogen is a hormone that causes puberty in girls.	True	False
5) Testosterone causes a person's hips to get wider.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Why does puberty start at different times for different people?

2) Why might puberty cause social problems?

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Word Search

Find the words in the wordsearch.

Puberty	Hormones
Estrogen	Testosterone
Muscles	Bones
Voice	Hair
Breasts	Hips
Emotions	Insecure

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Puberty Stages 1 & 2

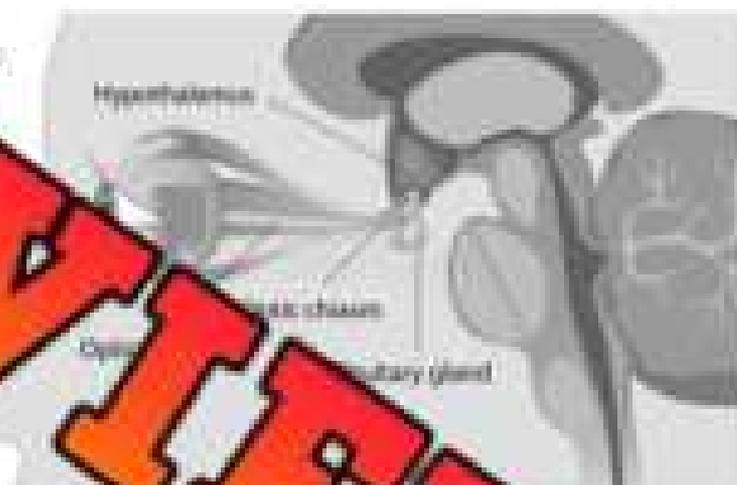
Puberty

Puberty is the name of the time when your body begins to develop and change as you change from being a child to being an adult capable of reproduction. Your body will start to fill out. For boys, your shoulders will get broader, and you will get more muscular. Girl's bodies tend to get curvier. Their hips get wider, and breasts develop. The changes that occur in puberty start before you can see anything happening on the outside.

The First Stage

Usually after a child's 10th birthday after a boy's 9th birthday, the brain sends signals to the body to begin puberty.

The hypothalamus, which is the main center for hormones, releases a hormone to the pituitary gland which starts to make other hormones.



The Second Stage

In the second stage, which begins between 9 and 11 physically, the first signs are:

The first signs for girls are:

- Buds start to form under the nipple of each breast. They may be itchy or tender, and one may be larger than the other which is normal.
- The darker area around the nipple called the areola will expand.
- The uterus begins to get larger and small amounts of pubic hair start to grow on the vulva.

For boys, development starts around age 11. Changes include:

- Testicles and skin around the testicles (scrotum) begin to get bigger.
- Early stages of pubic hair forms at the base of the penis.

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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) The first stage of puberty starts in your brain.	True	False
2) The first stage of puberty cannot be seen from the outside.	True	False
3) During puberty girls get wider shoulders.	True	False
4) The stages of puberty happen at the same time for everyone.	True	False
5) Boys will develop muscles during puberty.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Where are the hypothalamus and the pituitary gland located?

2) What role does the hypothalamus play in puberty?

Summarize

What happens to boys and girls in the first and second stages of puberty?

Puberty Stage 3

Puberty is a Long Process

The transition from being a child to being an adult is a process that takes as many as 5 years. During this process, called puberty, boys and girls become sexually mature and once their reproductive organs develop and mature, they can have children. Stage 1 and 2 of puberty usually last about 3 years, from the time the first hormone signal from the hypothalamus is released, until physical signs of puberty start to show.

The Teen

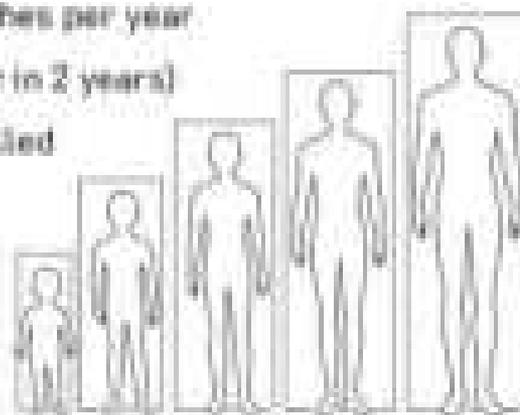
Stage 3 usually starts after age 12 and for boys after they turn 13. In stage 3 of puberty, teens usually grow 4 inches in height. Hormones are working throughout the body, causing it to change.

Physical Changes in Girls Include:

- Highest growth spurt begins from 2 to 3 inches per year
- First signs of acne may appear on face and back
- Voice change less noticeable than males
- Hips and thighs start to build up fat
- Breast development
- Pubic hair growth
- Hair under arms

Physical Changes in Boys Include:

- Height growth increases to between 2 and 3.2 inches per year
- Some breast tissue forms (this usually goes away in 2 years)
- Males begin to have ejaculations at night, also called wet dreams
- Penis gets longer as testicles grow bigger
- The voice begins to change
- Muscles get larger



Name: _____

Sort

Put an X under each gender if the description is a change they will experience in stage 3 of puberty

Development	Male	Female
1) Breast tissue develops.		
2) First signs of acne		
3) Voice will change.		
4) Highest growth spurt.		
5) Hair up		



Questions

Answer questions below.

1) What starts the process of puberty?

2) What is happening inside the body during puberty that represents the transition to adulthood?

Questioning

Write 2 questions you have about the reading

1)

2)

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Puberty Stage 4

The Fourth Stage

During the fourth stage of puberty both males and females notice lots more physical changes. In females Stage 4 usually starts at age 13, in males at age 14. Puberty is an individual process, so it is important to remember that everyone is different.

Puberty is a process everyone goes through. It will happen for everyone. You will have friends who start to change before you do, and you will have friends who start to change after you do. It can feel awkward and embarrassing to be the first one in your group of friends to experience the changes that happen with puberty. Remember to be kind and thoughtful to your friends. Be the friend that you would want to have when you are experiencing stress.

When we are growing up, we don't want to be like our friends. It can be embarrassing and stressful to be the first to experience puberty, but it can also be hard to be the last in the group. Remember that growing up is not in your control.



Physical Changes in Girls:

- Breasts take on a more rounded shape
- Height growth slows to about 3 inches per year
- Pubic hair gets thicker
- Many girls get their first menstruation somewhere between 12 and 14, but it can happen earlier and later.
- Voice change, but less noticeable than males.

Physical Changes in Males

- Armpit hair starts to grow
- Deeper voice becomes permanent
- Testicles, penis and scrotum get bigger, and scrotum gets darker in colour
- Acne may start to appear



True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Stage 4 of puberty brings more physical changes.	True	False
2) Boys usually go through stage 4 before girls.	True	False
3) Acne is one of the changes that many people get with puberty.	True	False
4) Everyone goes through puberty in their own time.	True	False
5) Girls' and boys' voices change during puberty.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Why is it stressful going through puberty?

2) Why might it be helpful to realize that you have some control but that everyone will experience it?

Reflection

What can you do if you have a friend who is changing at a different time than the rest of your group?

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____		Mark
Write two Stage 4 puberty changes for boys and girls.		
Boys		
Girls		

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Boys		
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Fact or Fiction: Hormones and Puberty

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will use a fact or fiction game to learn how hormones work during puberty, correct common myths, and practise thinking carefully about information related to growth, body changes, and health.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Fact or Fiction statements
- A 'Fact' sign and a 'Fiction' sign to distinguish the two sides of the room
- Designated areas in the classroom to form the 'Fact' and 'Fiction' signs, allowing students to move to either side



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Your teacher will read statements. Pay close attention as each statement is read.
- 2) Consider carefully whether you think the statement is true or false.
- 3) If you decide the statement is true, walk to the 'Fact' side of the room.
- 4) If your guess is that it's not true, move to the 'Fiction' side of the room.
- 5) Stay on your chosen side and listen attentively for the correct answer to be revealed.
- 6) When the right answer is announced, return to your seat, ready for the next round.
- 7) Have fun getting up and moving!

Fact or Fiction

Read the statements to the class:

#	Statement	Answer
1	Hormones are produced only in the brain.	Fiction
2	Testosterone is a hormone found only in boys.	Fiction
3	Hormones can affect your mood and emotions.	Fact
4	Puberty starts at the age of 13.	Fiction
5	Estrogen has a role to play in bone growth during puberty.	Fact
6	Every person has the same hormonal changes in puberty.	Fiction
7	Hormones are chemical messengers in the body.	Fact
8	Testosterone decreases during puberty.	Fiction
9	Growth spurts during puberty are due to hormones.	Fact
10	Hormones have no effect on skin changes during puberty.	Fiction
11	Estrogen and testosterone are the only hormones in the body.	Fiction
12	Hormones can influence how tall you will grow.	Fact
13	Hormones are only important during puberty.	Fiction
14	Hormones help develop muscle mass during puberty.	Fact
15	Boys produce estrogen too, just like girls produce testosterone.	Fact
16	Once puberty ends, hormone production stops.	Fiction
17	Hormones do not influence hair growth on the body.	Fiction
18	Sleeping patterns can be affected by hormonal changes.	Fact
19	Hormones have no role in emotional development.	Fiction
20	Increased sweating during puberty is due to hormonal changes.	Fact

**Quiz
Check-In**

This quiz will assess students' understanding of the concepts covered in the Fact or Fiction activity. Cut along the lines and give each section to a student.

Name: _____

Mark: _____

Is the statement true or false?

1) Testosterone is a hormone found only in boys.	True	False
2) Estrogen contributes to bone growth during puberty.	True	False
3) Every person experiences the same hormonal changes in puberty.	True	False
4) Estrogen and testosterone are the only hormones involved in puberty.	True	False
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Female Reproductive System

Female Reproductive System – Main Parts

Vulva - is the external part of the female reproductive organs. The vulva is located between the legs and covers the opening to the vagina and other reproductive organs inside the body.

Labia (which means lips) - are two pairs of skin flaps that surround the vagina.

Clitoris - a tiny organ located toward the front of the vulva where the folds of the labia meet.

Vagina - the muscular canal or tube that extends from the vaginal opening to the uterus. The vagina expands and contracts. It can expand to allow a baby to pass through it.

Fallopian Tubes - two long slender tubes that connect the ovaries to the uterus. Eggs pass through the fallopian tubes to the uterus. There is one ovary and one fallopian tube on each side of the uterus.

Ovaries - are two oval shaped organs located at the end of each fallopian tube.

The ovaries produce, store and release eggs into the fallopian tubes, in a process called ovulation.

Cervix - the cervix connects the vagina and the uterus. It is a narrow passage forming the lower end of the uterus.

Uterus - the uterus, which is also called the womb, is shaped like an upside-down pear. It is a muscular organ, where a fertilized egg will implant and where a baby grows.

Endometrium - is the layer of tissue that lines the uterus.



Sort

Mark an X under the correct column.

Questions	Inside	Outside
1) Is the uterus inside or outside the body?		
2) Is the clitoris inside or outside the body?		
3) Is the endometrium inside or outside the body?		
4) Are the labia inside or outside the body?		
5) Is the vagina inside or outside the body?		
6) Is the cervix inside or outside the body?		

Questions

Write your answers below.

1) Which female reproductive organs come in pairs?

2) What is the purpose of the fallopian tubes?

Two Truths and a Lie

Read each group. Tick ✓ the two true ones. Mark X the one lie.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fallopian tubes connect ovaries to the uterus.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The cervix is located above the fallopian tubes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ovaries release eggs during a process called ovulation.

<input type="checkbox"/>	The uterus lining is called the endometrium.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The vagina connects the uterus to the outside.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Each ovary is connected to two fallopian tubes.

True or False Is the statement true or false?

1) The cervix is the opening of the vagina.	True	False
2) The womb is another name for the vagina.	True	False
3) The ovaries release an egg once a month.	True	False
4) The uterus can expand and contract.	True	False
5) The endometrium is another name for menstruation.	True	False

Label _____ Using the Choices Below

Cervix	Uterus	Vagina	Fallopian Tubes
Endometrium	Ovaries		



Male Reproductive System

Male Reproductive System

Males have organs or genitals that are both inside and outside the pelvis. The male genitals include:

Testicles - two oval organs that produce sperm. The testicles are enclosed in the scrotum behind the penis. The testicles are part of the endocrine system because they make the hormone testosterone. Testosterone is the hormone that causes boys to develop deeper voices and body and facial hair.

Scrotum - a pouch containing the testicles.

Penis - the part of the male that has the shaft and the glans.

The main part of the penis is the shaft. The glans is the tip or head. The end of the glans has a small slit which is the opening end of the urethra. This is where urine and semen exit the body.

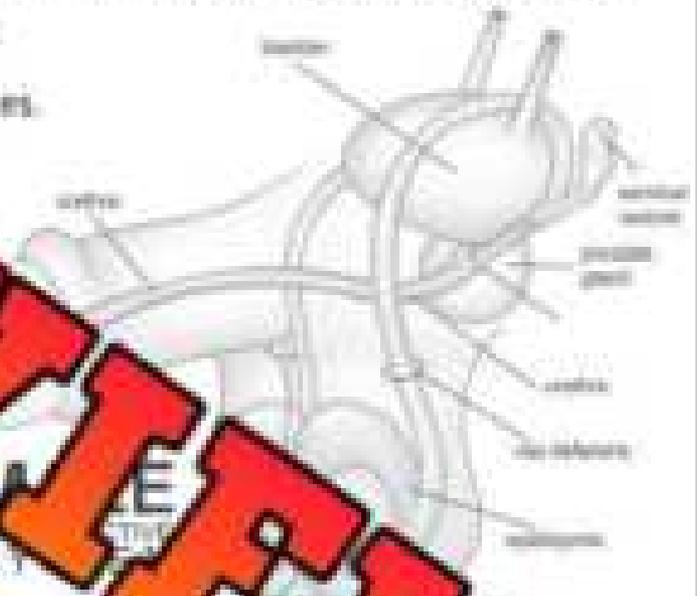
Prostate Gland - is located below the bladder. It produces the fluid that nourishes and transports sperm.

Seminal Vesicles - the two seminal vesicles are glands that produce fluid that will turn into semen. They may also be called seminal glands.

Epididymis - is a long, coiled tube on the back of each testicle that stores sperm and transports it from the testicles to the vas deferens.

Vas Deferens - are a pair of long muscular tubes connecting the epididymis to the urethra. Sperm travels from each testicle to the epididymis, where it is stored, then through the vas deferens to the urethra and out the glans of the penis.

Spermatogenesis - refers to the creation or genesis of sperm cells. Spermatogenesis occurs in the testicles.



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Male Reproductive System
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Sort

Mark an X under the correct column.

Questions	Inside	Outside
1) Is the urethra inside or outside the body?		
2) Is the scrotum inside or outside the body?		
3) Is the vas deferens inside or outside the body?		
4) Are the testicles inside or outside the body?		
5) Are the seminal vesicles inside or outside the body?		
6) Is the prostate inside or outside the body?		

Question

Answer questions below.

1) Which male reproductive organs are in pairs?

2) What is the purpose of the vas deferens?

Inference

Do males or females have more testosterone? How do you think testosterone affects male and female genders?

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) The vas deferens are tubes that carry sperm.	True	False
2) The scrotum is the sack that stores urine.	True	False
3) The testicles produce sperm.	True	False
4) The testicles produce testosterone.	True	False
5) The male reproductive organs are all outside the body.	True	False

Label

Using the Choices Below

Prostate Gland	Seminal Vesicle	Epididymis	Vas Deferens
Penis		Bladder	Testicle



Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Draw a line from each body part to its correct description.

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Epididymis <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tube that carries urine and semen out of the body
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Hygiene During Puberty

Acne During Puberty

Acne is caused by overactive oil glands in the skin. A buildup of oil, dead skin cells and bacteria causes swelling and redness in the pores. During puberty, oil glands are stimulated by hormones. Acne often runs in families, so if you have family members who have or had acne, you are more likely to have it.

How to Prevent Acne

There is no way to prevent acne, but keeping your skin very clean will help. Wash your face with soap and warm water, to remove excess oil and dead skin cells. Be sure to wash after exercise, because sweat can clog pores. Shaving often makes them worse, because you are pushing the bacteria deeper into your pores. If you wash your face too often, however, it can dry your skin and cause irritation, which is also making it worse.



Oily Hair

The hormones that cause acne, also can cause excess oil on the scalp. Washing your hair everyday, or every other day, will help prevent your hair from getting greasy.

Body Odour in Puberty

The sweat glands you have always had, become more active during puberty. During puberty, your sweat glands secrete additional chemicals, that have a stronger odour. You may notice your underarms, genitals, and feet may have an odour.

You can help avoid having body odour by showering or bathing everyday and wearing clean clothing. Cotton underwear and socks absorb sweat better than polyester. You can use products that help with underarm sweat. Deodorants cover the smell of underarm sweat. Antiperspirants stop or dry up sweat.



True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Hormones are a cause of acne during puberty.	True	False
2) Acne sometimes runs in a family.	True	False
3) Washing your face can help control acne.	True	False
4) Smelly feet is a side effect of puberty.	True	False
5) Deodorants stop sweat.	True	False



Questions Write the questions below.

1) Why do you get acne breakouts?

2) What can you do to avoid having body odor?

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Questioning

Write 3 questions you have about the reading.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Assignment - Hygiene Product Advertisement

Create an advertisement for a hygiene product that you will sell to people dealing with changes to their bodies due to puberty. Your advertisement sold online, on various social media websites.

Outline

Answer the questions to plan your advertisement.

1) What hygiene issue will your product help with?

2) What is your product's price?

3) What is the name of your product?

4) Who is your target audience? (Who are you selling to? Who are your competitors?)
Think – age, hobbies or interests, gender.

5) What type of advertisement would your audience respond well to? Humorous, serious, informative, feature a celebrity, sentimental, appeal to feelings.

6) Think of a slogan you can put on your advertisement. This will be your headline.

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Outline

Answer the questions to plan your advertisement.

7) Advertisement copy – the main text that goes with the advertisement. The ad copy gives more information about the product. It might include:

- Price
- Why customers need it
- Why it is better than other similar products
- Where they can buy it
- Testimonials – reviews from users who have purchased the product

Price

Why Customers
Need ItWhy It Is Better
Than The OthersWhere They Can
Buy It

Testimonials

8) Write the advertisement copy below in paragraph form. You have 10 minutes.

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Advertising Campaign
Worksheet 2

Outline

Answer the questions to plan your advertisement.

9) Draw a rough copy of the advertisement below. Write the copy in the space provided.

Name of Company: _____

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Shop Now

Check it out at www._____.com

Headline: _____

Activity – My Week of Healthy Body Care

Objective

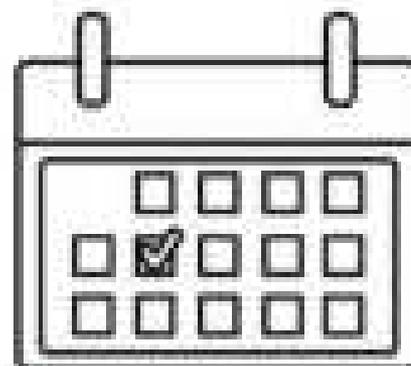
What are we learning about?

Students will learn to practise daily personal hygiene during puberty by planning and completing healthy body care routines and reflecting on how these habits support health, comfort, and confidence.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Weekly Body Care Plan (one per five-day template)
- Body care products (shampoo, deodorant, clean clothes, dental floss)
- Reflection journal or notebook



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) **Introduction:** Begin with a class discussion about body changes during puberty and why daily body care becomes more important during this time.
- 2) **Plan the Week:** Students create a five-day body care plan for themselves, listing hygiene tasks such as showering, using deodorant, brushing teeth, and wearing clean clothes.
- 3) **Daily Practice:** Each day, students follow their plan at home and check off the tasks they completed.
- 4) **Daily Check-In:** At the end of each day, students briefly reflect on how they felt after completing their body care routine (comfortable, confident, refreshed).
- 5) **End-of-Week Reflection:** At the end of the week, students reflect on their experience by answering questions.

Reference	Body care routines during puberty
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Hygiene Area	Girls – Personal Hygiene	Boys – Personal Hygiene
Showering	Shower regularly to remove sweat and body odour.	Shower regularly to remove sweat and body odour.
Deodorant	Apply deodorant daily to control underarm smell.	Apply deodorant daily to control underarm smell.
Hair Wash	Wash hair when it becomes oily or sweaty.	Wash hair when it becomes oily or sweaty.
Face Washing	Wash face daily to reduce oil and acne.	Wash face daily to reduce oil and acne.
Clothing	Change underwear, socks, and clothes daily.	Change underwear, socks, and clothes daily.
Menstrual Hygiene	Change tampons regularly and discard properly.	Not applicable.
Genital Washing	Wash external genitalia with water daily.	Wash penis and scrotum with water daily.
After Sports Care	Shower and change clothes after physical activity.	Shower and change clothes after physical activity.
Dental Care	Brush teeth twice daily and floss.	Brush teeth twice daily and floss.
Foot Care	Wash feet daily and change socks.	Wash feet daily and change socks.
Nail Care	Keep fingernails clean and trimmed.	Keep fingernails clean and trimmed.
Shaving (if needed)	Some may shave underarms if they choose.	Some may shave facial hair if it starts growing.
Laundry Habits	Put worn clothes in laundry after use.	Put worn clothes in laundry after use.
Sleep Hygiene	Change pyjamas regularly and keep bedding clean.	Change pyjamas regularly and keep bedding clean.
Hand Washing	Wash hands after washroom and before eating.	Wash hands after washroom and before eating.

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Weekly Body Care Planner

Monday

Morning Body Care

Daytime Body Care

Evening Body Care

Notes: _____

Tuesday

Morning Body Care

Daytime Body Care

Evening Body Care

Notes: _____

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Weekly Body Care Planner

Wednesday

Morning Body Care	Daytime Body Care	Evening Body Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes: _____

Thursday

Morning Body Care	Daytime Body Care	Evening Body Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Friday

Morning Body Care	Daytime Body Care	Evening Body Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes: _____ _____		

Reflection

Answer the questions below.

1) Which body care habit was easiest to keep?

2) Which habit was hardest?

3) How did daily body care affect how I felt about myself?

PREVIEW

Menstruation and Ovulation

Understanding the Menstrual Cycle

The menstrual cycle is a key part of a woman's reproductive system, preparing her body for pregnancy every month. Let's explore the two main processes in this cycle: menstruation and ovulation.

Menstruation: Monthly Reset

Menstruation is the first phase of the menstrual cycle. It starts when there is no fertilized egg to implant in the uterus. This phase involves the shedding of the uterine lining, which is made up of blood and tissue, through the vagina.

This usually lasts between 3 and 7 days.

Key Points:

- **Start of Cycle:** It marks the beginning of the menstrual cycle.
- **Preparation for New Cycle:** The body cleans out the old lining, making way for a new one.

Ovulation: Releasing the Egg

About halfway through the cycle, ovulation occurs.

This is when an ovary releases an egg. This egg then travels down the fallopian tube, where it might meet sperm and become fertilized.

Key Points:

- **Timing:** Ovulation usually happens on the 14th day of a 28-day cycle.
- **Fertility Window:** This is the best time for the egg to be fertilized, making it crucial for pregnancy.



Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What is menstruation?

2) Why is timing of ovulation important for pregnancy?

Calendar

Label the menstrual cycle with menstruation and ovulation period.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

Completion

Identify the word to make each statement complete.

1) Menstruation lasts for _____ to _____ days.	2 to 5	3 to 7
2) The menstrual cycle prepares for _____.	pregnancy	ovulation
3) During ovulation, _____ releases an egg.	uterus	ovary
4) After releasing an egg, it will travel to the _____.	vagina	fallopian tube
5) Ovulation usually happens on the _____ day of the cycle.	28 th	14 th

Activity – The Journey of An Egg

Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Review the steps of the menstrual cycle.
2. Using the provided drawing paper, divide it into 5 equal sections.
3. In each section, draw what happens during each step of the cycle.
4. Label each section with the name of the phase.
5. Use color to differentiate between phases, such as red for menstruation and blue for ovulation.

Step	Description
1	Menstruation: The cycle begins with menstruation, which is the shedding of the uterine lining. This typically lasts for 3 to 7 days.
2	Follicular Phase: After menstruation ends, the follicular phase begins. The ovaries prepare eggs for release. Hormones signal the ovaries to prepare one dominant egg in a process called follicular development.
3	Ovulation: Around day 14 of a typical 28-day cycle, an egg is released from the ovary into the fallopian tube. This is known as ovulation.
4	Journey Through the Fallopian Tube: The egg travels through the fallopian tube towards the uterus. This journey can take about 24 hours. If sperm are present and fertilization occurs, the egg will combine with a sperm cell to form an embryo.
5	Luteal Phase: If the egg is not fertilized, it disintegrates. Meanwhile, the uterus prepares for a potential pregnancy by thickening its lining. If fertilization does not occur, this phase ends with the shedding of the uterine lining, and a new cycle begins.
6	Restart Cycle: If no pregnancy occurs, the cycle restarts with menstruation.

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1	2
3	4
5	6

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The Journey of Sperm Cells

Where Sperm Are Made

Sperm production begins in the **testes**, which are found inside the **scrotum**. The testes are part of the male reproductive system and also make **testosterone**. This hormone supports changes during puberty, such as deeper voices and increased muscle growth. Inside each testis are **lobules** where **sperm cells** begin forming after puberty and continue to be made every day.

How Sperm Develop

After sperm are made, they move to the **epididymis**, a long, coiled tube that holds the sperm. This is where sperm mature and learn to swim. Sperm take about 72 days to fully mature. During this time, they become stronger and learn to move through the body.

The Journey Through the Body

When ejaculation occurs, sperm travel from the epididymis through the **vas deferens**. As they move, fluids are added from the **seminal vesicles** and **prostate gland**. These fluids mix with sperm to form **semen**, which protects sperm and provides energy.

- Seminal vesicles add sugar that gives sperm energy
- The prostate gland adds fluid that helps sperm move
- Semen helps sperm survive outside the body

One ejaculation can release 200-300 million sperm, but many do not survive for long.

Reaching the Egg

The purpose of sperm is **fertilization**. This usually happens in the **fallopian tube** of the female reproductive system. Even though millions of sperm are released, only **one sperm** can fertilize an egg. Most sperm do not reach this stage.



Short Answer

Answer the questions below.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1) What hormone is made by the testes? | |
| 2) Where do sperm mature after being created? | |
| 3) How long does sperm maturation usually take? | |
| 4) What tube carries sperm during ejaculation? | |
| 5) What fluid mixes with sperm to form semen? | |
| 6) What usually happens? | |

Question

Describe the path sperm take after being produced.

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Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below.

Word Bank	
Sperm	Swim
Scrotum	Fluid
Fertilize	Testes
Epididymis	Egg
Ejaculation	Cell

Scrambled	Unscramble
WISM	
USOMCTR	
GEG	
IFTEZLREI	
UIFDL	

Scrambled	Unscramble
OMIESPIDI	
LECL	
SRMEP	
SESETT	
ATEICJNUAL	

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark:

Put the journey of sperm cells in the correct order. Number 1-6.

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Activity – Sperm Race

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will learn about the journey of sperm through the male and female reproductive systems in a fun and interactive way.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Balloons or small weight balls (to represent sperm cells)
- Tape to create lanes and obstacles
- Simple obstacles (like chairs or pillows) to represent different parts of the reproductive system



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Each team will receive a balloon (or ball) at the starting line.
2. On the teacher's signal, the first student from each team will pass their "sperm" (balloon/ball) to the first obstacle.
3. Navigate the sperm through the obstacles representing the male and female reproductive systems (e.g., moving around chairs or over pillows).
4. Once the first student completes their section, they pass the sperm to the next team member.
5. Continue until all team members have completed their part of the journey.
6. The first team to cross the finish line with their sperm intact wins.
7. Discuss the various stages and challenges encountered during the race.

Reflection

Answer the questions below.

1) How do you think this activity compares to the real journey of a sperm?

2) Why do you think it's important for sperm to move through so many obstacles?

3) What did you find most interesting about sperm move and what challenges they face?

4) Draw the journey of a sperm.

PREVIEW

Social and Emotional Changes

Social and Emotional Change During Puberty

Puberty is a time when young people experience lots of changes to their bodies. The hormones that cause the physical changes during puberty also affect your moods and the way you feel.

Often during this time young people want to be more independent. As children become teenagers they usually begin spending more time with peers and less time with family. Although it is natural to want to spend time with peers, it is important to maintain a strong relationship with family as they can be an important support.

Young children usually spend more time together doing activities, as they grow up teens spend more time talking about their thoughts and feelings. Peer groups of teenagers are more often mixed gender. It is common to have strong feelings towards one of your peers.

Social and Emotional Changes

During puberty you may have some of the following changes:

- Mood swings
- Stronger feelings about wanting to be liked and accepted
- Sometimes feeling lonely and confused
- More concerned about your appearance
- Friendships become more important
- Wanting more independence
- Sexual thoughts and feelings
- Interest in dating
- Thinking about the future

Not everyone experiences all these changes. The physical changes during puberty are individual and happen in their own time. The social and emotional changes are also unique to each person.



Sort

Mark an X under the correct column.

Questions	Children	Teens
1) Which group spends more time with family?		
2) Which group spends more time talking about feelings?		
3) Which group spends more time with people of their own gender?		
4) Which group wants more independence?		
5) Which group is more concerned about fitting in with friends?		
6) Which group is more likely to think about the future?		

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What are some of the physical and social changes that you may experience in puberty?

2) What are some of the emotional changes you experience in puberty?

Summarize

What is the main idea of the reading and supporting details?

Interview: Emotions During Puberty

Student: Hi, thanks for talking with me. Why do emotions change during puberty?

Counsellor: During puberty, hormones increase quickly and affect the brain areas that control emotions and decision-making. This can make feelings stronger and harder to control, even when nothing big has happened.

Student: Why do some kids get angry or argue more with adults?

Counsellor: As the brain develops, young people begin thinking more independently. This can lead to questioning rules, pushing limits, or wanting more control, which may cause arguments with parents or teachers.

Student: Why do some kids sometimes rebel or break rules?

Counsellor: Yes, sometimes it happens because students are learning who they are and testing boundaries. It's not necessarily bad; it means their thinking is changing, but self-control is still developing.

Student: Why do friends matter so much now?

Counsellor: During puberty, many people become more focused on peer approval. Feeling accepted and understood becomes very important, sometimes even more important than adult approval.



Student: Why do moods change so fast?

Counsellor: Hormones affect how the brain handles emotions. This can cause mood swings, where feelings change quickly from happy to sad or angry.

Student: Can this make someone feel lonely or confused?

Counsellor: Yes. Even with friends, students may feel misunderstood or like they don't fit in. These feelings are common during emotional growth.

Student: What happens if emotions are ignored?

Counsellor: Ignoring strong emotions can lead to stress, poor choices, or outbursts. Talking about feelings helps the brain calm down and think more clearly.

Student: What actually helps when emotions feel overwhelming?

Counsellor: Physical activity, sleep, routines, and talking with trusted adults help the brain manage emotions better.

Student: Will these emotional changes last forever?

Counsellor: No. As the brain matures, emotions become easier to manage, and decision-making improves.

Student: Thank you for explaining this.

Name: _____

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Emotions: Emotions
during puberty

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What kind of emotional changes can you expect during puberty?

2) What can you do to have stronger feelings during puberty?

Diagram

Draw a picture of a strategy you can use to help feel more in control of your emotions.

Questioning

Write 2 questions you would ask the counsellor about emotions during puberty.

1)

2)

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Activity – Stronger Emotions – Identify Emotions

Read the following scenarios and identify how you think the person is feeling. You can list more than one feeling if you think they have several feelings.

1)	You have to give your speech in front of the class that day.	
2)	You lost your dog.	
3)	Your brother and you had a big argument.	
4)	You do not know how to use a phone?	
5)	Your best friend is going to be meeting new people that they need to know.	
6)	You fell in front of everyone in the gym and they laughed.	
7)	Your parents will not let you go to the lake with your group of friends.	
8)	Your grandfather is in the hospital and is very sick.	
9)	You were chosen for the lead in the class play.	

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Your Turn

Write your own scenarios and the feelings the person may have.

1)		
2)		
3)		

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Mark

2 Truths and a Lie - Can you find the one that's not true?

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Activity – Exploring Emotions

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students understand different emotions, recognize what triggers these feelings, and explore effective ways to communicate their emotions to others.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Emotions: List six different emotions (e.g., happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, and disgust)
- Writing paper
- Flip chart or board



Instructions

How will you do this activity?

- 1) **Introduction:** Start by discussing the importance of recognizing and expressing emotions effectively. Explain each of the six emotions to be covered.
- 2) **Filling Out Templates:** Students will work in pairs or small groups. For each emotion listed.
- 3) **Identify Triggers:** Students write down what types of situations trigger this emotion. They should consider personal experience and common situations.
- 4) **Communication Techniques:** Students describe how they express this emotion, through words, facial expressions, or body language, and jot down strategies for communicating these feelings positively to others.
- 5) **Group Discussion:** After completing the templates, facilitate a class discussion. Encourage students to share their thoughts on different triggers and their methods for expressing and communicating emotions. Highlight the diversity in emotional responses and strategies.
- 6) **Reflection and Empathy Building:** Conclude the activity by reflecting on how understanding and communicating about emotions can improve interpersonal relationships. Discuss the importance of being empathetic towards how others feel.



Happiness – It is a wonderful feeling that everyone experiences from time to time. It's like the warm, sunny feeling you get inside when something really good happens, or when you're doing something you enjoy.

What triggers this emotion in you?

How do I communicate this emotion?

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Sadness – It's the feeling you might get when something doesn't go the way you need it to, when you miss something important, or when you miss someone.

What triggers this emotion in you?

How do I communicate this emotion?



Surprise - It is an emotion that pops up when something unexpected happens. It can be a sudden and often quick feeling that catches you off guard, whether the surprise is pleasant or not.

What triggers this emotion in you?

How do I communicate this emotion?



Disgust - An emotion that you feel when something is unpleasant, unappealing or offensive. This could be in response to something you have seen or something you can think about.

What triggers this emotion in you?

How do I communicate this emotion?

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Anger - Anger is a strong feeling that everyone experiences from time to time. It's how you might feel when something unfair happens, when someone breaks a rule, or when something doesn't go your way.

What triggers this emotion?

How do I communicate this emotion?



Fear - It's what you might feel when you're in a situation that seems dangerous or when you face something unknown. For example, you're trying something new like riding a bike for the first time, or when you hear a scary story.

What triggers this emotion?

How do I communicate this emotion?

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Crushes

What is A Crush?

A **romantic crush** is when you have strong feelings of liking or loving someone.

Who is Your Crush?

Who do people typically have crushes on? A crush is:

- someone you know or have seen but are not in a romantic relationship with yet.
- someone of a different age from you.
- someone of a different gender from you or the same gender.
- a crush can turn into a relationship and sometimes a crush becomes a relationship.

Having a crush is a part of growing up and learning about relationships. Remember that your crush may have feelings too. If you have a crush, you need to understand and respect the other person's feelings.

Should You Tell Anyone You Have A Crush?

If you tell a friend, there is the risk that they will tell someone else. People often find it difficult to keep a secret about a crush. If you do not want your crush to know how you feel, be careful about telling friends. Some people like to tease people about their crush.

Should You Act On A Crush?

Young people are still developing emotionally and may not be ready for the consequences of acting on a crush. It is best for you to focus on building friendships and getting to know the person you have a crush on, before considering any kind of romantic relationship. It is always a good idea to talk to a trusted adult or counsellor if you have questions or concerns.



True or False

Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?

1) A crush is a 2-person relationship.	T	F
2) Some crushes last only a short amount of time.	T	F
3) There are no risks in talking openly about your crush.	T	F
4) When you tell someone you have a crush on them, they will like you back.	T	F
5) A crush is not a relationship.	T	F

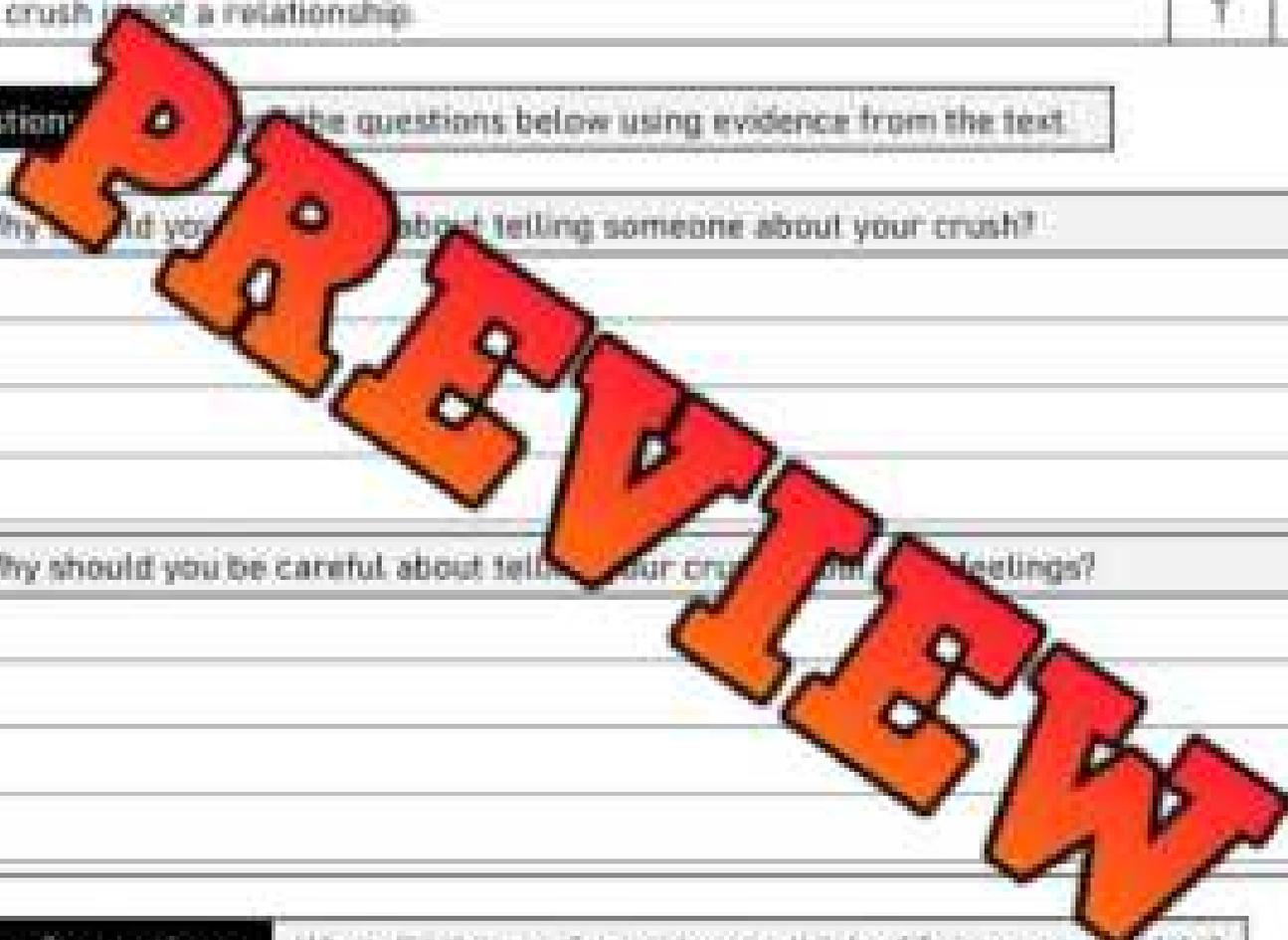
Question: Answer the questions below using evidence from the text.

1) Why did you _____ about telling someone about your crush?

2) Why should you be careful about telling _____ your crush _____ feelings?

Making Connections

What did the reading make you think of from your own life?



Role Play – Managing Puberty

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will explore the social, emotional, spiritual, and physical changes of puberty by acting out real-life situations. They will practise healthy strategies, learn about personal responsibilities, and understand the importance of talking with a trusted adult during this stage of life.

Materials

What will we need for our activity?

- Scenario cards (different situations) (provided)
- Props or costumes (optional)
- Timer or stopwatch



Instructions

How will we complete it?

1. Divide the class into small groups of 3 to 4 students.
2. Provide each group with a scenario card that is related to the topic being studied.
3. Give out roles to each student in the group, assigning the roles within the scenario, or let them decide and take roles.
4. If available, distribute props or costumes that may help students embrace their roles more effectively.
5. Set the timer to allocate a specific amount of time for the groups to discuss and act out their scenarios.
6. Allow each group to present their role-play to the class.
7. After all groups have presented, initiate a class discussion to reflect on the different approaches and outcomes observed during the role-plays.
8. Distribute reflection sheets for students to express what they learned and felt during the activity.

Criteria Use the criteria below to complete the activity.

Criteria	Description
Creativity	Show imagination and effort. Make your character believable through actions, expressions, and reactions.
Voice	Speak clearly and at an appropriate volume. Use a voice that matches your character and the situation.
Movement	Use body movements and actions that match what your character is doing in the scene.
Staying in Character	Stay in character from start to finish, even when the scene feels boring or funny.
Teamwork	Work cooperatively with your group. Share ideas, listen to others, and help one another.

Scenario Cards

Scenario	
1	<p>Voice Changes</p> <p>Lucas is reading aloud in class. His voice suddenly cracks and jumps in pitch. Ben laughs loudly and repeats the cracked sound, drawing attention from nearby students. Lucas's voice cracks a second time, and his words come out in a stutter. Mr. Patel pauses the lesson and asks Lucas to continue with the reading. Ben continues smirking. Lucas lowers his head, speaking softly as he finishes the paragraph, aware of every sound his voice makes.</p>
2	<p>Menstruation</p> <p>Sofia feels sharp cramps during math class and realizes she is bleeding through her clothes. Emma notices Sofia freeze and whisper for help. Emma walks with Sofia to the office while Sofia keeps her jacket tied around her waist. The office secretary quietly gives Sofia a pad and directs her to the washroom. Sofia struggles to manage the pad while checking her clothes repeatedly, aware of how exposed and unprepared she feels.</p>

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
3 Acne	Hannah notices new acne spreading across her cheeks during morning routine and tries to cover it with her hair. In class, Zoe points it out during group work, speaking louder than needed. Hannah avoids eye contact and turns her face away. Later, Mr. Singh discusses skin changes during PE, mentioning oil glands and clogged pores. Hannah listens closely, touching her face, becoming more aware of how visible the change feels.
4 Body Odour	Aisha notices strong body odour coming from her clothes. Jordan makes a loud comment about the smell while changing, causing others to look around. Aisha quickly pulls her arms pressed against her sides. Aisha quietly moves to the back of the line, suggesting leaving the change room. For the rest of the afternoon, Aisha keeps her head down, replaying Jordan's comment in her head.
5 Feeling Taller Than Friends	Marcus notices he is taller than his friends while lining up at recess. Leo jokes that Marcus should play basketball because of his height. Marcus slouches slightly, trying not to stand out. The PE teacher monitors and reorganizes teams, placing Marcus near older students. Marcus hesitates, looking down at his hands and adjusting his stance while waiting for the game to start.
6 Body Hair	Aaliyah notices thick hair growing under her arms while changing for school and immediately pulls on a long-sleeved shirt. At school, Priya asks why Aaliyah never wears short sleeves anymore. Aaliyah shrugs and avoids answering. During art class, Ms. Thompson introduces a project showing how bodies change over time. Aaliyah studies the images closely, pulling her sleeves down further while watching how other students react.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
7 Erections	<p>Ethan realizes he has an erection while sitting in class and stiffens immediately. He pulls his hoodie lower and shifts carefully in his seat. Marcus notices and whispers a joke, smirking. Ethan keeps his eyes fixed on his desk, heart racing. The substitute teacher calls out Marcus for talking and tells the class to focus. Ethan stays tense, carefully keeping his body still until the bell rings.</p>
8 Breast Development	<p>Nina becomes aware of soreness in her chest while reaching for her backpack. She hugs her arms tightly as Nina glances at her and asks why she looks uncomfortable. Isabella avoids answering and shifts her posture. During science class, the teacher explains that bodies grow at different rates during puberty. Nina adjusts her sweater while watching how others sit and move around the room.</p>
9 Crush / Attraction	<p>Leila feels her heart race when Samira enters the classroom. She becomes quiet and stares at her notebook. Samira notices and teases her softly, watching Leila's reaction. Leila changes seats, keeping space between herself and Samira. She keeps glancing up, then quickly looking away, unsure how to act around someone she feels drawn to.</p>
10 Sweating More Than Before	<p>During science class, Jaden notices sweat soaking through the back of his shirt even though he is sitting still. He shifts in his seat and avoids raising his hand. Chris leans over and asks why Jaden keeps fanning himself. Malik opens a window nearby, and Jaden quickly moves his chair closer, hoping to cool down. As students line up to leave, Jaden stays behind, checking his shirt and adjusting his backpack straps to hide the sweat marks.</p>

Rubric

How did you do on the activity?

Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points
Creativity	Very little effort shown	Some effort, limited detail	Creative and thoughtful	Highly creative and engaging
Voice	Difficult to hear or unclear	Sometimes clear	Clear and appropriate	Always clear, expressive, and confident
Movements	Movements did not match	Some matching movements	Movements matched well	Movements were purposeful and effective
Stay in Role	Often out of character	Sometimes in character	Mostly stayed in character	Stayed in character throughout
Teamwork	Did not work well with group	Worked with group	Worked well with group	Excellent cooperation and support

Teacher Comments

	Mark

Student Comments - What Could You Do Better?

Who am I?

Where Do We Get Our Self-Concept?

When we are children, we tend to describe ourselves just in terms of what we look like. As we move into puberty, and our teenage years, we can define ourselves by our values, thoughts and opinions.

A person's self-concept, mental health and well-being, can be affected by several internal, and external factors. Together, internal and external factors, shape who you are, and help you understand who you are.

Internal factors come from within yourself. They include:

- being open to trying new things with confidence
- having clear goals and priorities
- having a sense of direction
- having high expectations for yourself
- having a strong sense of cultural identity
- having the skills you need to solve problems
- being able to arrive at and sustain a clear sense of values
- feeling that you have the right – and the ability – to make things better.



External factors affect us from outside of our bodies. They include:

- Media and peer pressure
- having a safe place to live
- having support from friends, family, and caring adults
- being involved in activities that make you feel proud of what you've accomplished

Often people interpret peer pressure as being a negative thing. However, if we choose our friends carefully, it can be the most positive influence in our life. If we choose friends who try to do their best, who are kind, and who try to be helpful, we are more likely to do the same. Friends who have the same interests and have good values, can help us develop into the best version of ourselves. Their positive peer pressure will improve our lives.

Name: _____

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Our self-concept is how other see us.	True	False
2) Our peers are a negative influence on us.	True	False
3) Being optimistic helps our well-being.	True	False
4) Having high expectation of ourselves sets us up for failure.	True	False
5) As we get older our opinions are part of our self-concept.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Write down 5 things you have accomplished in your life?

2) Describe a time that you were able to do something.

Reflect

Write your self-concept statement. Define yourself by explaining your values, behaviours, and unique characteristics. Ex. I am a good friend. I am athletic...

Name: _____

Activity

Fill in the blanks below

5 things that make me who I am

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

Ways I am changing as I grow

Things I like about myself during puberty

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

Support I have while I am growing

Things I am grateful for during puberty

What I like about my body as it grows

1)

2)

3)

What I like about my personality as I grow

1)

2)

3)

PREVIEW

Coming of Age Rituals

Coming of Age Rituals

Many cultures around the world have unique rituals or ceremonies to mark the transition from childhood to adulthood, often tied to the onset of puberty. Here are a few examples:

- Bar/Bat Mitzvah:** When Jewish boys reach 13 and girls reach 12 or 13 (depending on the community), they celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, respectively. This ceremony marks the age of religious responsibility to observe the commandments of the Torah.
- Quinceañera:** In Latin American cultures, a girl's 15th birthday is celebrated as a significant milestone, marking the transition from childhood to adulthood. The celebration includes a religious ceremony, often a Mass, followed by a party with food, music, and dancing.
- Rumspringa (Amish tradition):** In the Amish community, adolescents around the age of 14 to 16 enter a period known as Rumspringa. During this time, they are allowed to explore the English (non-Amish) world. At the end, they must decide whether to leave the Amish community or be baptized and remain in it.
- Inuit Coming of Age Tradition:** In North Baffin Island, Inuit boys between the ages of 11 and 12 have gone out to the wilderness with their fathers to test their hunting skills and get used to the harsh arctic weather. Nowadays, this tradition has been extended to young girls as well. "Out camps" are established away from the community for traditional skills to be passed down and practised by the young men and women.



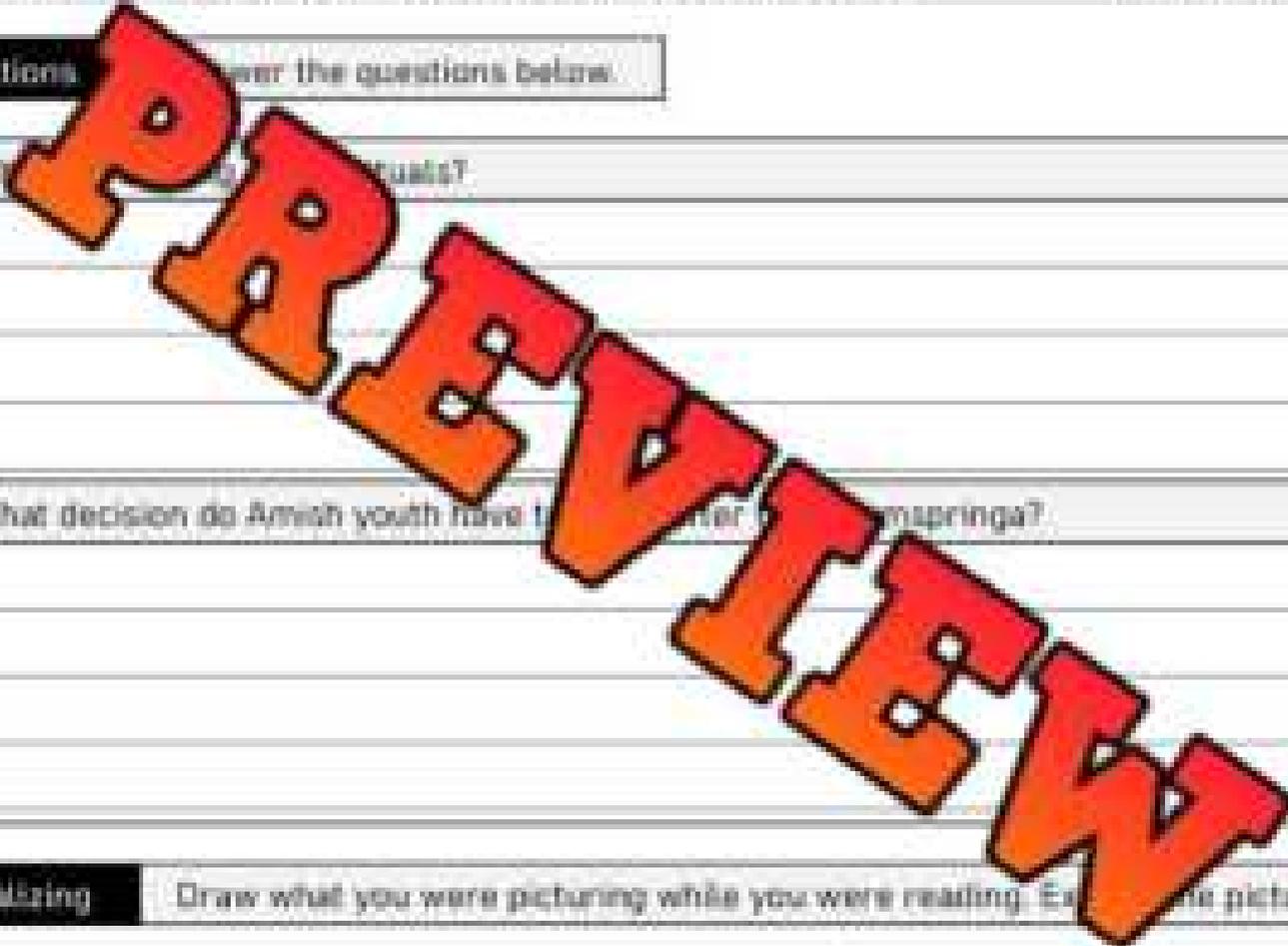
True or False Is the statement true or false?

1) Coming of age rituals celebrate the transition from child to adult.	True	False
2) Quinceañera is when a girl turns 16 in Latin America.	True	False
3) Rumspringa is an American tradition.	True	False
4) The Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a Jewish tradition.	True	False
5) The Inuit tradition focuses on passing down skills to children.	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below.

1) What are some rituals?

2) What decision do Amish youth have to make after Rumspringa?



Visualizing Draw what you were picturing while you were reading. Explain the picture.

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Memory Game – Puberty Vocabulary

Objective What are we learning about?

Students will match puberty-related vocabulary words with simple, respectful definitions to build understanding of body changes and practise using correct health language.

Materials What do you need for the activity?

- Set of Memory Game cards for each group (provided)
- A small table or clear floor space



Instructions How will you complete the activity?

1. Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4. Give each group a set of Memory Game cards. (Provided)
2. Have each group lay all the cards face down in a grid on the table.
3. The students take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find a matching term and its definition.
4. If a student finds a match, they remove those cards from the grid and keep them.
5. If the cards do not match, they are turned back over, and the next student takes a turn.
6. The game continues until all the cards have been matched.
7. After the game, review the terms and definitions with the class.
8. Discuss why these terms are important to understand and how they relate to the topic.

Name: _____

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Cards

Memory Game Cards

Puberty

A time when the body changes and begins to grow into adulthood.

A period when the body grows taller very quickly in a short time.

Acne

Small bumps that appear when the skin produces more oil.

Menstruation

Monthly bleeding that happens when the body prepares for pregnancy.

Testosterone

A hormone that supports muscle growth, voice change and body hair.

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Estrogen

A hormone that supports bone growth and menstrual changes.

PREVIEW

Fast changes in feelings caused by hormones during puberty.

Spermatogenesis

The process where sperm is made in the male reproductive system.

Erections

When the penis becomes firm due to increased blood flow.

Ovulation

When an ovary releases an egg as part of the menstrual cycle.

Hypothalamus

Part of the brain that starts puberty by signalling hormone production.

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Sebaceous glands

When a sperm joins an egg to begin creating a baby.

Skin glands that produce oil, sometimes causing acne.

Nocturnal emissions

Release of semen during sleep, sometimes called wet dreams.

Reproductive system

Body organs that allow humans to reproduce and have children.

Name: _____

Unit Test Puberty

Total	Mark	/
/		/
1. Which part of the brain starts the puberty hormone signals? a) Cerebellum b) Hypothalamus c) Brain stem d) Spinal cord	2. Which hormone causes breast development in females? a) Testosterone b) Progesterone c) Estrogen d) Insulin	
3. What is the most visible puberty change in males? a) Acne appears b) Growth spurt c) Voice deepens d) Hormone signals start	4. Which stage of puberty often includes the fastest height growth? a) Stage 1 b) Stage 2 c) Stage 3 d) Stage 5	
5. Which structure connects the uterus to the vagina? a) Endometrium b) Cervix c) Ovary d) Fallopian tube	6. Which change is common for both males and females? a) Hair growth b) Facial hair c) Facial growth d) Wet dream	
7. Ovulation happens when: a) The ovary releases an egg b) The fallopian tube releases an egg c) The egg and sperm cells unite d) The egg travels down the fallopian tube	8. Fertilization occurs in: a) Uterus b) Fallopian tube c) Ovary d) Vagina	
9. Menstruation lasts for: a) 2-5 days b) 3-6 days c) 3-7 days d) 4-9 days	10. Sperm production begins in: a) Scrotum b) Penis c) Epididymis d) Testicles	

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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

	Mark	/
1) Puberty can take up to five years.	True	False
2) Menstruation always begins exactly at age twelve.	True	False
3) Testosterone is responsible for breast development.	True	False
4) The epididymis stores sperm while they mature.	True	False
5) Sweat glands become more active during puberty.	True	False
6) Puberty changes are completely under personal control.	True	False
7) Emotions are unrelated to puberty hormones.	True	False
8) Breast development begins during early puberty.	True	False
9) Boys usually reach puberty later than girls.	True	False
10) Voice changes are not normal for males.	True	False

Short Answer

Answer the questions below

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1) Explain why puberty does not start at the same age for everyone.

2) Why do many students experience acne during puberty?

3) What happens in the body that makes hygiene more important during puberty?

Long Answer

Answer the questions below

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1) List five physical changes for males and five for females during puberty

Males

Females

2) List the main steps in the journey of an egg and sperm

Journey of an Egg

Journey of Sperm Cells

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Illness vs. Disease

Illness and disease are related, but they are not the same.

An **illness** is about how a person feels. Someone may feel tired, sick, sore, or unwell, even if a doctor has not found a clear problem yet. Illness can change from day to day and is often based on symptoms, like headaches or nausea.

A **disease** is a medical condition that has been diagnosed by a doctor. It has a known cause, like diabetes, asthma, or the flu. A disease can sometimes cause illness, but a person can have a disease without feeling sick all the time.

Sorting

Read each example and determine whether it describes an illness or a disease.

1) Feeling tired and dizzy		Disease
2) Feeling sick without a diagnosis		Disease
3) Having diabetes	Illness	
4) Feeling a sore throat		Disease
5) Being diagnosed with asthma	Illness	
6) Having heart disease	Illness	
7) Feeling unwell for one day	Illness	Disease
8) Feeling pain but no clear cause	Illness	Disease
9) Being told by a doctor you have the flu	Illness	Disease
10) Having cancer	Illness	Disease



Questions

Can someone feel ill without having a disease? Explain.

Infectious Diseases

How Infectious Diseases Spread

Infectious diseases are illnesses that can spread from one person to another. They are caused by tiny living things called **germs**, such as bacteria and viruses. When these germs enter the body, they can make a person sick. Common infectious diseases include the common cold and the flu, which many children catch at school each year. Other infectious diseases, such as HIV and Hepatitis C, spread in different ways and are less common in daily life.

Ways Germs Move From Person to Person

Germs spread through **transmission**, which means how germs move from one person to another. Some germs spread through the air, such as when a person coughs or sneezes. Others spread through touch, such as touching shared surfaces like doorknobs. Some infectious diseases spread through blood, such as HIV and Hepatitis C. For example, HIV and Hepatitis C can spread through shared needles or contact with infected blood. Other germs spread through hugging or sharing food.

What Happens Inside the Body

Once germs enter the body, the **immune system** works to fight them. White blood cells help attack germs and protect the body. If the immune system cannot fight the germs right away, a person may feel tired, get a fever, or develop other symptoms. Rest, fluids, and medicine can help the body recover from many infectious diseases.

Staying Healthy and Safe

Prevention helps stop infectious diseases from spreading. Washing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds removes germs. Covering coughs, staying home when sick, and not sharing personal items also reduce the spread of germs.



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Health and Disease
Unit 5, Lesson 2

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What is an infectious disease in your own words?

2) How do infectious diseases spread between people?

True or False

Circle whether each statement is true or false.

1) Germs always cause sickness immediately after contact.	True	False
2) HIV can spread through shared food at school.	True	False
3) Touching surfaces can sometimes spread infections.	True	False
4) All infectious diseases spread through the air.	True	False
5) Prevention focuses on stopping germs before spreading.	True	False

Questioning

Write 3 questions you have about the reading.

1)

2)

3)

Non-Infectious Diseases

Understanding Non-infectious Diseases

Non-infectious diseases are illnesses that do not spread from one person to another. A person cannot catch these diseases by coughing, touching, or sharing food. These diseases often develop slowly and can last a long time. Many non-infectious diseases affect how the body works every day and may need ongoing care. Learning about them helps students understand that not all diseases spread through germs.

Common Examples Students Should Know

Some well-known non-infectious diseases include **cancer**, **diabetes**, **heart disease**, and **depression**. **Cancer** happens when cells grow in an unusual way. **Diabetes** affects how the body uses sugar for energy. **Heart disease** affects how well the heart works. **Depression** is a disease that affects mood, thoughts, and actions. **Chronic diseases** are common in Canada and affect many families.



Why These Diseases Happen

Non-infectious diseases can be linked to **genetics**, which are traits passed down from family members. They can also be connected to lifestyle choices such as **food choices**, **exercise**, **sleep**, and **stress**. The **environment** also matters. For example, **air pollution** can affect heart and lung health. Mental health diseases like **depression** can be linked to **stress**, **family history**, or **major life changes**.

Managing Health Over Time

Many non-infectious diseases cannot be cured, but they can often be managed. Healthy eating, regular activity, medical care, and emotional support can help people live full lives. Understanding these diseases helps students compare them to infectious diseases and make healthier choices.

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Health and Wellbeing
Unit 5, Lesson 2

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What is a non-infectious disease in your own words?

2) Why can't non-infectious diseases spread between people?

3) Name four non-infectious diseases.

_____	_____	_____	_____
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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Non-infectious diseases can spread through coughs and sneezes.	True	False
2) Genetics can influence some non-infectious diseases.	True	False
3) Lifestyle choices never affect long-term health.	True	False
4) Non-infectious diseases always have a cure.	True	False
5) Cancer always develops quickly in the body.	True	False

Making Connections

What does this remind you of in your life?

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Sorting Read each disease name carefully. Decide whether it is infectious or non-infectious.

Common cold	HIV	Cancer	Heart disease
Flu	Depression	Diabetes	Hepatitis C
Asthma	Chickenpox	COVID-19	Type 1 diabetes

Infectious Diseases	Non-infectious Diseases

Questions Use information from the table to answer the questions.

1) Choose one disease from each column and describe the symptoms of your choice.

2) Which group is more likely linked to genetics or lifestyle?

3) Pick one infectious disease and name two ways it spreads.

4) Pick one non-infectious disease and name one possible cause.

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Instructions

Cut out each picture and paste it into the correct box.

Infectious Diseases

Non-Infectious Diseases

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Sort the diseases below into the correct groups.

Disease	Infectious Diseases	Non-Infectious Diseases
Asthma		
Flu		
Diabetes		
Depression		
Cancer		
COVID-19		
HIV		

Name: _____

Mark

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Flu		
Diabetes		
Depression		
Cancer		
COVID-19		
HIV		

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Flu		
Diabetes		
Depression		
Cancer		
COVID-19		
HIV		

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Memory Game – Diseases and Descriptions

Objective What are we learning about?

Students will match infectious and non-infectious diseases with clear, accurate descriptions to understand how illnesses affect the body and impact physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Materials What do you need for the activity?

- Set of Memory Game cards for each group (provided)
- A small table or clear floor space



Instructions How will you complete the activity?

1. Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4. Give each group a set of Memory Game cards. (Provided)
2. Have each group lay all the cards face down in a grid on the table.
3. The students take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find a matching term and its definition.
4. If a student finds a match, they remove those cards from the grid and keep them.
5. If the cards do not match, they are turned back over, and the next student takes a turn.
6. The game continues until all the cards have been matched.
7. After the game, review the terms and definitions with the class.
8. Discuss why these terms are important to understand and how they relate to the topic.

Influenza (Flu)

A contagious illness that starts suddenly with high fever, strong body aches, chills, and extreme tiredness for several days.

A contagious illness causing runny nose, sneezing, and sore throat, usually mild enough to still attend school.

COVID-19

A contagious disease from the coronavirus pandemic that spreads through droplets and may cause symptoms such as loss of taste.

HIV

An infectious disease spread through blood that slowly weakens the immune system, making it harder to fight infections.

Hepatitis C

An infectious disease spread through blood contact that damages the liver and may cause tiredness and yellow skin.

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Cards

Memory Game Cards

Chickenpox

A contagious childhood illness causing itchy red blisters all over the body and requiring staying home from school.

Asthma

A non-infectious disease where the body cannot control blood sugar properly, requiring careful food choices and monitoring.

Cancer

An infectious condition where a person's immune system is weakened, causing wheezing and shortness of breath during physical activity.

A non-infectious disease where abnormal cells grow uncontrollably, sometimes requiring surgery, medicine, or radiation treatment.

Heart Disease

A non-infectious disease affecting blood flow to the heart, increasing risk of chest pain or heart attacks.

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Depression

A non-infectious mental illness causing long-lasting sadness, low energy, and loss of interest in daily activities.

A non-infectious disease causing swollen, stiff joints that make movement painful, especially in the morning.

High Blood Pressure

An infectious condition where the immune system works too hard against a virus, increasing risk of heart disease.

Epilepsy

A non-infectious condition causing repeated seizures that affect movement, awareness, or behaviour.

Lyme Disease

An infectious disease spread by tick bites, often marked by a bullseye rash and joint pain.

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Cancer

How Cancer Begins in the Body

Cancer is a disease that starts when some cells in the body grow out of control. Normal cells grow, divide, and then stop when they are no longer needed. Cancer cells do not follow these rules. They keep dividing and can form a lump called a **tumour**.

Some cancers affect the blood instead of forming a lump. Cancer can begin in many parts of the body, such as the lungs, skin, blood, or bones.

What Can Cause Cancer to Change

Cells can change when instructions become damaged. This damage can happen over time because of things like smoking, too much sun, some chemicals, or family history of cancer. Cancer is not something you can catch from another person. Many children born with cancer did nothing to cause it.

Ways Doctors Treat Cancer

Doctors choose treatment based on the type of cancer and where it is in the body. Treatment plans are made by health-care teams. Some cancer treatments remove cancer cells, while others stop cancer from growing.

- In Canada, about 1 in 2 people will develop cancer in their lifetime.
- Childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all cancer cases.
- Over 80% of children with cancer now survive because of modern treatments.

How Cancer Affects Well-Being

Cancer can affect the **body** by causing pain, tiredness, or hair loss during treatment. It can also affect feelings. People may feel scared, sad, or worried. Talking to family, friends, or counsellors can help support **mental health** during this time.

Living With Cancer Support

People with cancer often use hospitals, medicines, and emotional supports. Many communities in Canada also offer support groups and programs to help families cope. Learning about cancer helps reduce fear and builds understanding.



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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

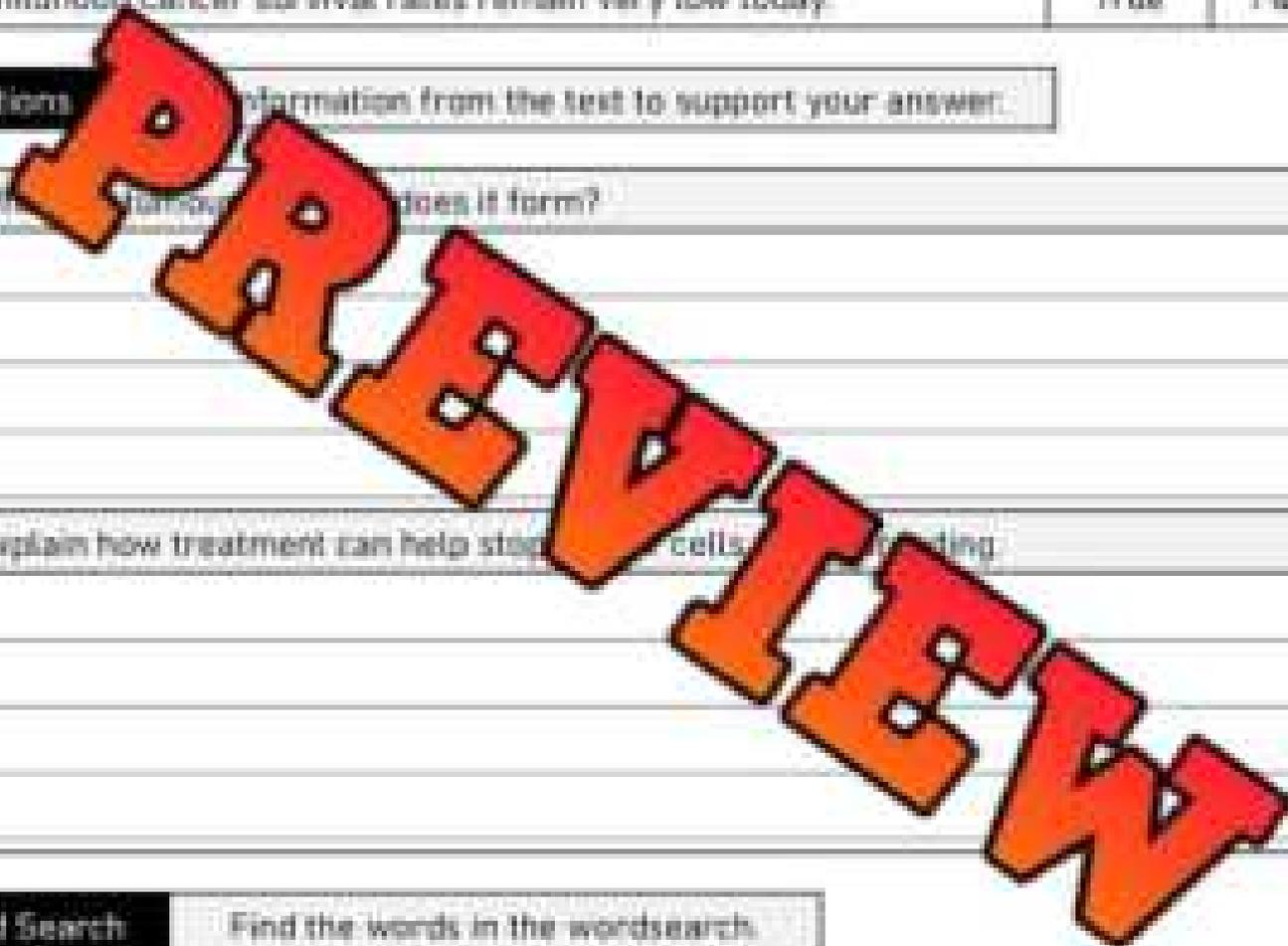
1) All cancers form visible lumps inside the body.	True	False
2) Cancer can begin in blood, not just organs.	True	False
3) Sun exposure can increase cancer risk over time.	True	False
4) Cancer can be caught through close physical contact.	True	False
5) Childhood cancer survival rates remain very low today.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What is a tumor? How does it form?

2) Explain how treatment can help stop cancer cells from growing.



Word Search

Find the words in the wordsearch.

Cancer	Cells
Tumour	Disease
Treatment	Tobacco
Emotions	Survivors
Growth	Skin

B	T	A	A	F	E	M	O	T	I	O	N	S	V	G	K	S	S	O
S	W	O	B	T	R	E	A	T	M	E	N	T	E	R	W	U	D	J
I	I	H	B	H	R	W	Y	V	V	S	I	S	A	O	T	R	B	D
M	Z	F	W	A	K	C	U	P	J	R	A	B	W	W	A	V	H	U
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N	B	C	E	L	L	S	O	I	P	J	Y	H	N	O	O	O	S	X
D	F	N	X	R	N	X	D	N	I	K	S	G	T	A	U	R	D	L
Q	O	K	L	T	P	F	T	N	B	F	O	R	A	T	C	S	F	A

Case Study: Breast Cancer

What is Breast Cancer?

Breast cancer is a disease in which cells in the breast grow in an unusual and harmful way. These cells can form a solid lump called a tumour. Breast cancer is a **non-infectious disease**, which means it cannot spread from one person to another through touch, air, or food. The disease develops inside the body and often grows slowly over time.

Who is Affected?

In Canada, breast cancer is one of the most common types of cancer. About **1 in 8** women in Canada will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. Men can also develop breast cancer, but the risk is much lower. Breast cancer usually appears in adults and is more common as people get older. Many people do not feel pain when breast cancer first begins.

Causes and Risk Factors

Breast cancer can be linked to genetics, hormones, and age. Some people have a higher risk because breast cancer runs in their family. Risk factors include:

- Having a close family member with breast cancer
- Low physical activity over many years
- Older age, especially over 50

Signs and Detection

Signs of breast cancer can include a new lump, changes in breast shape, or changes in the skin. Doctors check for breast cancer using physical exams and medical tests such as mammograms.

Detecting breast cancer early often allows doctors to begin treatment sooner.

Treatment and Care

Treatment depends on how early breast cancer is found. Common treatments include surgery, medicine, and other medical care. Many people receive treatment over several months while being supported by health care professionals.

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Yes or No Circle Yes or No for each question.

1) Can breast cancer spread from person to person?	Yes	No
2) Does breast cancer always cause pain at first?	Yes	No
3) Can men develop breast cancer?	Yes	No
4) Can family history increase breast cancer risk?	Yes	No
5) Do mammograms help doctors find breast cancer?	Yes	No

Questions Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Write a cause of breast cancer in your own words.

2) What is one cause, one sign, and one treatment of breast cancer?

Word Scramble Unscramble the words from the word bank.

Word Bank				
Breast	Cancer	Tumour	Disease	Genetics
Medicine	Mammogram	Treatment	Surgery	Diagnosis

IAIDSHSGO		UOMTRU	
AMAMROMMG		BETRSA	
ECNCRA		IMNECEID	

Storytime: When Our Family Changed

Draw

Draw pictures to illustrate the story.

When Maya was nine, her family was busy and loud. Dad cooked pancakes on Saturdays, Mum walked the dog every evening, and her older brother Josh complained about homework. Everything felt normal.

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One cold November morning, Mum sat everyone down at the kitchen table. Her voice was soft but shaky. "I'm sick," she said. "The doctors found cancer, and I need treatment." The room went quiet.

Life changed quickly after that. Mum was tired and pale. Dad learned how to cook dinners and pack lunches. Josh picked up groceries after school. Maya folded laundry, even when her hands felt small.

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The hardest part was seeing Mum in bed all day. One afternoon, Maya whispered, "Are you scared?" Mum smiled gently. "Sometimes," she said, squeezing Maya's hand. "But I'm not alone, and that helps."

Stress filled the house like heavy air. Bills piled up on the counter. Dad worked extra hours, and sometimes his eyes looked worried. Schedules changed. Hockey practice stopped. Family movie nights became quiet rest times.

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Still, the family found ways to support each other. Josh told silly jokes at dinner. Dad left notes on the fridge that said, We've got this. Maya drew pictures and taped them beside Mum's bed.

One night, Mum couldn't sleep. Maya climbed in beside her. "I miss how things were," Maya said. Mum nodded. "Me too. But families change—and that doesn't mean they break."

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Months later, Mum finished her treatments. She was still healing, but her laugh slowly came back. The house felt lighter. One spring morning, Mum stood outside, breathing fresh air.

That weekend, Dad made pancakes again. They weren't perfect, but everyone laughed. Maysa looked around the table and realized something important: their family was different now—but stronger, closer, and full of hope.

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By summer, Mum was healthy again and back to her old self. Our family felt relief in our bodies, peace in our minds, and happiness in our hearts. We learned how caring for each other, asking for help, and staying hopeful helped us get through hard times. Our neighbours and friends reminded us that we were supported, and that made us feel thankful and strong. The illness changed us, but it also showed how families and communities grow closer when they care for each other.

Ordering Number the events from 1 (first) to 5 (last) to show what happened in the story.

_____	Maya notices family routines change, and everyone helps more.
_____	Mum tells the family she has cancer and needs treatment.
_____	The family supports Mum with jokes, notes, and drawings.
_____	Life feels normal and safe before Mum becomes sick.
_____	Mum finishes her treatments and slowly regains her strength.
_____	Stress increases as bills, work hours, and schedules change.



Questions Answer the questions below.

1) How do Mum's feelings affect the family?

2) How did neighbours and friends help the family?

Making Connections What does this remind you of in your life?

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Role Play – Illness and Holistic Health

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will explore how illness and disease can challenge physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. They will act out real-life situations showing how illness affects individuals, families, and communities. Students will practice empathy, problem-solving, and healthy ways to respond to challenges caused by illness.

Materials

What will we need for our activity?

- Scenario cards (different situations) (provided)
- Props or costumes (optional)
- Timer or stopwatch



Instructions

How will we complete this?

1. Divide the class into small groups of 3 to 4 students.
2. Provide each group with a scenario card that is related to the topic being studied.
3. Give out roles to each student in the group, assigning the roles within the scenario, or let them decide and take roles.
4. If available, distribute props or costumes that may help students embody their roles more effectively.
5. Set the timer to allocate a specific amount of time for the groups to discuss and act out their scenarios.
6. Allow each group to present their role-play to the class.
7. After all groups have presented, initiate a class discussion to reflect on the different approaches and outcomes observed during the role-plays.
8. Distribute reflection sheets for students to express what they learned and felt during the activity.

Criteria Use the criteria below to complete the activity.

Criteria	Description
Creativity	Show imagination and effort. Make your character believable through actions, expressions, and reactions.
Voice	Speak clearly and at an appropriate volume. Use a voice that matches your character and the situation.
Movements	Use body movements and actions that match what your character is doing in the scene.
Staying in Character	Stay in character from start to finish, even when the scene feels long or funny.
Teamwork	Work cooperatively with your group. Share ideas, listen to others, and help one another.

Scenario Cards

Scenario		
1	Living With Type 1 Diabetes at Home	Lucas is 11 years old and has Type 1 diabetes. Every morning before school, he checks his blood sugar using a lancet and a finger prick. His younger sister watches nervously. At home, his parents cook carbs at breakfast. At school, Lucas feels shaky and hungry. He asks to eat a snack, but a classmate whispers that he is being weird. After school, Lucas wants to play road hockey, but his parents insist he must sit down. At dinner, the family discusses missed activities. Lucas feels frustrated and tired, while his mother feels worried and protective.
2	Asthma During Recess and Gym Class	Maya has asthma, which makes it hard for her to breathe when running. During gym class, she uses an inhaler before warm-up, while others stare. When the class runs laps, Maya slows down and begins coughing. The teacher stops the activity, and some students roll their eyes. At recess, Maya sits on the bench instead of playing tag. She feels embarrassed and left out. At home, her parent reminds her to avoid triggers like cold air. The illness affects Maya's confidence, friendships, and daily choices, not just her lungs.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
3 Depression Inside a Busy Family	Ethan has depression, even though his body looks healthy. He struggles to get out of bed and feels heavy inside. At breakfast, his parent reminds him to hurry, not realizing how tired he feels. At school, Ethan avoids group work and stares at his desk. Friends think he is rude, not sad. At night, Ethan cannot sleep and worries about being a disappointment. His parent calmly argues quietly about how to help him. The disease affects Ethan's daily thinking, and family relationships, even though no one sees
4 HIV Misunderstood at School	Nadia has HIV and lives with her family. When classmates find out, they spread rumors that Nadia might be contagious. Some students avoid her, and she feels angry and ashamed, even though HIV cannot be spread through sharing food. At home, her uncle takes daily medication, and his treatment keeps him healthy. Nadia listens but still hears rumors. Her friends think the illness affects Nadia's emotional safety. The disease also shows how misinformation harms families and communities.
5 Chickenpox in a Classroom	When chickenpox spreads through the classroom, Oliver's stay home. Oliver returns after a week with a fever and rashes. Friends ask uncomfortable questions and move away from him. Oliver feels lonely and scratched skin burns in the cold air. His parent reminds him not to itch and checks his temperature. The disease affects Oliver's comfort, confidence, and routine, while the classroom reacts with fear, absence, and changing rules about sharing supplies and personal space.
6 Arthritis Affecting a Grandparent	Sarah's grandmother has arthritis, which causes daily joint pain. In the morning, her grandmother moves slowly and uses a cane. Sarah helps open jars and carry laundry. At the park, her grandmother cannot push the swing, which makes Sarah feel sad. At dinner, plans change because her grandmother is too tired to go out. Sarah feels confused about why pain never fully goes away. The disease affects the grandmother's body, Sarah's emotions, and how the family plans time together.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
7 Heart Disease Changing Family Habits	<p>Jonah's father has heart disease and must avoid salty foods. Grocery shopping takes longer as labels are carefully read. At dinner, Jonah complains about bland meals. His father takes medication and rests after work instead of playing basketball. Jonah feels worried but also annoyed by the changes. At night, the family talks about exercise and the disease affects physical strength, family routines, emotions, and planning, not just the heart itself.</p>
8 Anxiety Before Medical Appointments	<p>Chloe has anxiety disorder that becomes worse before doctor visits. Days before appointments she feels sick to her stomach and cannot focus in school. She asks repeated questions and snaps at her sibling. At the clinic, she avoids eye contact. Her parent speaks softly, reminding her to breathe. After the appointment, Chloe feels drained and embarrassed. The appointment affects Chloe's thoughts, emotions, and energy, even though no physical disease is present.</p>
9 Hepatitis C and Community Fear	<p>A man in the community centre has hepatitis C. People hear about it, programs are cancelled and people avoid the centre. Some believe it spreads through casual contact, not through blood, not hugging or sharing tables. Family members are unsure whether to return. The illness affects trust, fear levels, and community connection, showing how misunderstanding causes emotional harm beyond the disease itself.</p>
10 Recovering From Pneumonia	<p>After pneumonia, Ryan returns to school but becomes tired quickly. Climbing stairs leaves him breathless. Friends expect him to play soccer again, but he cannot keep up. Teachers assume he is fully better. At home, Ryan naps often and feels frustrated. His family encourages patience. The illness affects Ryan's stamina, mood, confidence, and daily routines, showing recovery does not end when symptoms disappear.</p>

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My Role

Draw a picture of what your character did during the role-play.

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Heart Disease

What is Heart Disease?

Heart disease is a **non-infectious disease** that affects how the heart works. The heart is a strong muscle that pumps blood around the body. Heart disease happens when the heart or blood vessels become damaged or blocked. This can make it harder for blood and oxygen to reach the body. Heart disease does not spread from person to person.

Causes

Heart disease is often caused by lifestyle choices, age, and family history. Over time, unhealthy habits can lead to cholesterol to build up in blood vessels. This makes the heart work harder. High blood pressure, which puts extra strain on the heart, can also contribute to heart disease.

Common causes include:

- Eating too much food high in saturated fat
- Low physical activity over many years
- Long-term stress and poor sleep

Long-Term Effects

Heart disease often develops slowly and may not cause pain at first. It can lead to serious problems such as chest pain, shortness of breath, or heart failure. In Canada, heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in adults. Many people with heart disease need regular medical care for the rest of their lives.

Prevention and Care

Heart disease can often be prevented or delayed through healthy choices. Regular exercise helps keep the heart strong. Eating fruits, vegetables, and whole foods supports heart health. Managing stress and getting enough sleep also reduce strain on the heart. Doctors may use medicine or other treatments to help control heart disease once it develops.



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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Heart disease affects how the heart pumps blood.	True	False
2) Heart disease is an infectious illness caused by germs.	True	False
3) Heart disease can develop slowly over many years.	True	False
4) Stress can increase strain on the heart.	True	False
5) Blocked blood vessels can affect oxygen flow.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What part of the heart does cholesterol affect? Write your answer in your own words.

2) Explain why heart disease is more common in adults than in children.

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1) Heart disease affects the body's _____ system.	Circulatory	Digestive
2) Heart disease is best described as...	Infectious	Non-infectious
3) Heart disease usually develops...	Slowly	Quickly
4) Cholesterol is linked to problems inside...	Vessels	Muscles
5) The heart must work harder when vessels are...	Widened	Narrowed
6) Heart disease risk rises when physical activity is...	Low	High

Cardiovascular Health Through Nutrition

Understanding Heart Health Through Food

Cardiovascular health is all about keeping your heart and blood vessels in good shape. The food you eat plays a big part in this. Let's explore how different fats in our diet affect our heart health.

Good Fats: Healthy Fats

Good

- **Monounsaturated Fats:** These are found in foods like fish, avocados, and olive oil. These fats help to lower bad cholesterol and reduce inflammation.
- **Omega-3 Fatty Acids:** Found in fish, flaxseed, and trout, they help prevent clots in the blood and protect your arteries from damage.



Bad Fats:

- **Saturated Fats:** Common in butter, cheese, and red meat. They can raise your bad cholesterol and risk of heart disease.
- **Trans Fats:** Often found in processed foods and baked goods. They are the worst type of fats for your heart because they increase bad cholesterol and lower good cholesterol.

How to Eat for a Healthy Heart

Here are some tips to help keep your heart healthy:

- **Choose Lean Proteins:** Opt for fish and poultry over red meat.
- **Pick Whole Grains:** Swap white bread and pasta for whole-grain versions.
- **Snack on Nuts and Seeds:** They are good sources of healthy fats.
- **Load Up on Fruits and Vegetables:** They're full of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that are good for your heart.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

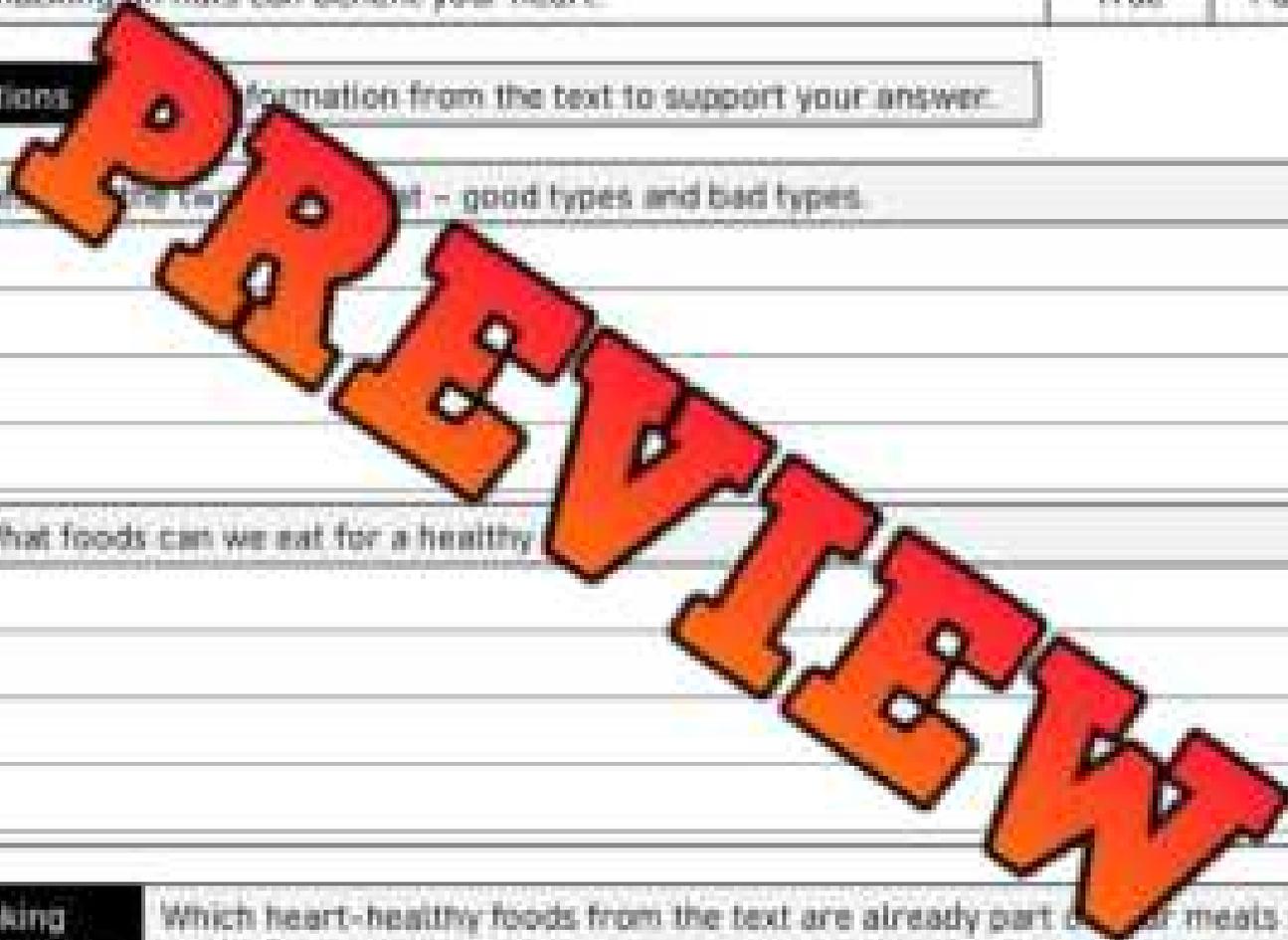
1) Unsaturated fats are found in fish and nuts.	True	False
2) Omega-3 fatty acids increase blood clots.	True	False
3) Trans fats improve heart health.	True	False
4) Saturated fats are mainly in plant-based foods.	True	False
5) Snacking on nuts can benefit your heart.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Describe the types of fat - good types and bad types.

2) What foods can we eat for a healthy diet?



Making Connections

Which heart-healthy foods from the text are already part of your meals or snacks?

Cardiovascular Health Quiz Bee

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will deepen their understanding of how diet affects cardiovascular health, focusing on the impact of different types of fats and other heart-healthy foods through an engaging quiz format.

Material

What will you need for the activity?

- A list of quiz questions and answers
- Buzzers or hand signals (optional)
- Scoreboard for tracking points
- Prizes for the winning team



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Divide the class into small teams.
2. Prepare a list of questions that address how diet can affect heart health, including the roles of omega-3 fatty acids and cholesterol.
3. Conduct the quiz in a round-robin format, allowing each team to answer a question.
4. Teams buzz in to answer. If a team answers incorrectly, the question goes to the next team. Each correct answer earns points.
5. Types of Questions:
 - Multiple choice questions, e.g., "Which of the following is considered a heart-healthy fat? A) Trans fats B) Saturated fats C) Omega-3 fatty acids"
 - True or false questions, e.g., "True or False: Eating high amounts of trans fats can reduce the risk of heart disease."
 - Short answer questions, e.g., "List two foods high in omega-3 fatty acids."
6. Allocate points for each type of question. More complex questions might be worth more points. Keep track of points on a scoreboard visible to all teams.
7. Announce the winning team based on who has the most points at the end of the quiz bee.
8. Discuss the correct answers and provide further details to ensure all students understand the concepts behind each question.

Multiple Choice

Identify the correct answer.

Question	Choices
1) What type of fat is beneficial for heart health?	A) Saturated Fats B) Unsaturated fats C) Trans fats
2) Which food is rich in omega-3 fatty acids?	A) Salmon B) Coconut Oil C) Bacon
3) Eating _____ and cheese can increase your risk of heart disease.	A) Better Eyesight B) Lower Cholesterol C) Heart Disease
4) Which grain is best for heart health?	A) White Bread B) Whole Grain Bread C) Sweet Bread
5) What should you add to your diet to improve heart health?	A) Added Sugar B) Nuts and Seeds C) Sugary drinks
6) Which fruit is known to be good for the heart?	A) Local B) Apple C) Citrus
7) Which type of fat should you eat less of to keep your heart healthy?	A) Monounsaturated B) Polyunsaturated C) Trans fats
8) What happens if you eat too many trans fats?	A) Increases HDL cholesterol B) Decreases bad cholesterol C) Increases bad cholesterol
9) Which of these is a heart-healthy snack?	A) Candy bar B) Fried chips C) Walnuts
10) How do fruits and vegetables help your heart?	A) They are high in unhealthy fats B) They are full of vitamins and antioxidants C) They increase bad cholesterol

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1)	Omega-6 fatty acids are primarily found in processed snack foods and can be harmful to heart health.	True	False
2)	Eating white bread is just as beneficial for heart health as eating whole grain bread.	True	False
3)	Whole grain rice is a better option for heart health than white rice.	True	False
4)	Saturated fats are mainly found in animal products and can increase the risk of heart disease.	True	False
5)	Plant-based oils like olive and canola help lower bad cholesterol levels.	True	False
6)	Regular consumption of red meat has a positive effect on cardiovascular health.	True	False
7)	Switching from full-fat dairy products to low-fat versions can benefit heart health.	True	False
8)	High fiber foods like vegetables and fruits can help reduce blood cholesterol levels.	True	False
9)	Processed foods high in sodium are a healthy choice for maintaining a good heart condition.	True	False
10)	Eating a diet high in trans fats has no significant effect on heart health.	True	False

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Short Answer Questions

Answer the questions that follow.

1)	What is one main benefit of eating unsaturated fats?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower cholesterol levels • Increase energy • Improve taste of food
2)	How can trans fats affect your heart health?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase bad cholesterol • Increase appetite • Weaken immune system
3)	Why are whole grains good for heart health?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase fiber • Increase energy • Enhance immune system
4)	What are the benefits of increased fat intake?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower risk of heart disease • Increase energy levels • Enhance muscle growth
5)	What role do vegetables play in maintaining a healthy diet?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide vitamins and antioxidants • Provide high amounts of fiber • Increase unhealthy cholesterol
6)	Why is it recommended to switch to low-fat dairy products for better heart health?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower saturated fat content • Higher calorie intake • More addictive flavour
7)	What effect does high sodium intake have on cardiovascular health?
Possible Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raises blood pressure • Decreases cholesterol • Improves heart rate

Immune System

What is the Immune System?

The **immune system** is the body's defence system. It protects the body from harmful **germs** such as bacteria and viruses. Germs can enter the body through the nose, mouth, eyes, or cuts in the skin. The immune system works all the time to find and destroy germs before they cause disease.

Main Parts of the Immune System

The immune system is made of several parts that work together. The **skin** is the first line of defence. Germs that get inside the body, **white blood cells** move through the blood to find and attack them. Other parts include the **lymph nodes**, **spleen**, and **bone marrow**, which help produce immune cells.

- Skin, which blocks germs from entering the body.
- White blood cells, which move through the blood to find and attack germs.
- Lymph nodes, which filter harmful germs from the blood.

How the Immune System Fights Germs

When germs enter the body, white blood cells respond quickly. Some cells surround and break down the germs. Sometimes a **fever** may occur, which helps slow germ growth. After an infection, the body can remember certain germs, helping the body respond faster if they enter again.

Keeping the Immune System Strong

Healthy habits support the immune system. Enough sleep helps the body repair itself. Nutritious food gives immune cells energy. Regular activity improves blood flow. Long-term stress can weaken the immune system.

When the Immune System is Weak

A weak immune system may cause frequent illness or slow healing. Poor nutrition, lack of sleep, and illness can reduce immune strength. Medical care is sometimes needed to help the body recover and regain balance.



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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) The immune system works only when sick.	True	False
2) Skin is the body's first defence barrier.	True	False
3) Fever helps germs grow faster.	True	False
4) Lymph nodes help filter harmful substances.	True	False
5) The immune system forgets germs after infection.	True	False
6) Bone marrow stores and makes immune cells.	True	False
7) Poor sleep weakens immune strength.	True	False
8) Germs enter the body through eyes and skin cuts.	True	False

Questions

Write a sentence or more text to support your answer.

1) What is the immune system?

2) Explain how white blood cells fight germs.

Visualization

What were you picturing while you were reading? Describe your picture.



Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark

Circle the correct answer.

1) What system protects the body from germs?	Immune
	Digestive
2) What tiny living things cause disease?	Nodes
	Germs
3) Which body part blocks germs first?	Lungs
	Skin
4) What organ helps store immune cells?	Stomach
	Spleen
5) What can slow germ growth during illness?	Cold air
	Fever

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Importance of Immunization

The Role of Immunization in Keeping You Healthy

Immunization helps the body protect itself from infectious diseases caused by germs such as bacteria and viruses. Vaccines work by supporting the immune system, helping it recognize harmful germs before they cause serious illness. When the immune system learns how to respond to a disease, it can react faster and more effectively in the future. This reduces the risk of infection and helps prevent the spread of disease in the community.

Common Vaccines and What They Protect Against

In Canada, several vaccines are recommended during adolescence to protect against infectious diseases. These include:

- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis):** Protects against three serious diseases. Tetanus causes muscle stiffness, diphtheria can damage the heart and the heart, and pertussis causes strong coughing.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus):** Protects against viruses linked to several cancers, including cervical and throat cancer. It works best when given before you are exposed to the virus.
- **Meningococcal Vaccine:** Protects against meningitis, a serious infection of the brain and spinal cord, and some blood infections.

Benefits of Staying Up-to-Date

Keeping immunizations up-to-date helps protect both individuals and communities:

- **Personal Health:** Vaccines lower the risk of serious illness and long-term health problems.
- **Community Protection:** High vaccination rates help protect people with weaker immune systems.
- **Preventing Outbreaks:** Vaccines reduce the spread of diseases in schools and communities.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Vaccines help your immune system fight infections.	True	False
2) The HPV vaccine is given before virus exposure.	True	False
3) Staying up-to-date on vaccines prevents outbreaks.	True	False
4) Vaccines are only for personal health, not community.	True	False
5) Adolescents need no vaccines if vaccinated as children.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Why is community important?

2) What role does vaccination play in preventing disease outbreaks?

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Draw

Draw how vaccines protect your body from diseases.

Activity – My Five-Day Health Monitoring Plan

Objective

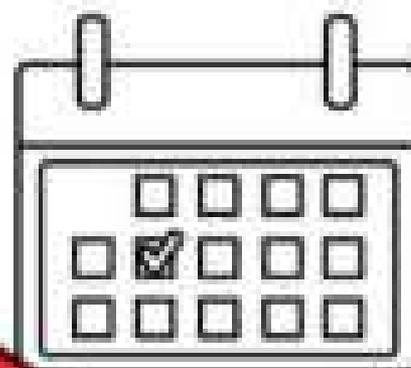
What are we learning about?

Students will monitor and record daily health indicators over five days to better understand how the body protects itself from illness and how daily habits affect physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Students will analyze patterns in their data and reflect on how self-regulation and prevention support overall health.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Daily Health Monitoring Chart (sleep, hygiene, food, activity, stress, mood, and energy levels)
- Heart rate recording device (how to use safely)
- Reflection journal or lined paper



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Begin with a class discussion about how daily habits help protect the body from illness and support overall well-being.
- 2) Explain how to safely monitor simple health indicators such as energy levels, and resting heart rate.
- 3) Give each student a Five-Day Health Monitoring Chart to use at home and school.
- 4) Each day, students record their health information, including sleep, hygiene habits, food choices, physical activity, mood, and stress level.
- 5) Students also note any signs of illness and actions they took to protect their body, such as handwashing or resting.
- 6) At the end of each day, students write a short reflection about how they felt and what helped or challenged their health.
- 7) After five days, students review their completed charts and look for patterns or changes in their health data.
- 8) Students complete a final reflection analyzing what habits supported their health and what they would change next time.

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Daily Health Check - Monday

#	Health Area	What to Record	Response
1	Sleep	Time I went to bed	
2	Sleep	Time I woke up	
3	Sleep	Total hours of sleep	
4	Body	Resting heart rate (beats in 30 seconds $\times 2$)	
5	Body	Energy level (Low / Medium / High)	
6	Emotions	How I felt today (calm, happy, tired, frustrated)	
7	Emotions	What caused my stress	
8	Prevention	I took care of my health today (Yes / No)	
9	Body Care	I brushed my teeth today (Yes / No)	
10	Body Care	I showered or cleaned my body today (Yes / No)	
11	Body Care	I wore clean clothes today (Yes / No)	
12	Prevention	One action I took to protect my body from illness	
13	Nutrition	Number of meals eaten today	
14	Nutrition	Number of snacks eaten today	
15	Hydration	Cups of water I drank today	

Reflect: What did you notice today about how your habits affected your body or feelings?

Name: _____

Daily Health Check - Tuesday

#	Health Area	What to Record	Response
1	Sleep	Time I went to bed	
2	Sleep	Time I woke up	
3	Sleep	Total hours of sleep	
4	Body	Resting heart rate (beats in 30 seconds × 2)	
5	Body	Energy level (Low / Medium / High)	
6	Emotions	How I felt today (calm, happy, tired, frustrated)	
7	Emotions	What caused stress	
8	Prevention	I exercised today (Yes / No)	
9	Body Care	I brushed my teeth today (Yes / No)	
10	Body Care	I showered or cleaned my body today (Yes / No)	
11	Body Care	I wore clean clothes today (Yes / No)	
12	Prevention	One action I took to protect my body from illness	
13	Nutrition	Number of meals eaten today	
14	Nutrition	Number of snacks eaten today	
15	Hydration	Cups of water I drank today	

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Reflect: What did you notice today about how your habits affected your body or feelings?

Name: _____

Daily Health Check – Wednesday

#	Health Area	What to Record	Response
1	Sleep	Time I went to bed	
2	Sleep	Time I woke up	
3	Sleep	Total hours of sleep	
4	Body	Resting heart rate (beats in 30 seconds × 2)	
5	Body	Energy level (Low / Medium / High)	
6	Emotions	How I felt today (calm, happy, tired, frustrated)	
7	Emotions	What caused my stress	
8	Prevention	I took action to prevent illness today (Yes / No)	
9	Body Care	I brushed my teeth today (Yes / No)	
10	Body Care	I showered or cleaned my body today (Yes / No)	
11	Body Care	I wore clean clothes today (Yes / No)	
12	Prevention	One action I took to protect my body from illness	
13	Nutrition	Number of meals eaten today	
14	Nutrition	Number of snacks eaten today	
15	Hydration	Cups of water I drank today	

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Reflect: What did you notice today about how your habits affected your body or feelings?

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Daily Health Check - Thursday

#	Health Area	What to Record	Response
1	Sleep	Time I went to bed	
2	Sleep	Time I woke up	
3	Sleep	Total hours of sleep	
4	Body	Resting heart rate (beats in 30 seconds $\times 2$)	
5	Body	Energy level (Low / Medium / High)	
6	Emotions	How I felt today (calm, happy, tired, frustrated)	
7	Emotions	What caused my stress	
8	Prevention	I took care of my health today (Yes / No)	
9	Body Care	I brushed my teeth today (Yes / No)	
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11	Body Care	I wore clean clothes today (Yes / No)	
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13	Nutrition	Number of meals eaten today	
14	Nutrition	Number of snacks eaten today	
15	Hydration	Cups of water I drank today	

Reflect: What did you notice today about how your habits affected your body or feelings?

Name: _____

Daily Health Check - Friday

#	Health Area	What to Record	Response
1	Sleep	Time I went to bed	
2	Sleep	Time I woke up	
3	Sleep	Total hours of sleep	
4	Body	Resting heart rate (beats in 30 seconds × 2)	
5	Body	Energy level (Low / Medium / High)	
6	Mood	How I felt today (calm, happy, tired, frustrated)	
7	Emotions	What caused stress	
8	Prevention	I took action to prevent illness today (Yes / No)	
9	Body Care	I brushed my teeth today (Yes / No)	
10	Body Care	I showered or cleaned my body today (Yes / No)	
11	Body Care	I wore clean clothes today (Yes / No)	
12	Prevention	One action I took to protect my body from illness	
13	Nutrition	Number of meals eaten today	
14	Nutrition	Number of snacks eaten today	
15	Hydration	Cups of water I drank today	

PREVIEW

Reflect: What did you notice today about how your habits affected your body or feelings?

Reflection

Answer the questions below

1) What health habit stayed the same for you all five days?

2) Which habit changed the most during the week? Why?

3) How did your sleep affect your energy or mood during the day?

4) Did your heart rate change on days you were more active? Explain.

5) What connection did you see between stress and how you felt physically?

6) Which body protection habits were easiest to do? Which were hardest?

7) Did you notice any signs of illness? What helped you feel better?

8) How did your food and water choices affect how you felt?

9) What surprised you most about your health data this week?

10) Would you continue tracking your health for more weeks?



Fact Sheet: Understanding HIV

What is HIV?

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is a **blood-borne infectious disease**, which means it spreads through certain body fluids. HIV attacks the immune system, the part of the body that fights germs. If HIV is not treated, it can weaken the body's ability to stay healthy.

How HIV Spreads

HIV spreads through blood, semen, vaginal fluids, and breast milk. It can spread from parent to baby during birth or breastfeeding, or through unprotected sex. HIV **does not** spread through hugging, shaking hands, sharing food, coughing, or sneezing.



HIV in the Past

In the 1980s and 1990s, HIV was not well understood. Many people became very sick because there were no strong medicines. In Canada, thousands of people died from AIDS, which is the most serious stage of HIV. Fear and misinformation caused strong stigma, and people with HIV were often treated unfairly.

HIV Today

Today, HIV can be treated with daily medicine called **antiretroviral therapy (ART)**. ART helps lower the amount of virus in the body. People who take their medicine properly can live long, healthy lives. When the virus level is very low, HIV cannot be passed to others. In Canada, about **62,000 people** are living with HIV.

Myths and Facts

A common myth is that HIV spreads through touch or sharing food. This is **false**. Another myth is that people with HIV are always very sick. With treatment, many people feel healthy and active.

Stigma and Respect

Stigma happens when people judge others because of illness. Stigma can stop people from getting tested or treated. Learning facts helps reduce fear and supports kindness and respect.

Matching

Match each word to the correct meaning.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| HIV <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Judging or treating people unfairly because of illness |
| ART <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Daily medicine that lowers the amount of HIV in the body |
| Stigma <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Liquids in the body like blood or breast milk |
| AIDS <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> A virus that weakens the body's defence system |
| Body fluids <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> The most serious stage of HIV |

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What does HIV do to the immune system?

2) How has understanding HIV changed?

3) How can stigma hurt both individuals and communities?

Fact or Myth

Circle whether each statement is a fact or a myth

1) HIV spreads through sharing food with others.	Fact	Myth
2) HIV can be passed through hugging or shaking hands.	Fact	Myth
3) HIV can spread through certain body fluids.	Fact	Myth
4) People with HIV are always very sick.	Fact	Myth
5) HIV spreads through breast milk.	Fact	Myth

Fact Sheet: Understanding Hepatitis C

What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is a virus that attacks the liver. It is a **blood-borne infectious disease**, which means it spreads through contact with infected blood. Hepatitis C can damage the liver over time and make it harder for the body to stay healthy. Some people do not feel sick at first, even though the virus is in their body.

How Hepatitis C Spreads

Hepatitis C spreads through **contact with infected blood**. This includes sharing needles or other drug injection equipment, contact to baby during birth, or through contact with blood during unsafe medical or dental procedures. Hepatitis C **does not spread** through everyday contact, such as sharing food, coughing, sneezing, or using the toilet.

Hepatitis C in the Past

In the past, Hepatitis C was not well understood. Many people became infected through blood transfusions or medical procedures before blood screening was common. There were limited treatment options, and many people developed serious liver problems over time. Fear and misinformation caused stigma, and people with Hepatitis C were often judged unfairly.

Hepatitis C Today

Today, Hepatitis C can often be **treated and cured** with modern medicine. Treatment helps remove the virus from the body and protects the liver from damage. Many people who receive treatment can live healthy lives. In Canada, about 250,000 people are living with Hepatitis C, and many do not know they have it.



Many people believe that Hepatitis C spreads through casual contact like touching or sharing food. This is false. Another myth is that people with Hepatitis C always feel very sick. Many people feel healthy for years, especially if they receive proper medical care.

Stigma and Respect

People with Hepatitis C may be treated unfairly because others misunderstand the disease. It does not spread through everyday contact. Learning the facts helps people show respect and support those affected.

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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Hepatitis C spreads through everyday contact like hugging.	True	False
2) Hepatitis C is a blood-borne infectious disease.	True	False
3) Sharing needles can spread Hepatitis C.	True	False
4) Hepatitis C always causes symptoms right away.	True	False
5) People with Hepatitis C can live healthy lives with treatment.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What are the symptoms of Hepatitis C?

2) How is Hepatitis C treated?

3) Why is testing important for Hepatitis C?

Think

If you were in charge of public health, what two things would you do to reduce the spread of Hepatitis C?

1) _____

2) _____

Social Media Post – Disease Stigma

@EcoExplorer4 CA

Why do people still judge others for illnesses like HIV or mental health conditions?
How does fear and wrong information shape how people treat each other?

11:30 AM - 11/17/2025 - 1,929 SHARES 4,721 LIKES

@RealTalkRyan - Honestly, some diseases just sound scary. I'd be nervous if someone
I don't want to get sick.

@FactCheckKid - First, I'm being scared, but HIV doesn't spread that way. You can't catch
it from someone's sneezed or sharing food.

@RealTalkRyan - Yeah, you can die from it a lot. That's why people freak
out.

@FactCheckKid - That was before. Now, many people with HIV can live long
lives and not spread it if treated.

@MindMattersON - Mental illness gets treated badly. People say "just be happy"
like it's that simple. That really hurts.

@SkepticalSam - But isn't mental illness sometimes a choice? Like, are you
trying hard enough?

@MindMattersON - Doctors say it's a real health condition. You wouldn't say that to
someone with cancer or asthma.

@CareFirstMom - Stigma makes things worse. People stop asking for help because
they don't want to be judged.

@RealTalkRyan - I didn't know you couldn't get HIV from touching or sharing stuff.
They never really explained that before.

@HealthTalkON_CA - That's why learning matters. When people know facts instead of
rumours, fear goes down and respect grows.



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True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Fear can increase stigma when facts are missing.	True	False
2) HIV can spread through sharing food.	True	False
3) Stigma can stop people from asking for help.	True	False
4) Rumours can be stronger than medical facts.	True	False
5) Stigma helps communities stay healthier.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Who are some people who are judged for illness?

2) What misunderstanding did Ryan learn about HIV?

Opinion

Write a comment that you would add to this conversation.

Username: _____

Date: _____

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark:

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What is disease stigma, and how does it affect people?

Name: _____

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What is disease stigma, and how does it affect people?

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Interview: Where Do New Diseases Come From?

Student: Hi, thanks for talking with me. What do you do as a public health scientist?

Expert (Public Health Scientist): I study how diseases start, spread, and affect communities. I help track outbreaks and find ways to protect people's health.

Student: Where do new diseases usually come from?

Expert: New diseases can come from viruses changing, spreading from animals to humans, or moving between countries through travel and trade.

Student: How do viruses change?

Expert: Viruses mutate, which means they change a little over time. Some mutations make them spread faster or affect people differently.

Student: Can a virus make you feel sick?

Expert: Yes. Many viruses can make you feel sick, meaning they spread from one person to another. About 80% of new infectious diseases come from animals.

Student: Can you give an example students might know?

Expert: COVID-19 is one example. Scientists believe it started in animals before spreading between people around the world.

Student: How does global travel affect diseases?

Expert: Planes allow people to travel across the world in hours. A disease can spread to many countries before symptoms even appear.

Student: Why don't all diseases spread the same way?

Expert: Some spread through the air, others through touch, food, or water. How fast they spread depends on the virus and people's behaviour.

Student: How do scientists find new diseases?

Expert: We use **disease surveillance**, which means watching patterns of illness and testing samples to spot problems early.

Student: Why is learning about new diseases important?

Expert: Understanding where diseases come from helps prevent outbreaks and keeps communities healthier and safer.



Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What does it mean when a virus mutates?

2) What is a zoonotic disease?

3) Why don't all zoonotic diseases spread the same way?

Two Truths and a Lie

 Read each group. Tick for two truths. Mark the one lie.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Viruses can change over time through mutation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Most new infectious diseases come from animals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoonotic diseases spread only between animals.

<input type="checkbox"/>	COVID-19 appeared long before the first cases were reported.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COVID-19 is believed to have animal origins.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disease surveillance is watching patterns of viruses.

Questioning

Write 2 questions you would ask the public health scientist about where new diseases come from.

 1) _____

 2) _____

Blog Post: Why People Get Sick Differently

Top 5 Reasons Diseases Affect People Differently

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Have you ever wondered why two people can get the same disease, but one feels very sick while the other feels only a little unwell? Diseases do not affect everyone in the same way. Doctors and scientists have learned that many factors play a role in how sick someone becomes and how fast they recover. Here are five important reasons why diseases affect people differently.

- 1) Age:** When it comes to illness, young children and older adults are more likely to get sick because their bodies are still growing or becoming weaker. Adults usually have stronger bodies that can fight germs more easily.
- 2) Immune System Strength:** The immune system is the body's defence system. People with strong immune systems can fight infections better. If someone is already sick, stressed, or eating poorly, their immune system may be weaker.
- 3) Early Treatment:** Getting help early makes a big difference. People who see a doctor quickly often recover faster because the doctor can stop the disease from getting worse.
- 4) Access to Health Care:** Not everyone has the same access to doctors, medicine, or hospitals. People with better access to health care often get faster treatment and better support while they are sick.
- 5) Overall Health and Lifestyle:** Healthy habits like eating well, exercising, and getting enough sleep help the body heal. Someone with chronic health problems may take longer to recover.

Comments:



Alex - January 08, 2026

My cousin and I had the same flu, but he was way sicker than me. I didn't know immune systems mattered so much.

Like Reply 1d ago



Jordan - January 09, 2026

This helps me understand why health care access is about fairness too. Getting help early really matters.

Like Reply 30m ago

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Yes or No

Answer the following questions with either "Yes" or "No"

1) Can the same disease cause mild or severe illness?	Yes	No
2) Do people with strong immunity always avoid disease?	Yes	No
3) Does early treatment lower risk of serious complications?	Yes	No
4) Does access to health care affect survival rates?	Yes	No
5) Can untreated illness worsen even after symptoms fade?	Yes	No

Questions

Answer the questions below

1) How does a virus spread from one person to another? How can you prevent someone from getting sick?

2) How can lifestyle choices affect your immune system?

3) Explain why a strong immune system helps fight disease.

Comment

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Case Study: Chickenpox and Age

What Is Chickenpox?

Chickenpox is a contagious disease caused by the varicella virus. It spreads easily through coughing, sneezing, or close contact. Chickenpox is most common in children, especially those under age 10. In Canada, before the chickenpox vaccine was widely used, about 90% of people caught chickenpox during childhood.

A Child's Experience With Chickenpox

Liam is a 7-year-old boy who developed itchy red spots, a fever, and felt very tired. His doctor explained that his immune system was still learning how to fight new viruses. Children often get chickenpox because they have not been exposed to the virus before, so their bodies don't know how to fight it. Once Liam recovered, his immune system remembered the virus, which means he probably won't get chickenpox again.

Why Adults Usually Don't Get Chickenpox

Most adults do not get chickenpox because they either had it as children or received the vaccine. Adults' immune systems have more experience fighting these viruses. However, if adults do get chickenpox, it can be more serious because their immune systems don't respond as strongly, sometimes leading to pneumonia or other complications.

How Age Affects Disease Risk

Age plays a big role in which diseases people get:

- Children's immune systems are still developing and learning.
- Adults' bodies change over time due to lifestyle and aging.
- Long-term habits can increase disease risk later in life.

Comparing Chickenpox and Adult Diseases

Chickenpox is common in children because it spreads easily in schools and daycares. Heart disease, on the other hand, is more common in adults because it is linked to years of lifestyle choices, such as diet, physical activity, and stress. This shows how body changes and daily habits affect disease risk at different ages.



Name: _____

Directions

Circle "Right" or "Wrong" for each statement. Then explain your reason.

1) Chickenpox is more common in adults than children.

Right

Wrong

2) Recovering from chickenpox gives long-term immunity.

Right

Wrong

3) Chickenpox and shingles affect the same age groups.

Right

Wrong

Visualization

What picture did you see in your mind as you were reading? Describe your picture.

Summarize

Write the important details from the reading passage.

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Underline the correct answer for each question.		
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Fact or Fiction: Holistic Well-Being

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will use a Fact or Fiction game to demonstrate understanding of how the body protects itself from disease, how illness affects holistic well-being, and why diseases affect people differently.

Material

What do you need for the activity?

- Fact or Fiction cards
- A 'Fact' sign and a 'Fiction' sign on opposite sides of the room
- Designated areas in the classroom for 'Fact' and 'Fiction' signs, allowing students to move to either side

FACT
OR
FICTION



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Your teacher will read statements. Pay close attention as each statement is read.
- 2) Consider carefully whether you think the statement is true or false.
- 3) If you decide the statement is true, walk to the 'Fact' side of the room.
- 4) If your guess is that it's not true, move to the 'Fiction' side of the room.
- 5) Stay on your chosen side and listen attentively for the correct answer to be revealed.
- 6) When the right answer is announced, return to your seat, ready for the next round.
- 7) Have fun getting up and moving!

Fact or Fiction

Read the statements to the class.

#	Statement	
1	Healthy skin usually protects the body but cannot stop all germs.	Fact
2	A disease can affect emotions even when the body feels fine.	Fact
3	Touching a sick person always means you will get their disease.	Fiction
4	Some things change how families live, not just individuals.	Fact
5	The immune system works even when you do not feel sick.	Fact
6	A person can be contagious before showing any symptoms.	Fact
7	Feeling sore or slow to heal can happen without physical injury.	Fact
8	If medicine exists, a person does not need to work.	Fiction
9	Children and adults can be affected by illness very differently.	Fact
10	Fear and misinformation can cause a person to harm themselves.	Fact
11	Looking healthy always means the body is safe from illness.	Fiction
12	Germs entering the body do not always cause illness.	Fact
13	Mental health challenges can affect physical healing speed.	Fact
14	Washing hands prevents all diseases from spreading.	Fiction
15	Some illnesses affect spiritual or emotional well-being more than physical.	Fact
16	A strong immune system guarantees a person will never get sick.	Fiction
17	Illness can affect school, friendships, and daily routines.	Fact
18	Adults get certain diseases because of years of body changes.	Fact
19	All diseases can be cured if treated early enough.	Fiction
20	A person may carry germs without ever feeling unwell.	Fact

**Quiz
Check-In**

This quiz will assess students' understanding of the concepts covered in the Fact or Fiction activity. Cut along the lines and give each section to a student.

Name: _____

Mark:

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Is the statement true or false?

1) The immune system works even when you do not feel sick.	True	False
2) A person can be contagious before showing any symptoms.	True	False
3) Feeling stressed can slow healing, even without physical injury.	True	False
4) Children and adults can experience the same disease very differently.	True	False
5) All diseases can be cured if treated early enough.	True	False
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Mark:

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Unit Test Diseases

Total

Mark

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1. What makes a disease infectious?

- a) It lasts a long time
- b) It can spread to others.
- c) It affects emotions
- d) It is genetic

2. How does HIV not spread?

- a) Sharing needles
- b) From parent to baby during birth
- c) Unprotected sexual contact
- d) Hugging or handshakes

3. Which of these does not spread person to person?

- a) Flu
- b) Chicken pox
- c) HIV
- d) Diabetes

4. Which example shows an infectious disease?

- a) Influenza
- b) Depression
- c) Heart disease
- d) Cancer

5. What causes cancer to develop in the body?

- a) A virus
- b) A weak immune system
- c) Uncontrolled cell growth
- d) Poor hygiene

6. What term means how a person feels about their health?

- a) Quality of Life
- b) Well-being
- c) Health
- d) Diagnosis

7. What is a lump formed by cancer cells called?

- a) Tumour
- b) Infection
- c) Virus
- d) Node

8. What term is used to describe knowledge learned through experience?

- a) Infection
- b) Immunization
- c) Illness
- d) Transmission

9. Which body system protects the body from germs?

- a) Digestive system
- b) Nervous system
- c) Immune system
- d) Skeletal system

10. Which immune cells attack germs directly?

- a) Red blood cells
- b) Platelets
- c) Nerve cells
- d) White blood cells

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Define

What do the terms below mean?

Mark

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Disease

Lymph node

Strain

Short Answer

Answer questions 1-3

Mark

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1) Explain the ways diseases begin.

2) Explain why some diseases affect adults more than children.

3) Give three ways a person can help stop the spread of infectious diseases.





Workbook Preview



Grade 5 Health Unit

Personal Identity and Well-being

	Curriculum Expectations	Pages
USCS.4a	Investigate knowledge and information about self-image.	6-8, 11-12, 71-76
USCS.4b	Discuss criteria that can be used to determine if a health source is reliable.	37-40, 71-76
USCS.4c	Describe the qualities that are important in a person, regardless of their gender, culture, appearance, sexual orientation, abilities, and/or language.	27-40, 51-61, 64-65
USCS.4d	Define stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination.	48-61, 64-65
USCS.4e	Ask questions and seek answers for deeper understanding.	48-50, 62-65
USCS.4f	Express insights of the effects of stereotyping and discrimination on self and others.	13-18, 31-36, 68-69
USCS.4g	<p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Preview of 65 pages from this product that contains 105 pages total.</p>	
USCS.4h		
USCS.4i		
USCS.4j		
USCS.4j	Identify and practice strategies for expressing feelings associated with the physical and emotional changes of puberty.	41-47, 62-63
USCS.4k	Identify misunderstandings and/or misconceptions related to messages in the media that may misinform the public about identities.	66-67
USCS.4l	Discuss how privilege, lack of privilege, and/or unexamined privilege distort our views of others, limit our potential, and impact our own and others' identities.	68-76
APS.1a	Identify the elements of effective action plans, including what will be done, who will be involved, where it will take place, when it will take place, and why this action is being taken.	19-26
APS.1b	Identify the supports needed to carry out the action plan.	19-26
APS.1c	Carry out, with guidance, the steps identified in the design of the action plan.	19-26
APS.1d	Reflect on if the goal was achieved in order to guide future application.	19-26

PERSONAL IDENTITY AND WELL-BEING



Self-Image

What is Self-image?

Self-image is how we see ourselves. It's like a picture in our minds about our looks, abilities, and how we fit in with friends and family. Our self-image can change; sometimes we feel good about ourselves, and sometimes we might not.

Building Your Self-Image

1. **Identify Your Strengths and Abilities:** What you love doing and what you are good at can shape your self-image. If you enjoy drawing and are good at it, you might see yourself as a creative person.
2. **Feedback from Friends:** How others see you and think about us can affect how we see ourselves. If your friends praise you for your soccer skills, you might feel more confident about playing soccer.
3. **Media Influence:** TV shows, movies, and social media can impact our self-image too. They often show what they think is 'perfect' or 'cool,' but remember, real life is different, and everyone is unique.

Tips for a Positive Self-Image

- **Celebrate what you're good at.** Are you a puzzle master or a kind friend? Cheer for yourself!
- **Learn from mistakes.** They don't define you; they help you grow.
- **Talk kindly to yourself.** Use words that boost your spirit like, "I can do this!"

Understanding your self-image is important because it influences how you feel and act every day. By focusing on the good things about yourself and learning from challenges, you can keep your self-image positive and strong.



Name: _____

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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Self-image is only about physical appearance.	True	False
2) Our self-image can change.	True	False
3) TV shows, movies, and social media can impact our self-image.	True	False
4) Celebrating strengths do not boost self-image.	True	False
5) Friends' opinions can shape our self-image.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Why

2) How do you shape a positive self-image?

Think

Celebrating what you're good at is an effective way to shape your self-image. List three things at which you excel.

1)

2)

3)

Exit Cards

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	F	
2) Friends' opinions can influence personal self-image.	T	
	F	
3) Everyone's self-image stays the same over time.	T	
	F	
4) Mistakes permanently damage how people see themselves.	T	
	F	
5) Self-image affects behaviour and daily choices.	T	
	F	

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Influence of Self and Others on Self-Image

Family Influences

Family expectations, values, and beliefs can shape how we see ourselves. For example, when families encourage effort and kindness, children may feel confident and valued. If families place a lot of pressure on success, children may feel stressed or worry about making mistakes. What families say and do can affect how children feel about who they are.



Cultural Influences

Culture and religion can influence self-image by teaching values, traditions, and beliefs. Different cultures may value teamwork, independence, respect for elders, or other traits. These beliefs can guide behaviour and help people feel a sense of belonging. Celebrating traditions can help students feel proud of their identity, but they can also cause confusion if they feel hard to meet.

Personal Beliefs and Self-Talk

How we talk to ourselves also affects self-image. Positive self-talk, such as recognizing strengths and effort, can build confidence. Negative self-talk, such as comparing yourself to others, can lower self-esteem. Learning to notice and change negative thoughts can help students develop a healthier self-image.

Understanding how self and others influence self-image can help students:

- **Build Confidence:** Knowing expectations differ helps students accept themselves
- **Show Respect:** Learning about backgrounds encourages kindness and empathy
- **Make Healthy Choices:** Choosing positive thoughts supports strong self-image

Examples

- **Family Expectations:** Encouragement at home helps students believe in themselves
- **Cultural Traditions:** Celebrating traditions builds pride and a sense of identity
- **Positive Self-Talk:** Remembering strengths builds confidence over time

Name: _____

Agree or Disagree Decide whether you agree or disagree.

1) Is self-image shaped only by personal thoughts?	Agree	Disagree
2) Can family expectations change how children view mistakes?	Agree	Disagree
3) Does culture always influence self-image in the same way?	Agree	Disagree
4) Can positive self-talk reduce pressure from others?	Agree	Disagree
5) Can religious beliefs affect feelings of belonging?	Agree	Disagree

Questions Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Explain how culture can affect self-image differently for students.

2) Why can cultural traditions make some people confused?

Making Connections Can positive or negative self-talk affect your choices? Explain.

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Activity – Challenging Negative Messages About Self

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students recognize negative messages about self and others, and practise changing them into respectful, fair, and positive thoughts that support a healthy self-image and inclusion.

Respect & Self-Image Think about how negative messages can affect self-image and how to change them into positive ones.

Negative Messages	Positive, Respectful Thoughts
<i>I'm not good enough.</i>	
<i>I don't fit in.</i>	
<i>People like me can't do this.</i>	
<i>I'm different, so I'm not as good.</i>	
<i>I always mess things up.</i>	
<i>Others are better than me.</i>	
<i>I should be like everyone else.</i>	

Letter

Write a reply to your friend, turning their negative thoughts into positive ones.

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to write to you because I've been feeling unsure about myself lately. Sometimes I compare myself to others and feel like I don't measure up.

At school, I hear people say things about what someone should look like or be good at, and it makes me doubt myself. I start thinking that because I'm different, I'm not as capable or important as others.

I know that when others make jokes or assumptions, it affects how I see myself, but it still makes me feel left out sometimes.

I know my eyes are different, but I'm struggling to believe that those differences are okay. I really want to feel confident and accept who I am.

Thanks for listening to me and helping me think about this in a better way.

Your friend,

Isla

Dear Isla,

Your friend,

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Storytime: Lina's Quiet Strength

Draw

Draw pictures to illustrate the story.

Lina loved art class, especially sketching trees during quiet mornings. At recess, though, she walked slowly, hugging her hoodie tight. She felt eyes on her body, judging before knowing her heart.

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One afternoon, a group of kids whispered near the swings. "She's too big to run," someone laughed. Another added, "People like her are just lazy." The words hit Lina like cold rain.

That night, Lina stared at her mirror. Her thoughts were loud and unkind. Then she remembered her aunt's words: "Your body tells one story, but your choices tell the truth." Lina took a deep breath.

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The next day, when a classmate smirked and said, "You'd never finish the relay," Lina replied quietly, "I'm strong in my own way." Her voice shook, but she stood tall and walked on.

In health class, the teacher spoke about self-image. "What we say matters," she explained. Lina listened closely. She wrote in her notebook: Think kind thoughts. Speak up. Support others.

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During gym, Lina joined a walking club instead of hiding on the bench. Another girl, Maya, smiled and walked beside her. "I hate running," Maya admitted. Lina laughed. "Me too. But I love music."

Soon, Lina noticed changes. She stopped laughing at herself. She challenged jokes that hurt. When someone said, "She can't," Lina answered, "Watch me try." Trying felt brave, not embarrassing.

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One day, a boy muttered, "Why are you even here?" Maya snapped back, "Because she belongs." Lina felt warmth spread through her chest. Support made her stronger than silence ever had.

At the school assembly, Lina shared a short speech. "Comments about bodies can hurt," she said. "We all deserve respect." The gym grew quiet, then filled with claps.

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Walking home, Lina felt lighter. She still had hard days, but she knew what to think, say, and do. Lina smiled, proud of the story she was choosing to tell herself.

Name: _____

Ordering Number the events from 1 (first) to 5 (last) to show what happened in the story.

	An adult or supportive moment helps her feel understood.
	She chooses not to believe the negative words anymore.
	Classmates make hurtful comments about her appearance.
	She feels proud, confident, and comfortable being herself.
	She begins to feel embarrassed and doubts herself.
	She reminds herself of her strengths and positive qualities.

Questioning Answer the questions below.

1) What kind of comments did you hear about the girl's appearance?

2) How did those comments affect how she felt?

3) How did her behaviour change by the end?

Making Connections What did this story teach you about self-image?

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Activity – My Week of Positive Self-Talk

Objective

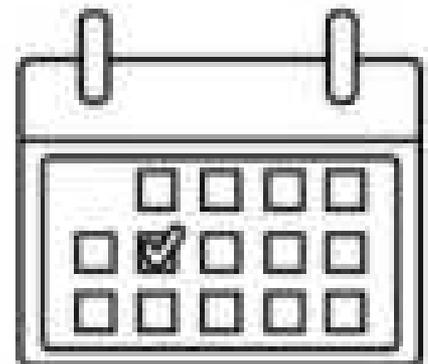
What are we learning about?

Students will learn how negative self-thoughts affect self-image and well-being by identifying unhelpful thoughts and practising positive self-talk strategies to build confidence and emotional health.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Positive Self-Talk Planner (five-day template)
- Self-talk worksheet (negative thought → positive replacement)
- Reflection journal or notebook



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) **Introduction:** Begin with a class discussion about how the way we talk to ourselves can affect how we feel and act.
- 2) **Identify Self-Thoughts:** Each day, students identify a negative thought they had about their self-image (appearance, abilities, or skills).
- 3) **Create Positive Self-Talk:** Students write a positive self-talk statement to challenge the negative thought and replace it with a healthier message.
- 4) **Daily Practice:** Students practise using their positive self-talk during the day and record when they used it and how it helped.
- 5) **Daily Check-In:** At the end of each day, students reflect on whether the positive self-talk helped them feel more confident, calm, or supported.
- 6) **End-of-Week Reflection:** At the end of five days, students reflect on which strategies worked best and how positive self-talk supports a healthy self-image.

Reference

Self-Image and positive self-talk support

Common Negative Self-Talk and Healthy Replacements

Self-Image Area	Common Negative Self-Talk	Positive Self-Talk to Try
Appearance	"I don't like how I look."	"My body is changing, and that is normal."
Ability	"I'm not good at this."	"I am learning, and I can improve."
Mistakes	"I always mess up."	"Mistakes help me learn."
Friendships	"I can't hang out with them."	"I am a good friend and belong."
Schoolwork	"I'm not smart enough."	"I can try again or ask for help."
Sports / Activities	"Everyone is better than me."	"I can't necessarily be the best to everyone, but I can try my best."
Speaking Up	"I'll sound silly."	"My voice matters."
Comparing to Others	"I'm not like them."	"Everyone is different, including me."
Body Changes	"Something is wrong with me."	"Puberty happens differently for everyone."
Big Feelings	"I can't handle this."	"I can calm myself and get support."

Self-Image and Positive Self-Talk Planner

Monday

Step	What I Do	My Writing				
1	Negative Self-Talk I Had					
2	What I Thought This Thought? (What happened?)					
3	Positive Self-Talk Replacement					
4	How Did My Positive Self-Talk Help Me Feel?	I felt calmer	I felt more confident	I felt less worried	It helped a little	It did not help yet

5) End-of-Day Reflection: How did positive self-talk affect my self-image today?

Self-Image and Positive Self-Talk Planner

Thursday

Step	What I Do	My Writing				
1	Negative Self-Talk I Had					
2	What I Thought This Thought? (What happened?)					
3	Positive Self-Talk Replacement					
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Self-Image and Positive Self-Talk Planner

Friday

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3	Positive Self-Talk Replacement					
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Exploring Virtues

What Are Virtues?

Virtues are positive traits or qualities that help us behave in good ways. Some important virtues are honesty, kindness, and courage. Practising these virtues helps us grow as individuals and become better people.



Key Virtues to Learn

Here are the key virtues and what they mean:

- **Honesty:** Telling the truth and being sincere.
- **Kindness:** Being helpful, generous, and considerate to others.
- **Courage:** Facing challenges, even when they are scary.

How Virtues Help Us Grow

Practising virtues helps us in many ways. Being honest, people trust us more. This can help us build strong friendships. Kindness makes others feel happy and supported, and it also makes us feel good about ourselves. Courage helps us try new things and overcome fears, leading to personal growth.

Applying Virtues in Daily Life

Here are some examples of how to practise these virtues:

- **Honesty:** If you find a lost wallet, return it to its owner.
- **Kindness:** Help a classmate who is having trouble with their homework.
- **Courage:** Speak up if you see someone being bullied, even if it's difficult.



Positive Outcomes of Practising Virtues

Practising these virtues can lead to many positive outcomes:

- **Honesty:** Builds trust and respect.
- **Kindness:** Creates a positive and supportive environment.
- **Courage:** Helps us overcome fears and face new challenges confidently.



True or False Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Practising virtues helps us grow as individuals.	True	False
2) Kindness means being friendly, generous, and considerate.	True	False
3) Courage involves avoiding challenges that are too scary.	True	False
4) Honesty means telling the truth and being sincere.	True	False
5) Virtues are negative traits that cause bad behaviour.	True	False

Define the following virtues mean?

1) Honesty	_____
2) Integrity	_____
3) Fairness	_____
4) Humility	_____



Word Search Find the words in the wordsearch.

Kindness	Gratitude
Honesty	Compassion
Respect	Humility
Courage	Loyalty
Generosity	Diligence
Patience	Integrity
Forgiveness	Empathy

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Identify

Identify the virtue demonstrated in each scenario.

a) Honesty	b) Kindness	c) Responsibility	d) Respect	e) Generosity
f) Diligence	g) Patience	h) Selflessness	i) Gratitude	j) Obedience
k) Compassion	l) Integrity	m) Sportsmanship	n) Courage	o) Perseverance

1)	Ben studied hard every night for a week to prepare for his math test.
2)	Emma noticed the school playground was messy after lunch, so she spent time picking up the trash even though it wasn't her responsibility.
3)	Sammy forgot her lunch, so Sarah shared her own lunch with her.
4)	During a soccer game, Liam encouraged his teammates and congratulated them when they scored.
5)	Lily saw her friend drop a pencil and returned it to her immediately.
6)	Mia always thanked the cafeteria lady for her lunch every day.
7)	Jack saw his friend being bullied and stood up for him by telling the teacher.
8)	Sam admitted to his teacher that he had broken the classroom vase.
9)	Chris always followed the school rules, even when no one was watching.
10)	During recess, Jason noticed a new student sitting alone and invited him to join his group of friends.
11)	Isabella and her team were struggling with their science experiment, but they kept trying different solutions until they succeeded.
12)	Olivia helped her younger sibling with homework even though she wanted to play video games.
13)	When it was time to work on a group project, Max listened to everyone's ideas and made sure each person had a chance to speak.
14)	Emily noticed that her friend was sad and offered a hug and some kind words.
15)	During a heated argument, Ava remained calm and tried to understand the other person's point of view.

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Mark: _____

Match each virtue to the example that best shows it.

	Honesty
	Kindness
	Courage
	Respect

- A) Helping a classmate who is being left out at recess.
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Memory Game – Self-Image and Personal Values

Objective What are we learning about?

To assess students' understanding of how practising positive virtues and values helps build a strong self-image and supports respectful, confident, and healthy choices in daily life.

Materials What do you need for the activity?

- Set of Memory Game cards for each group (provided)
- A small table or clear floor space



Instructions How will you complete the activity?

1. Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4. Give each group a set of Memory Game cards. (Provided)
2. Have each group lay all the cards face down in a grid on the table.
3. The students take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find a matching term and its definition.
4. If a student finds a match, they remove those cards from the grid and keep them.
5. If the cards do not match, they are turned back over, and the next student takes a turn.
6. The game continues until all the cards have been matched.
7. After the game, review the terms and definitions with the class.
8. Discuss why these terms are important to understand and how they relate to the topic.

Cards

Memory Game Cards

Honesty

Telling the truth and
being fair.

Being friendly, generous,
and considerate.

Patience

Being calm and waiting
without frustration.

Empathy

Understanding and sharing
the feelings of others.

Respect

Treating others with kindness
and consideration.

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Responsibility

Being reliable and making good choices.

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Facing fears and taking risks for what is right.

Gratitude

Appreciating what you have and being thankful.

Compassion

Showing concern and kindness to others.

Integrity

Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Perseverance

Continuing to try, even when things are difficult.

Letting go of anger and resentment toward others.

Humility

Being modest and not thinking too highly of oneself.

Generosity

Willingness to give and share with others.

Fairness

Treating everyone equally and justly.

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Cards

Memory Game Cards

Self-Discipline

Controlling one's emotions and actions.

Being faithful and devoted to someone or something.

Optimism

Having a positive and hopeful attitude.

Diligent

Working hard and being dedicated.

Sincerity

Being genuine and honest in one's feelings and actions.

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Snowman – Important Qualities in People

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will review important virtue vocabulary by playing a Snowman game that helps them practise spelling, understand meanings, and learn why these qualities matter in all people.

Material

What will you need for the activity?

- Whiteboard or chalkboard
- Dry erase marker or regular marker
- List of vocabulary words
- Eraser or cloth for erasing



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Divide the class into two teams.
- 2) Select a vocabulary word from the unit without showing the word.
- 3) Draw blanks on the board for each letter in the word.
- 4) Ask Team 1 to guess a letter. If the letter is in the word, write it in the correct spaces.
- 5) If it is not, start drawing the snowman (start with the base).
- 6) Alternate between teams for each guess.
- 7) If a team correctly guesses the word before the snowman is completed, they earn a point. If the snowman is completed before the word is guessed, the other team earns a point.
- 8) Discuss the meaning of the word after it has been guessed or revealed.
- 9) Continue with new words, alternating which team starts.

Name: _____

Optional Words

You may use some of these words for your game.

Kindness	Honesty	Respect	Responsibility
Courage	Empathy	Fairness	Integrity
Compassion	Patience	Generosity	Humility
Perseverance	Gratitude	Diligence	Loyalty
Cooperation	Acceptance	Openness	Inclusiveness
Trustworthiness	Accountability	Justice	Determination
Selflessness	Understanding	Sportsmanship	Resilience
Forgiveness	Obedience	Leadership	Citizenship
Justice	Equality	Carefulness	Commitment
Responsiveness	Respectfulness	Dependability	Self-control

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Snowman

With a partner, one person chooses a word. They count the number of letters in their word and write that many blanks. The other person guesses the letters until they figure out the word.

Draw Your Snowman

Cross off incorrect guesses

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Write the number of blanks for your word below

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Changes to Emotions During Puberty

Emotions During Puberty

Puberty is a time when your body goes through a lot of changes as you grow from a child to an adult. Your body will start to develop and change in many ways, and your emotions might feel like they are changing too. It is normal to feel a little confused or overwhelmed by these changes, but there are things you can do to help you feel better.



What Changes Can I Expect to Have in My Emotions?

During puberty, you may experience a range of emotions, such as feeling more sad, anxious, angry, or happy than you used to. You are feeling the way you do. You might also feel more self-conscious, worried about what other people think of you, or feel like you are not sure who you are anymore.

What Can You Do To Cope With Emotional Changes?

There are some ways to help you deal with these changes, including:

- Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling. This could be a parent, teacher, counsellor, or another trusted adult.
- Take care of yourself. Make sure you are eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly.
- Try to remember that everyone goes through puberty, and it is a normal part of growing up. It might feel overwhelming at times, but it will not last forever. With time and patience, you will start to feel more comfortable with the changes happening in your body and emotions.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Your body changes inside and outside during puberty.	True	False
2) During puberty you will have changes in how you feel.	True	False
3) If you feel confused during puberty it is best to keep it to yourself.	True	False
4) Making healthy food choices and getting exercise is helpful.	True	False
5) You will be the only one who feels differently during puberty.	True	False

Visualization

What were you picturing while you were reading? Describe your picture.



Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What kind of emotional changes can you expect during puberty?

2) What are some things you can do to feel better during puberty?

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____	Mark
Circle Fact or Fiction for each statement.	
1) Puberty can cause sudden anger without a clear reason.	Fact Fiction
2) Feeling confused means something is wrong with you.	Fact Fiction
3) Worrying about others' opinions can increase during puberty.	Fact Fiction
4) Sleep and food can affect emotional balance.	Fact Fiction
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Blog Post: Handling Big Feelings During Puberty

5 Real Ways to Handle Big Feelings During Puberty

Date: January 11, 2026

Author: Ms. Taylor Hayes

5-minute read

If you've noticed your feelings getting bigger, faster, or harder to control lately, you're not imagining it. Puberty doesn't just change bodies — it changes emotions too. One minute you feel fine, and the next you feel angry, embarrassed, or overwhelmed for no clear reason. That's because hormones affect the brain, not just physical growth.

Here are 5 strategies that actually help when emotions feel too heavy:

- 1) **Talk to your family first.** Family meetings aren't about getting in trouble. They're a chance to talk about anything bothering you before feelings build up. Even saying, "I don't know what's going on" is a good start.
- 2) **Write what you're thinking.** Journaling works because it's private. Writing helps slow down confusing feelings. Some kids write daily; others only when they need it. Both ways count.
- 3) **Name the feeling, no matter how small.** Saying "I feel frustrated" or "I feel embarrassed" helps others understand you faster. It also leads to better help and fewer misunderstandings.
- 4) **Find one safe adult.** A teacher, coach, counselor, or older sibling can help explain what's normal and when to ask for help. You don't need to handle everything alone.
- 5) **Move your body on purpose.** Walking, stretching, or dancing can help release stress chemicals. Movement gives big feelings a safe outlet.

Puberty can feel confusing, but it doesn't mean something is wrong with you. With the right tools, emotions become easier to manage — and you stay in control.

Comments:



Avery - January 11, 2026

Writing in a journal helps me understand my feelings before talking. When I know what I'm feeling, it's easier to explain things calmly to my parents.

Like Reply 1hr ago



Sam - January 11, 2026

I relate to that, Avery. Writing first makes family talks feel less awkward. It helps me say what I mean instead of getting upset or quiet.

Like Reply 30m ago

Name: _____

Yes or No Answer the following questions with either "Yes" or "No".

1) Puberty changes emotions even without clear reasons.	Yes	No
2) Strong emotions mean something is wrong with you.	Yes	No
3) Hormones affect the brain, not just the body.	Yes	No
4) Moving your body can help release stress.	Yes	No
5) Big feelings should always be handled by yourself.	Yes	No



Questions Answer the questions below.

1) Why do some emotions appear suddenly during puberty?

2) How can journaling help with emotions?

3) Which strategy from the post seems most useful to you?

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Comment What comment would you post to the blog post?

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Just now

What Are Stereotypes?

What is a Stereotype?

A **stereotype** is a belief about a group of people that is not always true. Stereotypes happen when people assume things about others based on their gender, race, interests, or abilities. These ideas are often unfair and can lead to hurtful feelings. Studies show that over 75% of kids hear stereotypes before age 10.



Examples of Stereotypes

Stereotypes can be found everywhere, including school, sports, and media. Here are some common examples:

- **Gender Stereotypes:** "Boys should play with trucks" or "Girls should play with dolls."
- **Racial Stereotypes:** "People from [country] are all the same."
- **Interest Stereotypes:** "Kids who like math can't be creative."
- **Ability Stereotypes:** "A person with a disability can't do anything."

Why Stereotypes Are Harmful

Stereotypes can make people feel excluded or judged. Kids who are stereotyped often feel less confident or avoid activities they enjoy. Research shows that people who experience stereotypes are less likely to try new things.

How to Challenge Stereotypes

It's important to think before making assumptions about others. Here are some ways to challenge stereotypes:

- 1) **Get to Know People** - Everyone is unique!
- 2) **Speak Up** - If you hear a stereotype, question it.
- 3) **Include Everyone** - Be open to different talents and interests.
- 4) **Think Critically** - Don't believe everything you see in movies or online.

Name: _____

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Stereotypes are always true for every person in a group.	True	False
2) Over 75% of kids hear stereotypes before age 10.	True	False
3) Stereotypes can lead to unfair treatment of others.	True	False
4) People who hear stereotypes may feel less confident.	True	False
5) Challenging stereotypes helps create a fairer world.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Write a definition of stereotypes in your own words.

2) Give examples of two different stereotypes.

3) How can stereotypes affect how students feel?

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill-in-the-Blanks with the appropriate answer.

- 1) A _____ is a belief about a group of people that is not always true.
- 2) Over _____ of kids hear stereotypes before age 10.
- 3) Saying "only boys play soccer" is an example of a _____ stereotype.
- 4) Stereotypes can make people feel _____ or left out.
- 5) One way to challenge stereotypes is to _____ when you hear one.

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Circle Yes if it is a stereotype.
Circle No if it is not a stereotype.

	Yes	No
1) "Boys don't cry."		
2) "All rich people are selfish."		
3) "Kids who wear glasses are smart."		
4) "Anyone can be good at math with practice."		
5) "People from that country are lazy."		
6) "All teenagers are rude."		
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Stereotype or Not? Identifying Assumptions

Objective What are we learning about?

Students will learn to identify stereotypes by listening to real-life situations, thinking critically, and deciding whether each statement is a stereotype or not through movement and discussion.

Materials What do you need for the activity?

- Situation cards and statements (provided)
- A "Stereotype" sign
- A "Not a Stereotype" sign
- Open space in the classroom for students to move safely



Instructions How will you complete the activity?

- 1) The teacher will place a "Stereotype" sign on one side of the room and a "Not a Stereotype" sign on the other.
- 2) Students will stand in the middle of the classroom.
- 3) The teacher will read a short situation or statement aloud.
- 4) Students will decide if the statement is a stereotype or not.
- 5) If students think the statement is a stereotype, they move to the "Stereotype" side.
- 6) If students think the statement is not a stereotype, they move to the "Not a Stereotype" side.
- 7) Students stay in place while the class briefly discusses why they chose that side.
- 8) The teacher explains the correct answer and clears up misunderstandings.
- 9) Students return to the centre for the next situation.
- 10) The activity continues until all situations have been discussed.

Stereotype or Not?

Read the statements to the class.

#	Statement	Answer
1	Girls deserve equal pay because they do the same jobs.	Not a Stereotype
2	All Asian students are naturally better at math.	Stereotype
3	Boys are expected to be leaders more than girls.	Stereotype
4	Anyone can succeed in school with support and effort.	Not a Stereotype
5	Some families have easier lives than others.	Stereotype
6	Girls should not do construction or heavy jobs.	Stereotype
7	Intelligence is not determined by race or background.	Not a Stereotype
8	Boys are stronger and should not do high work.	Stereotype
9	People with disabilities need help.	Stereotype
10	Having an accent does not mean someone is less intelligent.	Not a Stereotype
11	Girls are better caregivers than boys by nature.	Stereotype
12	Everyone deserves respect, regardless of gender.	Not a Stereotype
13	Kids who struggle in school are just lazy.	Stereotype
14	Success looks different for different people.	Not a Stereotype
15	Boys should not choose jobs like teaching or nursing.	Stereotype
16	Hard work matters more than where someone comes from.	Not a Stereotype
17	All people from the same country behave similarly.	Stereotype
18	Girls are too emotional to make important decisions.	Stereotype
19	Interests should never be limited by gender expectations.	Not a Stereotype
20	Boys are naturally better at sports than girls.	Stereotype

Name: _____

**Quiz
Check-In**

This quiz will assess students' understanding of stereotypes discussed during the Stereotype or Not activity

Name: _____

Mark: _____

Is the statement a stereotype or not?

1) Girls are naturally worse at math than boys.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype
2) Boys should not cry or show strong emotions.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype
3) Interests and abilities can change as people grow.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype
4) Boys are better leaders than girls.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype
5) Clothing does not decide someone's intelligence.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype
6) Anyone can improve skills with practice.	Stereotype	Not a Stereotype

Name: _____

Mark: _____

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Activity - Stereotype Sorting Game

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will learn to identify stereotypes and understand their harmful impact by sorting statements or pictures into categories. They will brainstorm ways to challenge stereotypes in their daily lives.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- 1 sheet of white paper
- Markers or colored pens
- Poster or board titled "Stereotypes" and "Non-Stereotypes"
- Optional: printed cards or pictures that represent stereotypes and non-stereotypes



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Prepare index cards with written statements or pictures that represent stereotypes (e.g., "Boys are better at math") and non-stereotypes (e.g., "Anyone can be good at math with effort").
- 2) Divide the class into small groups and give each group a mix of stereotype and non-stereotype cards.
- 3) Ask the groups to discuss each card and decide if it belongs in "Stereotypes" or "Non-Stereotypes" category. Have them match up the stereotype with the non-stereotype.
- 4) Prepare the poster by drawing a t-table with stereotypes on one side and non-stereotype on the other. Once the cards are sorted, have each group stick their cards on the correct spot on the table.
- 5) As a class, review the sorted cards, discussing why each statement belongs in its chosen category.
- 6) End the activity by brainstorming ways students can challenge stereotypes in their daily lives, such as speaking up when they hear one or encouraging others to try new things.

Instruction

List of stereotypes and non-stereotypes

Boys are better at math.

Everyone has emotions, and it's okay to express them.

Girls can't play sports as well as boys.

Taking care of others is for everyone, not just girls.

Girls are more emotional.

People should pursue what they love, no matter their gender.

Only boys can play video games.

Girls and boys can both be firefighters, doctors, or teachers.

Girls are better at taking care of others.

Boys and girls can both be good at math.

Boys should always like science and engineering.

Both boys and girls can be good at sports.

Girls aren't strong enough for physical jobs.

Anyone can succeed in science or engineering.

Boys shouldn't do chores like cooking or cleaning.

Strength doesn't depend on whether you're a boy or a girl.

Certain jobs, like firefighters, are only for men.

Both boys and girls can enjoy video games.

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Instruction

Brainstorming chart: how to challenge stereotypes

Stereotype Example	Why It's Harmful	How to Challenge It
"Boys are better at math."	It discourages girls from trying their best in math.	Encourage everyone to practise and work hard in math.
"Girls can't do sports."	It makes girls feel excluded from sports activities.	Invite everyone to join sports and celebrate their efforts.
"Boys don't cry."	It forces boys to hide their emotions, which is unhealthy.	Normalize talking about emotions and feelings.
"Only girls cook and clean."	It reinforces gender roles and limits life skills.	Teach everyone life skills, like cooking and cleaning.
"Some jobs are only for men."	It prevents people from pursuing careers they enjoy.	Highlight examples of women and men succeeding in all fields.

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Name: _____

Stereotypes

Non-Stereotypes

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Rubric How did you do on the activity?

Criteria	Insufficient (1)	Satisfactory (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)
Understanding	Struggles to identify stereotypes.	Identifies some stereotypes.	Accurately identifies and explains stereotypes.	Clearly explains stereotypes and why they are harmful.
Participation	Rarely participates in activity.	Participates occasionally.	Actively participates and contributes.	Fully engaged and consistently contributes ideas.
Brainstorming	Struggles to generate ideas.	Provides basic ideas.	Suggests meaningful ideas.	Offers thoughtful and creative strategies.
Collaboration	Does not work well with others.	Works with the group.	Contributes meaningfully to the group.	Actively collaborates and encourages others.
Creativity	Lacks creativity in responses.	Provides some creative ideas.	Provides creative ideas.	Consistently provides unique and creative ideas.

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Teacher Comments

Mark

Student Reflection - How did you do on this assignment? What could you do better?

What Is Discrimination?

Noah loved playing soccer at recess. One day, he noticed his classmate Maya standing near the field, watching the game. "Can I play?" she asked. One of the other kids shook his head. "Girls aren't as good at soccer," he said. Noah felt uncomfortable. He knew this wasn't fair.

What happened to Maya is called discrimination. Discrimination happens when someone is treated differently because of things like their gender, abilities, or race. Studies show that 1 in 5 students in Canada say they have experienced discrimination at school.



Discrimination can happen many ways. Sometimes, people are excluded from activities, like Maya. Other times, people might hear comments about their race, culture, or beliefs. Even small actions can hurt people's feelings.

Noah knew that discrimination can make people feel sad, nervous, or left out. Research shows that students who experience discrimination often have lower self-esteem and trouble focusing in school. He didn't want Maya to feel that way.

Noah remembered that speaking up can make a difference. He said, "Everyone should get a chance to play. Maya is great at soccer!" The other kids thought about it and agreed. Maya joined the game, smiling.

Noah felt proud for standing up. It's important to challenge discrimination so everyone feels included and respected. Even small actions, like speaking up, can help create a fairer world for everyone.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Kids cannot do anything to help stop discrimination.	True	False
2) Treating people unfairly based on religion is discrimination.	True	False
3) Everyone should have an equal chance to participate in activities.	True	False
4) It is important to include everyone, no matter their differences.	True	False
5) People are always aware when they are being unfair to others.	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) What is discrimination?

2) What are two things students can do to stop discrimination?

Ordering

Number the events from 1 (first) to 6 (last) to show what happened in the story.

	One of the kids said that girls aren't good at soccer.
	Noah noticed that Maya was being excluded from the soccer game.
	The group agreed, and Maya happily joined the game.
	Noah realized this was discrimination and felt uncomfortable.
	Noah told the others that Maya should get a chance to play.
	He remembered that speaking up can help stop unfair treatment.

Hi, I'm Maya.

Today I'm sitting at my desk, writing in my journal. As you colour me, read what I wrote today.

"Today someone joked about my skin colour during group work."

"I wrote because I didn't want those words stuck inside me."

"They laughed but I didn't care. I was tired and had a headache."

"I reminded myself my skin tells a story of strength and family."

"I kept thinking about the words even after class ended."

"I am proud of who I am, even when others are wrong."

"I hope their words don't get to you."



Interview: How Prejudice Shapes Africa's Image

Student: Hi, thanks for talking with me. What does prejudice mean?

Expert (Historian): Prejudice means having a negative belief about a group without knowing the facts.

Student: Can prejudice affect how people see whole places?

Expert: Yes. Prejudice can create false images of countries and continents.

Student: What happens with Africa?

Expert: Often, Africa is sometimes shown only as poor, and that is not accurate.

Student: Why is that not real?

Expert: Africa has many different countries, large cities, universities, and modern technology.

Student: But why do people see Africa as the same?

Expert: Prejudice ignores diversity. Africa has over 1.4 billion people and 2,000 languages.

Student: Are there modern cities in Africa?

Expert: Yes. Cities like Lagos, Addis Ababa, Nairobi, and Johannesburg have many people and modern buildings.

Student: Where do false ideas about Africa come from?

Expert: Media, old history books, and charity ads sometimes show false images.

Student: Does that hurt people?

Expert: Yes. Prejudice can make Africans seem less capable or less important, which is unfair.

Student: Is Africa growing and changing today?

Expert: Very much. Africa has fast-growing economies, doctors, scientists, artists, and athletes.

Student: How can students challenge this prejudice?

Expert: Learn facts, ask questions, and avoid judging places by one image.

Student: Why is that important?

Expert: Understanding the truth helps replace prejudice with respect.



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Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) What does prejudice mean in your own words?

2) How does prejudice affect how Africa is viewed?

3) Why can false information hurt people?

Two Truths and a LieRead each group. Tick for two truths. Mark the one lie.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice can affect first impressions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice ignores individual differences.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice is based on strong evidence.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice can affect how people are perceived.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice always ignores learning facts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice can be put down over time.

Questioning

Write 2 questions you would ask the historian about how prejudice creates false images of people or places.

1)

2)

Fact Sheet: Understanding Privilege

What is Privilege?

Privilege means having advantages that make life easier for some people. These advantages can include money, education, safe housing, or access to health care. People can have privilege without choosing it or noticing it.

Types of Privilege

Privilege can show up in many ways, including:

- **Educational privilege:** Some students attend schools with more resources, technology, and support.
- **Wealth privilege:** People with more money can afford fun and extra activities.
- **Access privilege:** Some people have easier access to hospitals, libraries, and other services.

In Canada, students from high-income families are more likely to graduate high school than students from low-income families.



Lack of Privilege

Lack of privilege means facing barriers that others do not. Students may have fewer learning tools, less time for homework, or fewer chances to join activities. These challenges are not caused by effort or ability. Children from families with lower incomes are more likely to experience food insecurity, which can affect focus and learning at school.

Unexamined Privilege

Unexamined privilege happens when people do not notice their advantages. This can lead to unfair judgments, such as thinking others are lazy or careless. These ideas can turn into stereotypes.

Why This Matters

When privilege is ignored, discrimination can grow. Learning about privilege helps students understand fairness, challenge bias, and treat others with respect.

Privilege Affects Identity

Privilege can shape how we see ourselves and others. Students with more privilege may not understand why others have fewer resources or feel left out or blamed for things they cannot control.

In Canada, racialized and Indigenous communities are more likely to face barriers in education, health care, and employment due to long-standing unfair systems.

Matching

Match each word to the correct meaning.

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| Education privilege <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Facing barriers not caused by effort or ability |
| Wealth privilege <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Living close to hospitals and libraries |
| Access privilege <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Not noticing advantages and judging others unfairly |
| Unexamined privilege <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Having more books, technology, and school support |
| Lack of privilege <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Having more money for food, tutors, and activities |

Questions

Write an explanation from the text to support your answer.

1) How does access to technology affect daily life?

2) How can privilege affect graduation rates?

3) Why is lack of privilege not caused by ability or effort?

Fact or Myth

Circle whether each statement is a fact or a myth.

1) Privilege always comes from hard work alone.	Fact	Myth
2) Some people have advantages they did not choose.	Fact	Myth
3) Privilege is always easy to notice.	Fact	Myth
4) Lack of privilege can create barriers at school.	Fact	Myth
5) Unexamined privilege can lead to unfair judgments.	Fact	Myth

Role Play – Identity, Self-Image, and Well-Being

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will explore how personal identity, self-image, and well-being are connected. They will act out real-life situations that show how stereotypes, privilege, media messages, and the actions of others can affect how people see themselves. Students will practise empathy, critical thinking, and positive strategies for supporting their own self-image and well-being of others.

Materials

What do we need for our activity?

- Scenario cards (real-life situations) (provided)
- Props or costumes (optional)
- Timer or stopwatch (optional)



Instructions

How will we complete this?

1. Divide the class into small groups of 3 to 4 students.
2. Provide each group with a scenario card that is related to the topic being studied.
3. Give out roles to each student in the group, assigning the roles within the scenario, or let them decide and take roles.
4. If available, distribute props or costumes that may help students embody their roles more effectively.
5. Set the timer to allocate a specific amount of time for the groups to discuss and act out their scenarios.
6. Allow each group to present their role-play to the class.
7. After all groups have presented, initiate a class discussion to reflect on the different approaches and outcomes observed during the role-plays.
8. Distribute reflection sheets for students to express what they learned and felt during the activity.

Criteria Use the criteria below to complete the activity.

Criteria	Description
Creativity	Show imagination and effort. Make your character believable through actions, expressions, and reactions.
Voice	Speak clearly and at an appropriate volume. Use a voice that matches your character and the situation.
Movement	Use body movements and actions that match what your character is doing in the scene.
Stay in Character	Stay in character from start to finish, even when the scene feels boring or funny.
Teamwork	Work cooperatively with your group. Share ideas, listen to others, and help support others.

Scenario Cards

Scenario	Description
1 Self-Image at School	Sam is a confident student who has a positive self-image at school. In class, Sam compares grades, clothes, and abilities with others. Friends talk about who is "smart" or "popular," and Sam actively participates in a class activity. Sam hesitates to share ideas, worried about what others think. A teacher encourages participation, while classmates react in a negative way. Later, Sam reflects alone, thinking about appearance, abilities, and self-talk. A family member describes Sam positively, creating confidence. Over several scenes, comments, reactions, and self-talk shape how Sam sees himself. Moments show how beliefs slowly build self-image through experience and reflection.
2 Trusting Health Information	Riley feels confused after seeing health advice online. One video promises quick results, while another gives opposite advice. At school, friends argue about which source is true. In class, students examine different health websites, posts, and advertisements. Riley notices some sources show evidence and experts, while others rely on opinions or strong language. A teacher asks questions about reliability, authors, and purpose. Later, Riley discusses the information with family members, comparing what seems trustworthy. Over several scenes, Riley learns how choices about sources affect understanding and decisions. The situation highlights how evaluating reliability helps protect well-being and prevents misinformation from shaping beliefs.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
3 Valuing People for Who They Are	<p>In a classroom discussion, students list qualities they admire. Some mention strength, popularity, or appearance. Others mention kindness, honesty, and effort. Alex notices that classmates judge people differently based on gender, culture, or abilities. During group work, a student is ignored because they seem quiet. Later, the same student helps solve a problem. Reactions shift.</p> <p>Conversations continue at lunch and after school. Alex reflects on how true character comes from character, not surface traits. Through changing interactions and shared experiences, the class begins to recognize important qualities that matter in life, regardless of differences, building respect and inclusion within the community.</p>
4 Understanding Stereotypes	<p>During a social media post, a joke is made about a certain group of people. Some students find it funny, while others feel uncomfortable. The comment leads to assumptions about the group's abilities and interests. Later, a class discussion introduces the words stereotype and prejudice. Students connect the joke to unfair treatment in real life. A character experiences exclusion because of a label placed on them. Through dialogue and shared experiences, characters recognize how labels can silence people and lead to unfair actions. The situation shows how stereotypes grow, how prejudice affects individuals and communities, and how discrimination affects individuals and society.</p>
5 How Prejudice Develops	<p>Marcus hears repeated comments about his abilities from peers and media. At first, Marcus feels unsure but stays quiet. Over time, these comments feel familiar and normal. In class, a story challenges the stereotype. Marcus notices the gap between assumptions and reality. Conversations with friends and a teacher provide little evidence supports the prejudice. A trusted adult explains how stereotypes and knowledge influence thinking. Across several moments, Marcus learns how beliefs slowly form through repetition. The situation shows how prejudice develops when stereotypes go unchallenged and how questioning ideas can change understanding, improve empathy, and support healthier relationships in school and community settings.</p>
6 Effects of Stereotyping	<p>Leah enjoys school but begins withdrawing after repeated comments about her abilities. Classmates expect her to fail and treat her differently. Teachers notice changes in participation. At home, Leah expresses frustration and self-doubt. In a later scene, a supportive peer challenges the stereotype publicly. Reactions vary, creating tension and reflection. Over time, Leah's confidence slowly returns, but the impact remains. The situation shows how stereotyping affects emotions, self-worth, and motivation. It highlights the harm caused by labels and how support can reduce damage. The story focuses on personal and social effects, emphasizing why stereotypes hurt both individuals and communities.</p>

Scenario Cards

Cut out the topics below.

Scenario	Description
7 Influences on Self-Image	Omar feels pressure from many directions. Family expectations focus on responsibility and success. Friends value popularity and confidence. Media images promote unrealistic standards. At school, comments about appearance and performance increase Omar's stress. During a health lesson, students discuss influences on self-image. Omar begins noticing how outside voices shape thoughts and feelings. Conversations with family and peers reveal different values. Over time, Omar reflects on which beliefs truly matter. The situation shows how self-image is shaped by others and culture. It highlights the importance of awareness when balancing expectations, values, and support to support emotional well-being and confidence.
8 Supporting Positive Self-Image	During a lesson, a student makes a negative comment about someone's appearance. Others react differently. One laughs, another stays silent, and a third responds respectfully. Later, the class discusses how words and actions can affect self-image. In a role-play activity, students practise giving supportive feedback during a presentation. A student who was previously quiet begins speaking more confidently. The situation shows how language and choices shape the classroom environment. It highlights the importance of creating spaces where things that support positive self-image happen in everyday moments where kindness, awareness, and courage help everyone feel safe and valued.
9 Expressing Puberty Feelings	Taylor experiences mood changes and physical changes during puberty. Friends joke about changes, making Taylor uncomfortable. Health lessons explain physical and emotional changes. Taylor feels self-conscious. At home, a family meeting allows open discussion. Later, Taylor starts a journal, expressing thoughts and worries. Over several weeks, Taylor finds safe ways to express feelings. Support from trusted adults and listening peers helps reduce anxiety. The situation focuses on emotional expression, showing how healthy strategies support well-being during change. It highlights communication, reflection, and support as tools for managing feelings linked to growing up.
10 Media Messages and Identity	Maya watches shows and scrolls social media daily. Characters and ads present narrow images of beauty, success, and strength. At school, classmates repeat these messages. During a lesson, students analyze media portrayals and bias. Maya notices patterns and missing voices. Conversations with friends reveal shared pressure. Later, Maya challenges a misleading message during discussion. Over time, Maya becomes more critical of media influence. The situation shows how media can misinform and shape identity. It focuses on recognizing bias, questioning messages, and understanding how media impacts beliefs about self and others in powerful but often hidden ways.

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My Role

Draw a picture of what your character did during the role-play.

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Rubric

How did you do on the activity?

Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points
Creativity	Very little effort shown	Some effort, limited detail	Creative and thoughtful	Highly creative and engaging
Voice	Difficult to hear or unclear	Sometimes clear	Clear and appropriate	Always clear, expressive, and confident
Movements	Movements did not match	Some matching movements	Movements matched well	Movements were purposeful and effective
Stay in Role	Often out of character	Sometimes in character	Mostly stayed in character	Stayed in character throughout
Teamwork	Did not work well with group	Worked with group	Worked well with group	Excellent cooperation and support

Teacher Comments

Mark

Student Comments - What Could You Do Better?

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Unit Test

Personal Identity and Well-Being

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<p>1. Which example best reflects positive self-talk?</p> <p>a) "Others are better than me"</p> <p>b) "I failed, so I quit"</p> <p>c) "I can improve with effort"</p> <p>d) "I should be perfect"</p>	<p>2. Negative self-talk is harmful because it can:</p> <p>a) Change how someone sees themselves</p> <p>b) Make feelings stronger</p> <p>c) Come from others</p> <p>d) Happen often</p>
<p>3. Which best shows media influence on self-image?</p> <p>a) A friend giving a compliment</p> <p>b) A show showing a good role model</p> <p>c) A teacher giving feedback</p> <p>d) Learning a new skill</p>	<p>4. Which action best challenges discrimination?</p> <p>a) Staying quiet</p> <p>b) Laughing it off</p> <p>c) Speaking up respectfully</p> <p>d) Walking away</p>
<p>5. Which is a clear stereotype?</p> <p>a) People like different sports</p> <p>b) Only boys are good at soccer</p> <p>c) Practice helps skills</p> <p>d) Everyone can improve</p>	<p>6. Having a growth mindset means having:</p> <p>a) Fixed abilities that make life easier</p> <p>b) Believing in effort and learning</p> <p>c) Comparing yourself to others</p> <p>d) Making excuses for failure</p>
<p>7. "I never noticed how easy school is for me," a student reflects.</p> <p>a) Guilt</p> <p>b) Awareness of privilege</p> <p>c) Confidence</p> <p>d) Stereotyping</p>	<p>8. "One minute I'm fine, the next I'm not," says Ella. This is best described as:</p> <p>a) Weak control</p> <p>b) Poor sleep</p> <p>c) Bad choices</p> <p>d) Mood swings</p>
<p>9. Self-image can be shaped by which of the following?</p> <p>a) Feedback from friends</p> <p>b) Family expectations</p> <p>c) Media messages</p> <p>d) All of the above</p>	<p>10. Self-image is best defined as a person's:</p> <p>a) Physical appearance only</p> <p>b) Thoughts about their abilities, looks, and belonging</p> <p>c) Reputation among peers</p> <p>d) Emotions during difficult moments</p>

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Define

List three virtues/values and explain each with one example.

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Short Answer

Answer points

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1) Explain how negative self-talk can change how a person feels about themselves.

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2) What does positive self-talk mean? Give one example.

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3) What is privilege? Explain how it can affect students differently at school.

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Workbook Preview



Grade 5 Health Unit

Violence and Abuse in Relationships

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Qualities of Healthy Relationships

Instruction Think about your relationships at school and at home. Answer in full sentences.

1) What do you think a healthy relationship is?

2) How should people treat each other in a healthy relationship?

3) How do you know if you are in a healthy relationship?

4) Name one thing that should never happen in a healthy relationship.

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Guided Vocabulary

Qualities of Healthy Relationships

Respect	Listening, using kind words, and caring about others' feelings
Honesty	Telling the truth and not lying or hiding important things
Reliability	Keeping promises and being there when someone needs you
Kindness	Helping others, encouraging them, and not hurting them
Safety	Feeling calm, protected, and not scared or worried
Trust	Believing someone will treat you fairly and do the right thing
Support	Helping others succeed and standing by them in hard times
Fairness	Treating people equally and not taking advantage of others
Communication	Talking and listening in a clear and respectful way
Boundaries	Respecting personal space, feelings, and limits

Matching

Read each scenario and match it to the healthy relationship quality it shows.

Respect

Honesty

Reliability

Kindness

Support

Fairness

Communication

Boundaries

- A student invites someone sitting alone to join their game at recess.
- Two people calmly explain their feelings and listen without interrupting.
- You share a personal secret because you believe the person will not tell others.
- A classmate admits they broke your pencil instead of lying about it.
- Everyone in the group follows the same rules and takes turns equally.
- You feel calm and relaxed around someone because they never threaten or scare you.
- A friend asks before borrowing your phone and accepts "no" without arguing.
- A friend waits for you to finish speaking and then is interested in your opinion.
- A friend encourages you on and helps you prepare for a presentation.
- A person checks in with you every day and offers help with your school work.



Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) How many of the healthy relationship qualities do you notice in your friendships?

0-2

3-5

6-8

9-10

2) Which two qualities do you notice most often in your friendships?

3) How many of the healthy relationship qualities do you notice in your family?

0-2

3-5

6-8

4) Which two qualities do you notice most often in your family relationships?

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Traits of Unhealthy Relationships

Instruction Think about your relationships at school and at home. Answer in full sentences.

1) What do you think an unhealthy relationship is?

2) How do people treat each other in an unhealthy relationship?

3) How do people feel in an unhealthy relationship?

4) Name one warning sign of an unhealthy relationship.

Guided Vocabulary

Traits of Unhealthy Relationships

Bullying	Repeated teasing, name-calling, or hurting someone on purpose
Controlling Behaviour	Telling someone what to do, who to talk to, or how to act
Threatening Behaviour	Using words or actions to scare someone into obeying
Emotional Abuse	Insults, humiliation, or making someone feel worthless
Manipulation	Guilt-tripping or twisting the truth to get your way
Blaming	Making others feel responsible for your own harmful behaviour
Forced Isolation	Pressuring someone to stay away from friends or family
Intimidation	Using anger, size, or fear to control others
Boundary Violations	Ignoring "no" or pushing past personal limits
Disrespect	Mocking feelings, laughing at concerns, or ignoring needs

Matching

Read each scenario and match it to the unhealthy relationship trait.

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| <p>Bullying <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Controlling Behaviour <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Threatening Behaviour <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Emotional <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blame <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Forced Isolation <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Intimidation <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Boundary Violations <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Disrespect <input type="radio"/></p> | <p><input type="radio"/> A classmate says, "If you don't do this, it proves you don't care about me."</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A person tells you that you are worthless and never good enough.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A student tells others not to talk to a classmate so people will think that student is not cool.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A person keeps borrowing your belongings even after you clearly say no each time.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A student repeatedly calls another student mean names every day at recess.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Someone stands very close and blocks your way to scare you into staying silent.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ and says you must dress a certain way and _____ if you choose differently.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ their eyes and laughs when you _____ important to you.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Someone _____ if you tell anyone _____.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> After _____ says it is your fault for _____.</p> |
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Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) How many of the unhealthy relationship traits do you notice in conflict with your friends?

0-2

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6-8

9-10

2) Which two unhealthy traits do you notice most often in friendships at school?

3) How many of the unhealthy relationship traits do you notice in family relationships?

0-2

3-5

6-8

4) Which two unhealthy traits do you notice most often in family relationships?

Fact Sheet: Types of Abuse

Abuse, Power, and Control

Abuse happens when one person uses **power and control** to hurt or control another person. The goal of abuse is not an accident or a loss of temper. It is a choice made to gain control over someone else's actions, feelings, or decisions. Abuse can happen between adults, between young people, or toward children.

Physical Abuse

Physical abuse is using force to hurt someone's body. This can include hitting, kicking, pushing, or shaking. In Canada, about 10 million people report tens of thousands of physical abuse incidents each year. Physical abuse often causes bruising, cuts, or burns, but it can also cause fear. Many people who experience physical abuse are hurt by someone they know.

Emotional and Mental Abuse

Emotional and mental abuse use words to control feelings and thoughts. This can include name-calling, threats, insults, or constant blaming. This type of abuse is very common and can happen daily. Emotional abuse can lower self-esteem and make people feel scared, confused, or worthless, even when there are no visible injuries.

Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse happens when someone is forced, pressured, or tricked into sexual actions. This includes unwanted touching or sharing sexual images. In Canada, many sexual abuse cases involve children and teens, and most victims know the person who harmed them. Sexual abuse is always the fault of the abuser, never the victim.

Economic Abuse

Economic abuse means controlling money or belongings. This can include taking money, stopping someone from working, or controlling how money is spent. Economic abuse is used to make someone depend on the abuser and feel unable to leave or get help.



Spiritual Abuse

Spiritual abuse is forcing someone to give up their beliefs or traditions to please someone. This may include saying someone will be punished for not obeying or stopping them from practising their beliefs. This type of abuse can make people feel trapped or guilty.

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Define Explain each type of abuse below in your own words and give one example.

Physical Abuse	_____ _____
Sexual Abuse	_____ _____
Emotional Abuse	_____ _____

Agree or Disagree Read the statements and write Agree or Disagree.

1) Abuse always involves physical force.	
2) Power and control are reasons abuse continues.	
3) Emotional abuse must include shouting.	
4) Spiritual beliefs can be used to control others.	
5) Abuse is a choice, not an accident.	
6) Fear can exist without physical harm.	
7) Abuse only happens to adults.	

Questioning Write 2 questions you have about the reading.

1)	_____ _____
2)	_____ _____

Instruction

Write the abuse type beside each scenario.

1	A student says, "You are stupid and worthless," every day to make another student feel bad about themselves.	
2	A person says, "God will punish you if you do not follow my rules," to control someone's actions.	
3	Someone says, "Send pictures of your private body parts or I will tell everyone your secrets."	
4	A person takes all the money and says, "You are not allowed to buy food or school supplies."	
5	A person hits and pushes someone and takes things they want.	
6	A person says, "You are guilty for making me angry," after hurting someone, so they can feel guilty.	
7	A person stops believing in their beliefs and says they are not true to be different.	
8	A person raises their fist and says they will hurt someone if they do not obey.	
9	Someone takes another person's allowance and controls how every dollar is spent.	
10	A person touches another child's private body parts and tells them not to tell anyone.	

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Which abuse type do you think is hardest to notice? Why?

2) How might abuse affect learning at school?

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark:

Write the correct letter (A, B, C or D) beside each abuse type.

<input type="text"/>	Physical
<input type="text"/>	Economic
<input type="text"/>	Emotional/Mental
<input type="text"/>	Spiritual

- A) Using beliefs or traditions to control behaviour
- B) Using words or actions to control feelings and thoughts
- C) Using force to hurt someone's body
- D) Controlling money or belongings to limit independence

Name: _____

Mark:

Write the correct letter (A, B, C or D) beside each abuse type.

<input type="text"/>	Physical
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Name: _____

Mark:

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- A) Using beliefs or traditions to control behaviour
- B) Using words or actions to control feelings and thoughts
- C) Using force to hurt someone's body
- D) Controlling money or belongings to limit independence

Name: _____

Mark:

Write the correct letter (A, B, C or D) beside each abuse type.

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Matching Game – Types of Abuse

Objective What are we learning about?

To assess students' understanding of different types of abuse and help them recognize which types are most commonly noticed in school or everyday situations, including how these behaviors affect safety, feelings, and relationships.

Materials What do you need for the activity?

- Set of matching cards (scenario cards and types of abuse cards)
- A small table or clear floor space



Instructions How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4 and give each group a set of matching cards.
- 2) Have each group lay all the cards face up on a table or the floor.
- 3) Students work together to match each scenario card with the correct type of abuse card.
- 4) When a group agrees on a match, they place the cards together as a pair.
- 5) Students continue matching until all scenario cards have been paired.
- 6) Once finished, review the matches together as a class.
- 7) Discuss why each scenario matches the chosen type of abuse.
- 8) Discuss which types of abuse are noticed most often and why.

Cards

Matching Game Cards

Physical Abuse

Jordan slams Alex against furniture during arguments to force him to agree.

Emotional Abuse

Maya tells Leena daily she is worthless and threatens public embarrassment.

Sexual Abuse

Ben pressures Ava to show him her private body parts, but she refuses.

Spiritual Abuse

Noah says he will curse her if she questions his religious rules.

Economic Abuse

Emma takes Liam's pay cheque and refuses to let him buy food alone.

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Cards

Matching Game Cards

Physical Abuse

Ryan blocks the exit and throws objects so Taylor cannot leave safely.

Emotional Abuse

Sofia spreads lies about Daniel to make others avoid and mock him.

Sexual Abuse

Emily keeps pressuring Lucas to have sex and be physical with her repeatedly.

Spiritual Abuse

Hannah forbids Tom from praying and mocks him for believing differently.

Economic Abuse

Marcus hides Chloe's bank card so she must ask before buying necessities.

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Cards Matching Game Cards

Physical Abuse

Owen grabs Leo violently and drags him away during disagreements.

Emotional Abuse

Natalie blames Jordan for everything and says nobody else would want him.

Sexual Abuse

Erin pressures Maya to stay in the relationship and tries to force her to have sex. Maya says no.

Spiritual Abuse

Zoe says Faith is being punished for not following religious traditions.

Economic Abuse

Chris stops Sam from working so Sam depends completely on him financially.



Warning Signals of Unhealthy/Abusive Relationships

Warning Signal	Description	Example
Name Calling	Using hurtful words to insult or put someone down. This is meant to make the person feel small or worthless.	A student says, "You're stupid and useless," every day during group work.
Blame	Refusing to take responsibility and saying problems are always someone else's fault. This can make a person feel angry or confused.	Someone says, "I yelled because you made me mad," instead of taking responsibility.
Swearing or Yelling	Using hurtful language, swearing, or shouting to try to control the person. This can make the person feel angry or scared.	A person shouts, "Shut up or I'll make you sorry," during an argument.
Jealous Behaviour	Getting upset when someone talks to others or has friends. This can lead to control and isolation.	A person says, "If you talk to them again, we're done," out of jealousy.
Possessive Behaviour	Acting like they own the other person and must control their choices, time, or actions.	Someone says, "You're not allowed to go to school without me," or "I'll find them at school."
Destroying Possessions	Damaging or breaking belongings to scare, punish, or show power over someone.	A person rips a book and says, "This is what happens when you don't listen."
Lying	Telling lies to hide hurtful behaviour or avoid taking responsibility. This can break trust over time.	Someone says, "I never said that" even though others heard them say it.
Humiliating	Embarrassing someone on purpose, especially in front of others, to feel powerful.	A student laughs and says, "Everyone knows you're bad at everything," in class.

Define

Explain the warning signs of abuse shown below using your own words.

Blaming	_____
Possessive Behaviour	_____
Humiliating	_____
Not Calling	_____

Yes or No

Is this a warning sign? Circle Yes or No and think about why.

1) A friend says, "You made me feel bad about you."	Yes	No
2) A friend says, "Do what I say or else I will hurt you."	Yes	No
3) A friend listens when you explain how you feel.	Yes	No
4) A person gets upset when you talk to other people.	Yes	No
5) A friend encourages you instead of putting you down.	Yes	No
6) A friend checks your messages and says they need to know what you're doing.	Yes	No
7) Someone admits they were wrong and takes responsibility.	Yes	No

Making Connections

Have you ever noticed any of these warning signs in a relationship you know? Explain.

Bullying

Bullying

Bullying is when someone repeatedly does or says things that are mean or hurtful to another person on purpose. This could be spreading rumours or saying mean things, making fun of someone or calling them names, or physically hurting them.

What is the Difference Between Bullying and Having a Disagreement?

Everyone will have disagreements with our friends. We may say something mean to someone because we are upset. In the heat of the moment, we might even physically hurt someone. Is this bullying?

For a behaviour to be bullying, it has 3 things including:

- 1) It must be repeated or intended to happen again.
- 2) A bully has more power over the person they are bullying. A bully is bigger, stronger, more popular or has more influence for some reason.
- 3) The bully must want to cause harm to the person they are bullying.

Types of Bullying

There are four types of bullying:

- Verbal Bullying
- Physical Bullying
- Social Bullying
- Cyberbullying



All forms of bullying are wrong and can cause harm to the person who is being bullied. If you or someone you know is being bullied, tell a trusted adult, so they can help. It is important to stand up for yourself and others who are getting bullied. Remember, everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect.

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) If your best friend disagrees with you, they are bullying you.	True	False
2) If someone accidentally trips you, that is physical bullying.	True	False
3) Bullying happens repeatedly.	True	False
4) Bullies are trying to harm the person they are bullying.	True	False
5) Bullies are stronger than their victims in some way.	True	False

Visualizing What were you picturing while you were reading? Explain the picture.

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Questions

Answer the questions below.

<p>1) What is bullying? Give an example.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
<p>2) What are 3 characteristics of bullying?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

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Is it Bullying?



Yes or No

Is it bullying – yes or no?

1) Two students argue over a project answer but resolve it by class end.	Yes	No
2) Mike laughs once when Tom trips over a chair but doesn't repeat or mention it.	Yes	No
3) Jenny doesn't invite Chloe to her birthday party but invites the rest of the class.	Yes	No
4) Alex's friend takes Sam's sports equipment, causing Sam to search for it.	Yes	No
5) Grace forgets to bring Emma's book home after being reminded several times.	Yes	No
6) Ben teases his sister Lily about her hair and she just laugh about it.	Yes	No
7) Nick and Emma argue every time they work together on a school project.	Yes	No
8) Paul calls John names during a heated argument and apologizes later.	Yes	No
9) During recess, a group of students exclude Zoe from playing because they need even numbers to play.	Yes	No
10) Tom repeatedly criticizes Jerry's project ideas in front of the class making Jerry feel embarrassed.	Yes	No
11) Sarah always picks Kate last for team activities, but it's random and not intentional.	Yes	No
12) Chris receives an upsetting text from a classmate but it's a one-time incident.	Yes	No
13) A group starts a board game without noticing a student wanting to join.	Yes	No
14) A student mistakenly uses an unliked nickname but promptly apologizes.	Yes	No
15) Students, deep in a book discussion, fail to notice a new student trying to join in.	Yes	No

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Physical Bullying

Physical Bullying

Physical bullying is when someone repeatedly hurts you physically or damages your property. It includes:

- Hitting, kicking, punching and pinching
- Pushing, tripping, spitting
- Breaking something that belongs to you
- Making mean gestures.



Where and When Can Physical Bullying Happen?

Physical bullying can happen on the bus, or on the way to school, in the playground, and wherever a bully is near the victim.

Physical bullying is easy to see because it involves the bully hitting the victim.

Physical bullying usually happens when there are no adults around.

Effects of Bullying

There are many negative effects of bullying including:

- It hurts the victim
- The victim and the bully often get depression and anxiety
- Loss of sleep or loss of appetite and absences from school
- The bullied child often avoids other children and gets lonely
- Bullies often have relationship problems and difficulty holding a job later in life
- Bullies have more drug and alcohol issues, and trouble with the law later in life.

What Can You Do?

- Tell a trusted adult, a parent, teacher, bus driver or friends.
- Because bullies are more powerful, it is not recommended to fight back. Instead, get help from an adult.

True or False Is the statement true or false?

1) Sometimes our friends can bully us without meaning to hurt us.	True	False
2) Physical bullying usually happens when adults can see it.	True	False
3) Hitting, spitting and pinching are all examples of physical bullying.	True	False
4) The best way to deal with a bully is to tell a trusted adult.	True	False
5) Bullying only has a negative effect on the victim.	True	False

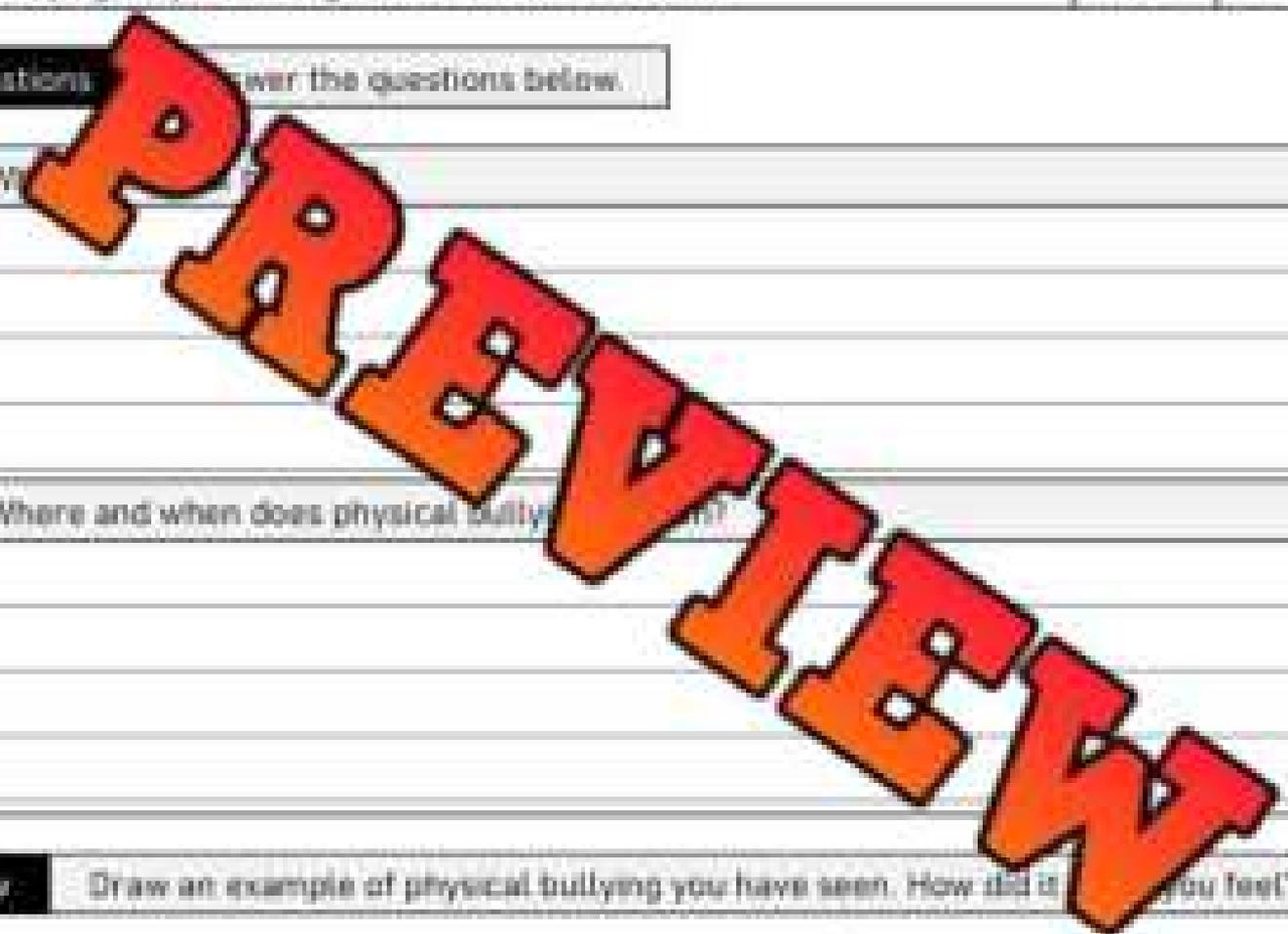
Questions Answer the questions below.

1) Why do you think bullying happens?

2) Where and when does physical bullying usually happen?

Draw Draw an example of physical bullying you have seen. How did it make you feel?

	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Verbal Bullying

What is Verbal Bullying?

Verbal bullying is when someone repeatedly says or writes something mean or hurtful. It can be:

- Teasing or name-calling
- Threatening to hurt you
- Inappropriate sexual comments

Hidden

Verbal bullying is often hidden, unlike physical bullying. It is most often done in a private place, not in front of an adult.



Effects of Verbal Bullying

Verbal bullying is very harmful because it causes the person being bullied to feel bad about themselves. Verbal bullying can cause anxiety and stress for the person being bullied. Often when someone is being bullied, they avoid the places where bullying occurs which leads to them being more socially isolated.

Strategies if You Or Someone You Know Is Being Bullied

- Look confident and smile. Bullies are looking for someone weaker to bully.
- Because the bully is stronger in some way, than the victim the best thing to do is tell an adult. If the first adult you tell cannot or will not help, tell another adult until you find someone who will help.
- Ignore the bully if possible. Try not to respond to the bully with tears or fearful actions. When bullies do not get a response, they often lose interest. This does not mean you should handle being bullied by yourself. Ask a trusted adult for help. The bully needs to take responsibility for their bad behaviour.



True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Verbal bullying is not very harmful because words cannot hurt us.	True	False
2) It is a good idea to avoid everybody if we are being bullied.	True	False
3) If we tell an adult about bullying, they will not be able to help us.	True	False
4) Bullies have a good reason for bullying others.	True	False
5) It is our fault if we are being bullied.	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below.

1) Why

2) Why do so many people say nothing when they see someone else being bullied?

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Making Connections

There is a rhyme, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet or phone to be mean or hurtful to someone else. This can include things like:

- Sending mean or threatening messages to someone.
- Posting hurtful comments or pictures online.
- Spreading rumors or lies about someone online.
- Excluding someone from online groups or activities.
- Pretending to be someone else online in order to trick or hurt someone.



How Is Cyberbullying Different?

Cyberbullying can be very upsetting and hurtful. People who are cyberbullied can feel embarrassed, scared or sad. Cyberbullying can happen to anyone, even if there is no in-person contact for a long time.

- It happens 24/7: Unlike bullying, which happens during school hours, cyberbullying is there every time you use your device and continues all night long.
- It can be anonymous: This makes it harder to identify the bully. And because people can see the messages online, making the victim feel more isolated.
- It can affect mental health: Cyberbullying can have serious effects on a person's mental health, including anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. This is because cyberbullying can make a person feel isolated, helpless, and worthless.

What Can You Do?

Even though cyberbullying happens online, it can hurt the victim. Talk to a trusted adult if you or someone you know is being affected by cyberbullying. It can happen to anyone, and it can be hard to know how to stop it without help.

Remember, no one deserves to be bullied, and it is always okay to ask for help.

Newspaper Article: Cyberbullying Tragedy

Vermont Teen's Death Raises Alarm About Cyberbullying

Publish Date: October 7, 2003

A quiet Vermont community is in shock today after the death of 13-year-old Ryan Halligan, a high school student from Essex, Vermont, on Monday after months of being bullied, according to his family. Police say it is not a crime, but his death has raised concerns about cyberbullying and online safety.

Ryan was bullied through instant messages and online chats. His parents say other students sent him hurtful messages and spread rumours using the internet.

Cyberbullying happens when someone uses technology, such as computers or phones, to be cruel to others. Unlike playground bullying, it can follow a child home and happen at any time of day.



Ryan's father, John Halligan, said his son tried to hide how much he was hurting. "Ryan was kind and trusting," he shared.

“He believed people were his friends, even when they were being cruel.”

Ryan's parents say they spoke with the school before, but the online bullying was hard to see and stop.

Experts say this type of bullying is becoming more common as more people use the internet. Dr. Michele Barron, a safety researcher, said, "Dr. Barron says bullying can feel nonstop. Kids are always getting the message that they are being bullied at home." Studies show that 71% of 11 to 14 year olds now use instant messaging every day, making them more vulnerable to online harm.

School officials say they are reviewing their policies and talking with students about respectful behaviour. Ryan's death has started conversations across Vermont about the need for clearer rules, stronger school support, and better education for families about online safety.

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Cyberbullying followed Ryan even when he was home.	True	False
2) Police reported Ryan's death as a crime.	True	False
3) Ryan told many adults about the bullying.	True	False
4) Ryan believed the messages came from real friends.	True	False
5) Ryan's story continues to inspire efforts to make schools safer.	True	False

Questions

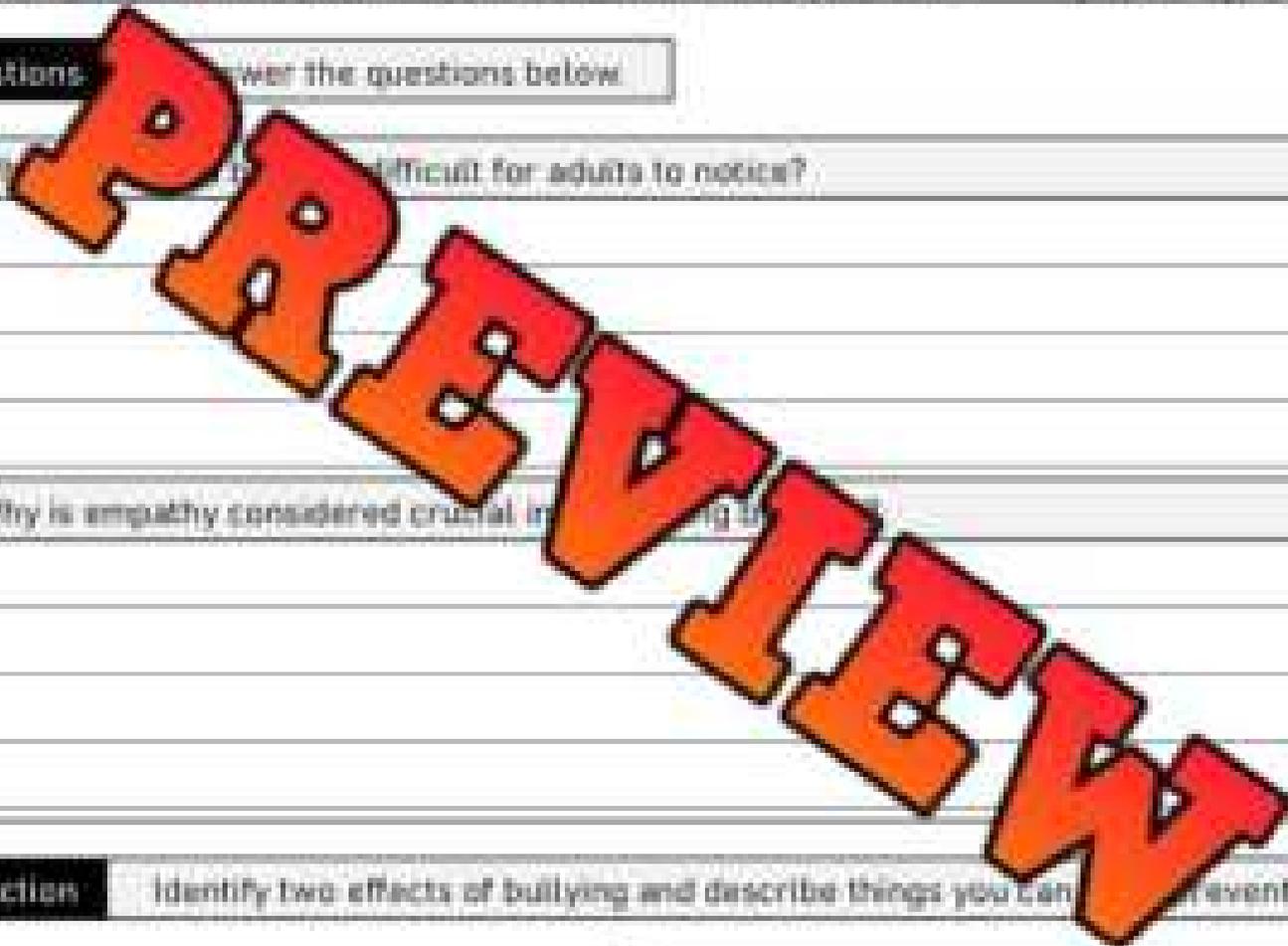
Answer the questions below.

1) Why is it difficult for adults to notice?

2) Why is empathy considered crucial in preventing bullying?

Instruction

Identify two effects of bullying and describe things you can do to prevent it.



Social Bullying

Social Bullying

Social bullying involves excluding someone from a group or spreading rumours or gossip about them. Social bullying damages someone's reputation or relationships. Social

bullying includes:

- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Spreading rumours about someone
- Making fun of someone in public
- Telling other people's secrets with someone



Bystanders

Most bullying happens in the presence of bystanders.

That means there are bystanders who are watching the bullying to happen. If you see someone being bullied, you can help.

- 1) **Be a Buddy.** Let the person being bullied know you care and are a friend.
- 2) **Interrupt.** Say, "let's go" and walk away with the person being bullied.
- 3) **Speak Out.** Say, "that's mean, don't do that!"
- 4) **Tell Someone.** When you tell about bullying it is not tattling. It is keeping everyone safe.

Be Able to Name Bullying

Bullying is repetitive. It is done with the intention to cause harm. The victim is less powerful than the bully. Within our peer groups we have disagreements and conflicts. This is a normal part of relationships. It is not bullying.

A friend may say, "I liked your hair when it was longer." This may hurt your feelings, but this is not bullying because it is not repetitive, your friend is not more powerful, and they did not mean to hurt your feelings. Knowing what bullying is and what it is not, can help us speak up against bullying.

True or False Is the statement true or false?

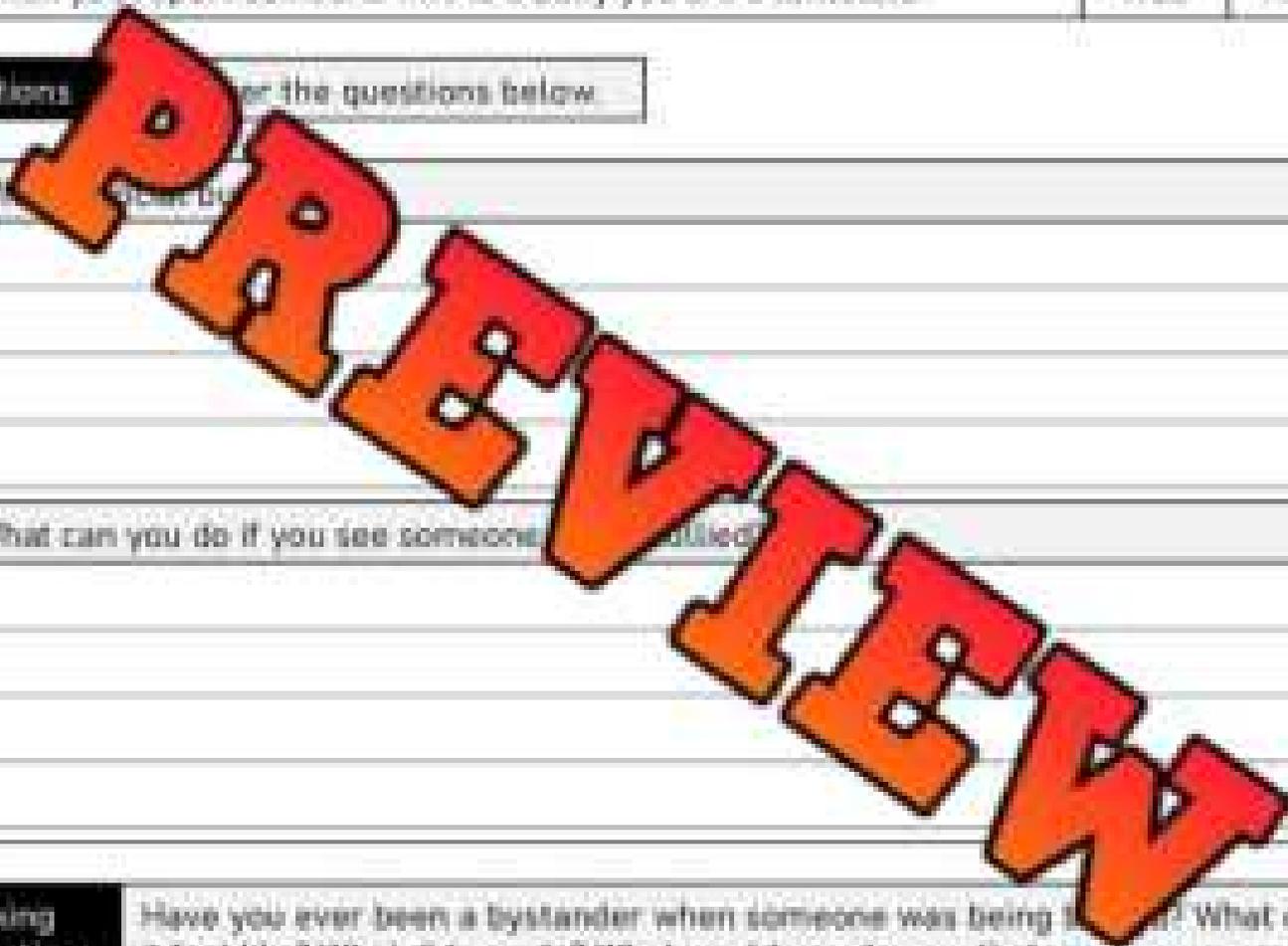
1) Spreading rumours about someone is called verbal bullying.	True	False
2) If someone excludes you from their game once, it is social bullying.	True	False
3) If you see someone being bullied you should mind your own business.	True	False
4) People who disagree with us are bullies.	True	False
5) When you report someone who is a bully you are a tattletale.	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below.

1) What should you do if you see someone being bullied?

2) What can you do if you see someone being bullied?

Making Connections Have you ever been a bystander when someone was being bullied? What did it feel like? What did you do? What would you do now that you know more?



Bystanders

Reflect

How does it feel to be a Bullying Bystander?

1) Write about how it feels to watch someone else being bullied. Choose at least 3 different feeling words. Explain what causes the feeling.

2) List 3 reasons why you

1

2

3

3) What could you have done? What will you do next time?

4) Write an anti-bullying slogan.



Identity-Based Bullying

Identity-Based Bullying

Identity-based bullying is when someone is mean or hurtful to another person because of something that makes them different from the bully. For example, someone might be bullied because of their race, religion, gender, ability, appearance, weight, size, how much money their family has, or sexual orientation.

Identity-based bullying is wrong and hurtful because it targets something that they cannot control, like the color of their skin or where they were born.

What Can You Do to Stop Identity-Based Bullying?

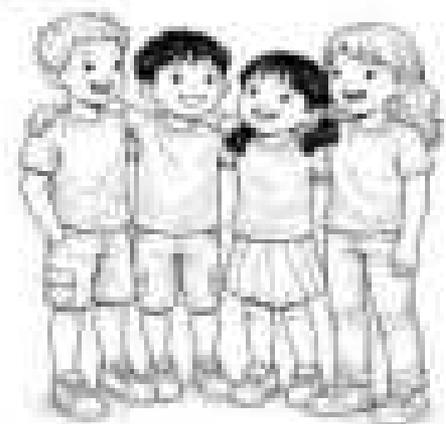
There are ways to stop identity-based bullying, including:

- 1) **Speak up:** tell a trusted adult. If you are being bullied, know you support them. If you see someone being bullied, let them know it's not okay.
- 2) **Be an ally:** to the person being bullied and encourage others to do the same.
- 3) **Education:** Learn about different identities and how you can help and value diversity.
- 4) **Practice kindness and inclusion:** Be kind to everyone, including those who are different. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and kindness. Our differences are what make us unique and special.



What Can You Do if You Are Being Bullied?

- 1) **Talk to someone:** It's important to talk to a trusted adult.
- 2) **Stand up for yourself:** let the bully know their behaviour is not okay.
- 3) **Surround yourself with positive people:** Spend time with people who accept you for who you are.
- 4) **Take care of yourself physically and emotionally:** Make sure you get enough sleep, eat healthy foods, and do things that make you happy.



True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Identity-based bullying is when you are bullied because of something about yourself that you cannot change.	True	False
2) Identity-based bullies do not respect diversity.	True	False
3) We should all try to be more alike so there would be no identity-based bullies.	True	False
4) Our differences make us each special.	True	False
5) If someone is being bullied you should mind your own business.	True	False

Questions Write your answers below.

1) What is identity-based bullying?

2) What can you do about identity-based bullying?

Word Scramble

Unscramble the words from the word bank.

Word Bank

Identity

Diversity

Gender

Appearance

Ability

Religion

Ally

Culture

Respect

Race

CTSRPEE

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Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer

Mark _____

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- a) A disagreement they caused
- b) Something that makes them different
- c) A mistake they made once
- d) A game they lost

2. Which is an example of identity-based bullying?

- a) Two friends arguing during a game
- b) Teasing someone about their clothing brand
- c) Making fun of someone's race or religion
- d) Forgetting to invite someone one time

3. Identity-based bullying is especially harmful because...

- a) It happens only at school
- b) It is usually accidental
- c) It stops on its own
- d) It targets things people cannot control

4. Being an ally means...

- a) Ignoring bullying to avoid trouble
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Types of Bullying

Scenarios

Read the scenario and circle which type of bullying it is.

1) Jason pulls Jen's hair whenever he gets near her.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
2) Paul takes embarrassing pictures of Peter and posts them online with rude comments.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
3) Jack always invites everyone but Nick to play tag.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
4) Kelly punches the shoulder every time he gets near her.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
5) Lucas posts photos of Nick and posts them online.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
6) Ava always challenges Ben for a race in races.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
7) Mike kicks Sam's book and throws it on the floor.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
8) Avery and her grade 4 friends always play in the yard together, but they never invite classmate, Sarah.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
9) Max writes insults about Zoe on a wall at school.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber
10) Levi spreads rumours about Logan to his friends through text messages.	Verbal	Physical	Social	Cyber

Your Turn

Write an example of each type of bullying.

Verbal	
Physical	
Social	
Cyber	

Scenarios

Check if the scenario shows verbal, physical, or cyberbullying.

#	Scenario Description	Verbal	Physical	Cyber
1	Name-calling in the hallway.			
2	Shoving someone into a locker.			
3	Spreading rumours online.			
4	Making fun of someone's clothes.			
5	Talking to someone in the cafeteria.			
6	Gossiping about someone to a classmate.			
7	Laughing at someone's appearance.			
8	Taking and hiding someone's belongings.			
9	Sending hurtful texts to someone.			
10	Whispering about someone during group activities.			
11	Hitting someone during gym class.			
12	Posting someone's personal details without consent.			
13	Mocking someone's accent.			
14	Kicking someone under the table.			
15	Stalking a classmate's social media.			
16	Telling a joke about someone's family.			
17	Blocking someone's way on purpose.			
18	Sharing an embarrassing video of a classmate.			
19	Criticizing someone's academic performance loudly.			
20	Snatching a hat off someone's head and running.			

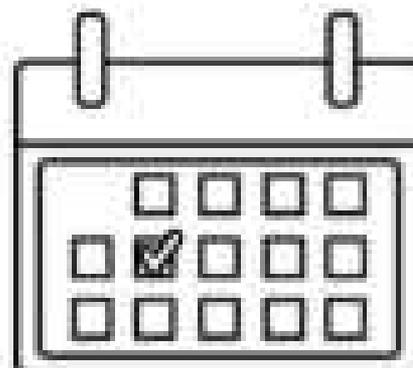
Activity – Recognizing Abusive Behaviours

Objective What are we learning about?

Students will learn to recognize warning signs of abusive behaviour by noticing behaviours in themselves or in their surroundings, understanding how abuse involves power and control, and reflecting on how this awareness supports personal safety and healthy relationships.

Material What will you need for the activity?

- Abuse Behaviour Tracking Sheet (five-day template)
- Daily reflection questions



Instructions How will you set up the activity?

1) Introduction: Begin with a class discussion about what abusive behaviour is and how it differs from healthy behaviour. Review that abuse involves power and control. Explain that students will be noticing behaviours they observe in themselves or in their surroundings.

2) Plan the Week: Students review the tracking questions to learn what kinds of behaviours to notice, such as name-calling, blaming, controlling, humiliation, or exclusion.

3) Daily Observation: Each day, students notice one behaviour they observe in themselves or in their surroundings (school, online, home, community, or media). Students must not name people or share private details.

4) Daily Tracking: Students complete the tracking questions:

- What behaviour did I notice today?
- Was this behaviour healthy or unhealthy?
- How did it show power or control, if at all?
- Why could this behaviour be harmful?
- What could stop or improve this behaviour?

5) End-of-Week Reflection: At the end of the week, students reflect on how noticing behaviours in themselves, or their surroundings changed how they think about relationships, safety, and asking for help.

Recognizing Abusive Behaviours – Monday

Focus Area	My Response
Abusive behaviour I noticed (What happened?)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
How common is this behaviour (Who has noticed it and how?)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Why this behaviour is unhealthy or harmful	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
What could stop or challenge this behaviour (Safe actions or supports)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Monday Reflection: Did recognizing abusive behaviour today change how you think about relationships or safety? Why or why not?	
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Recognizing Abusive Behaviours – Thursday

Focus Area	My Response
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Friday Reflection: Did recognizing abusive behaviour today change how you think about relationships or safety? Why or why not?

Self-Assessment Checklist **Recognizing Abusive Behaviours**

1) Did I recognize different abusive behaviours during the week?	Yes	No
2) Did I understand how abuse involves power or control?	Yes	No
3) Did I explain why these behaviours were harmful?	Yes	No
4) Did I identify safe ways to stop or challenge abuse?	Yes	No
5) Did I recognize when a behaviour crossed a boundary?	Yes	No
6) Did I notice any abusive behaviour around me this week?	Yes	No
7) Did my understanding of abuse change during the start of the week?	Yes	No

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8) Which abusive behaviour do you think is the most dangerous? Explain why.

9) Most importantly, did I notice that I am not the abuser? Explain how.

10) Are my surroundings abusive this week?

Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
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Bullying and Its Impact



Understanding Bullying's Impact

Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose. It can make school a scary place and can hurt people for a long time.

Effects on Kids

Bullying can affect kids in many ways:

1. **Feeling Alone:** Kids who are bullied often feel alone and unhappy. They might be afraid to go to school or play outside.
2. **Harder to Learn:** When kids are worried about bullying, it can be hard for them to focus in school or think of new ideas.
3. **Long-Term Challenges:** Sometimes the sadness and fear can last a long time, even when they grow up.



Effects on Our Community

- **Less Safe:** When there is bullying, it makes our schools and parks feel less safe for everyone.
- **Loss of Trust:** People might be less likely to help each other or work together if there is a lot of bullying.

Building a Supportive Community

Having people around who care can make a big difference.

Here are ways communities help stop bullying:

- **Teachers and Parents Listening:** Adults need to listen and help when a child says they are being bullied.
- **Programs in Schools:** Many schools have programs to teach about bullying and how to stand up to it.



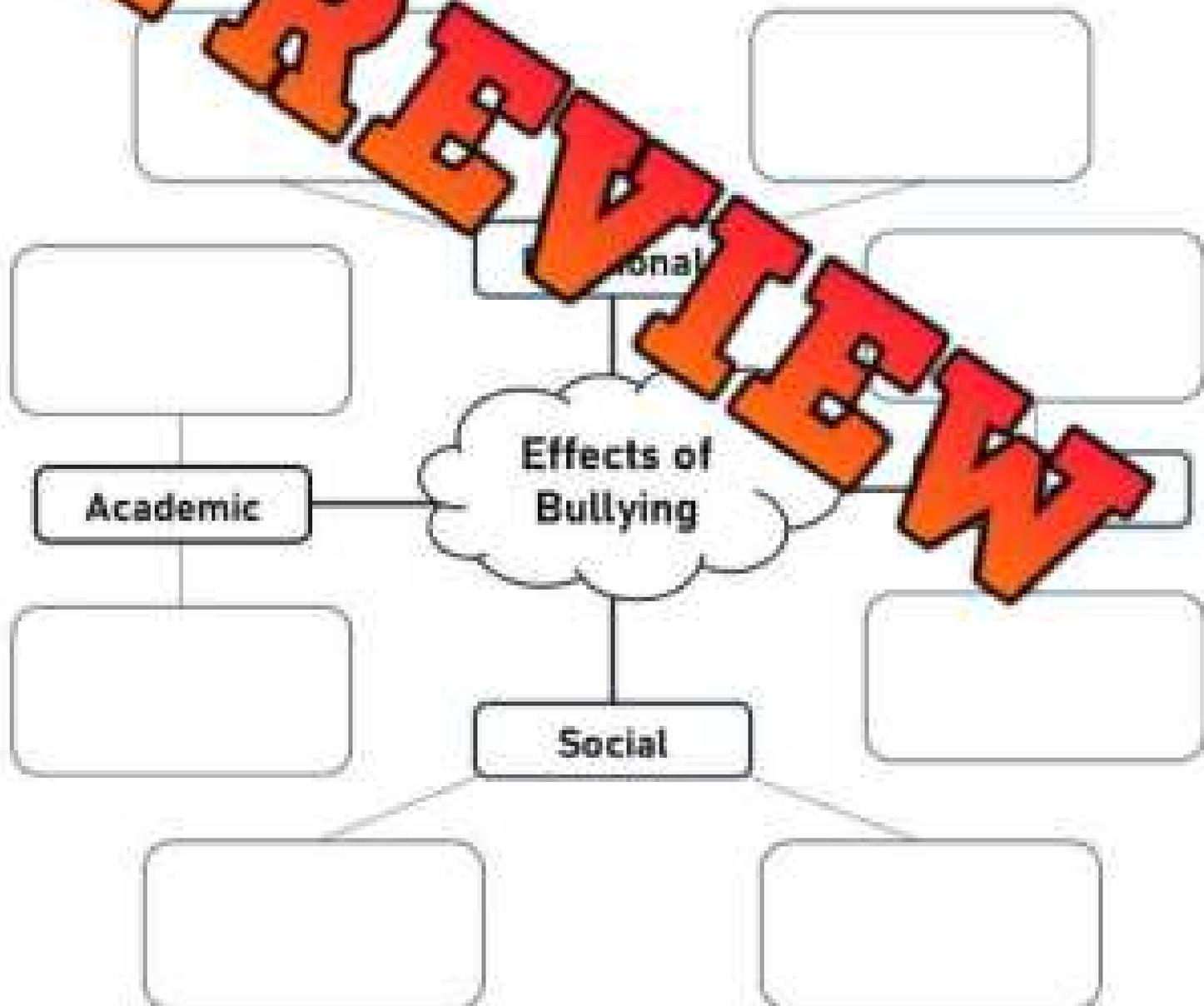
Completion

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

1) Bullying makes school a _____ place.	fun	scary
2) Feeling alone is an effect of _____.	bullying	friendship
3) Sadness from bullying can be _____.	attention seeking	long-term
4) Adults should _____ bullying claims.	ignore	address
5) Bullying _____ community trust.	increases	decreases

Mind Map

Draw a mind map of the effects of bullying.



Strategies to Address Bullying

How to Deal with Bullying

Bullying can make schools feel unsafe and scary. Here are some strategies you can use if you see bullying or if it happens to you.

If You're Being Bullied:

1. **Speak Up:** Tell the bully to stop in a calm and clear voice, or you can walk away.
2. **Tell an Adult:** Tell your teacher, school counsellor, or a parent and explain what happened so that the bullying can be stopped.
3. **Stay with Friends:** Bullies often like to pick on someone in a group. If you have friends, they can keep you safe.

If You See Bullying:

- **Don't Join In:** It can be easy to go along with the crowd, but it's important to stand up for what is right.
- **Speak Up:** If it feels safe, say something to stop the bully, like "That's not cool!" or "Leave them alone."
- **Get Help:** If speaking up feels scary, find an adult and tell them what's happening.



If You Have Been a Bully:

- **Apologize:** Saying sorry to the person you bullied can be a big step in making things right.
- **Talk to Someone:** Sometimes, people bully others because they are upset or angry about something else. Talking to a counsellor or teacher can help you find better ways to deal with those feelings.

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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false.

1) Walking away from bullying is helpful.	True	False
2) Telling an adult may stop bullying.	True	False
3) Joining in bullying is standing up.	True	False
4) Verbal bullying does not cause harm.	True	False
5) Adults ignore bullying reports.	True	False



Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer.

1) Who are being bullied?

2) What can you do if you see bullying?

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Diagram

Draw and name three people you can tell about bullying.

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark

Check the strategies that help address bullying:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reporting bullying behaviour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laughing at the bullying
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking away without help
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking up respectfully
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Dealing with a Bully

When dealing with a bully, you have some options.

- 1) **Avoid the bully** – stay away from the bully as much as you can.
- 2) **Stand up to the bully** – sometimes telling the bully to stop in an assertive voice is enough to make it stop. If not, do not escalate the bullying by being physical.
- 3) **Get a buddy to help** – ask a friend to help you approach the bully. Better yet, get two friends. Grouping up and telling a bully to stop is an effective way to stop the bullying because the bully will see that you have power, and the imbalance will be gone. In addition, if a buddy is being bullied, help them out.
- 4) **Ignore the bully** – you can ignore the bully because they will often stop if they do not get a response from you.
- 5) **Tell an adult** – if you are being bullied, you should always tell an adult. Tell an adult you trust, and they will help you. No one deserves to be bullied! Adults understand this and will help you. This is not tattling as bullying is not a small problem!

Scenarios
Role Play

How would you deal with the following? You should not bully back!
Write your answers below. Try to deal with a group.

1) A bully keeps kicking, tripping, punching and hitting you. The teacher is not looking.

2) A bully always invites everyone to play hide and seek but they never include you.

3) A bully always calls you a nickname you do not like.

Activity - Bullying Prevention Pledge

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students make a shared promise to prevent bullying and support safe, respectful behaviour at school.

Materials

What will you need for the activity?

- Bullying prevention pledge templates (provided)
- Pens or pencils
- Poster board or wall space for displaying pledges



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a bullying prevention pledge template and writing tools.
- 2) Review what bullying is and why it is harmful to students and the school community.
- 3) In pairs, students discuss actions that help prevent bullying and keep others safe.
- 4) Students write clear and specific bullying-prevention promises on their pledge template.
- 5) Each pair shares one pledge statement with the class.
- 6) Display the completed bullying pledges in the classroom or hallway as a reminder.
- 7) Encourage students to review the pledges regularly and follow their promises.

Bullying Prevention Pledge

Introduction:

As a student, I promise to help prevent bullying and help make my school a safe and respectful place for everyone.

1) Respectful Words and Actions

I promise to treat others with respect and not use hurtful words, teasing, or name calling.

Write your pledge here:

2) Standing Up Against Bullying

I promise to speak up, get help, or support others if bullying is happening.

Write your pledge here:

3) Supporting Others

I promise to help classmates who feel left out, hurt, or unsafe, and to include others whenever I can.

Write your pledge here:

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4) Getting Help When Bullying Happens

I promise to tell a trusted adult if bullying happens to me or someone else,
even if it feels uncomfortable or scary.

Write your pledge here:

5) Taking Responsibility for My Actions

I promise to apologize if I hurt someone, and work to
prevent it from happening in the future.

Write your pledge here:

Signature:

I understand that bullying can hurt others and make school feel unsafe. I
promise to make choices that help stop bullying and keep others safe.

Sign here: _____

Date: _____

Partner's Signature: _____



Role Play – Violence and Abuse in Relationships

Objective

What are we learning about?

Participants will explore what violence and abuse in relationships look like and how they affect safety, feelings, and personal choices. They will act out real-life situations that show power, control, bullying, and harmful behaviour. Participants will practise recognizing warning signs, responding in safe ways, supporting others, and knowing when and how to seek help.

Materials

What do we need for our activity?

- Scenario cards (real-life situations) (provided)
- Props or costumes (optional)
- Timer or stopwatch (optional)



Instructions

How will we complete this?

1. Divide the class into small groups of 3 to 4 students.
2. Provide each group with a scenario card that is related to the topic being studied.
3. Give out roles to each student in the group, assigning the roles within the scenario, or let them decide and take roles.
4. If available, distribute props or costumes that may help students embody their roles more effectively.
5. Set the timer to allocate a specific amount of time for the groups to discuss and act out their scenarios.
6. Allow each group to present their role-play to the class.
7. After all groups have presented, initiate a class discussion to reflect on the different approaches and outcomes observed during the role-plays.
8. Distribute reflection sheets for students to express what they learned and felt during the activity.

Criteria Use the criteria below to complete the activity.

Criteria	Description
Creativity	Show imagination and effort. Make your character believable through actions, expressions, and reactions.
Voice	Speak clearly and at an appropriate volume. Use a voice that matches your character and the situation.
Movement	Use body movements and actions that match what your character is doing in the scene.
Stay in Character	Stay in character from start to finish, even when the scene feels boring or funny.
Teamwork	Work cooperatively with your group. Share ideas, listen to others, and help support others.

Scenario Cards

Scenario	Description
1 The Friendship That Slowly Changed	Maya and Leena have been best friends since they were little, and they usually do everything together. Recently, Leena has started acting like she owns the friendship. She tells Maya she has a "right" and gets upset if Maya talks to anyone else for more than a few minutes. Leena notices Maya has stopped smiling and seems nervous when she is around her. Leena begins checking Maya's messages and gets angry if she doesn't answer right away. When Maya finally says "no" to a demand, Leena accuses Maya of lying and the friendship and tells others embarrassing stories. Now Maya has to think about safety, boundaries, and getting help.
2 Power Through Threats	Sam is in a group that meets regularly to work on shared projects and activities. Jordan is in the same group and has a strong influence because people often follow Jordan's lead. Jordan begins using threats to control Sam, such as warning Sam that they will be embarrassed in front of others if they do not do what Jordan wants. Sam's close friend, Riley, notices Sam has become tense and keeps checking who is watching before speaking. Jordan starts giving Sam unfair tasks and then insults Sam for doing them "wrong." Riley tries to support Sam quietly, but Jordan notices and tries to separate them. The conflict grows until Sam must decide whether to keep obeying or seek support.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the scenarios below.

Scenario	Description
3 When Online Messages Turn Harmful	Ava, Ben, and Lucas are part of a friend group that chats online almost every day. Ben and Ava used to joke around, but Ben begins posting personal details about Ava that were shared in private. Lucas is Ben's friend and often supports Ben, but he also cares about Ava and feels uncomfortable. Ben starts sending messages late at night, demanding that Ava respond right away, then mocking her when she does not. Ava becomes anxious and begins avoiding the chat. Ava notices that the group's tone has changed and that the harm is repeating. The situation reaches a breaking point when Ben threatens to post something about Ava that is very personal.
4 Being Left Out on Purpose	Eli, Marcus, and Talia are in the same friend circle and often spend time together. Eli gets angry after a small disagreement and decides to pull out. Marcus quietly tells Talia not to invite Eli, claiming Eli is "too sensitive" and "causing problems." Talia is Marcus's close friend and wants to stay on good terms with him, so she goes along with it at first. Eli hears about plans after the fact and feels very embarrassed and unwanted. Marcus starts spreading rumors about Eli to avoid Eli too. Talia begins to feel guilty as the exclusion becomes more intentional, and she must decide what kind of friend she wants to be.
5 Anger Used as Control	Alex and Priya are cousins who see each other for family events, and they sometimes work together on shared projects. Alex has a habit of exploding in anger during disagreements. Priya tries to "keep the peace" by giving Alex what he wants. Priya notices Priya becoming quieter and agreeing too quickly. Alex uses his anger in conversations, shouting over others and making threats like "I'll be back again if you disagree." Priya starts changing her choices to avoid Alex's anger. Daniel finally challenges the pattern and points out that he needs respect. The group must deal with whether Alex's behaviour will be addressed or ignored.
6 "Jokes" That Are Not Jokes	Jamie and Chris are in the same social circle, and Chris often performs for attention by making people laugh. Chris starts making comments about Jamie's looks and skills, calling them "jokes," but the comments happen again and again. Morgan is Jamie's friend and is usually supportive, but Morgan laughs at first because everyone else does. Jamie becomes quieter, stops joining conversations, and tries to avoid being noticed. Chris increases the "jokes" when Jamie shows discomfort, acting like Jamie is "too sensitive." Morgan begins realizing the harm is not accidental and that the pattern is repeating. The tension grows until Morgan must choose whether to stay silent, join in, or support Jamie openly.

Scenario Cards

Cut out the scenarios below.

Scenario	Description
<p>7</p> <p>Control Through Guilt</p>	<p>Casey and Taylor are close friends who talk daily and spend a lot of time together. Taylor often says things that make Casey feel responsible for Taylor's happiness, such as "If you cared about me, you would do this," and "After all I've done for you, you owe me." Casey's neighbour and friend, Jordan, notices Casey is always stressed and seems afraid to say no. Taylor begins keeping score of favours and uses guilt to pressure Casey into doing things Casey is not comfortable with. When Casey tries to set a boundary, Taylor accuses Casey of being selfish and threatens to stop being friends. Jordan encourages Casey to break the pattern of guilt and control and think about safer choices.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Watching Abuse Happen</p>	<p>Nina and Owen are in the same community group that meets regularly, and Owen tries to control Nina's choices and embarrass her in front of others. Owen often interrupts her, and speaks to her in a disrespectful way, especially when others are listening. Farah is Nina's friend and notices Owen's behaviour before speaking. Leo is Owen's friend and believes Owen is right, so he says nothing. Owen's behaviour repeats and becomes worse. Nina tries to stand up for herself. Farah and Leo discuss how they are witnessing and what responsibility they have, Nina's safety and how their choices are related as the bystanders' choices shape what happens next.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Identity-Based Harm</p>	<p>Amir recently joined a mixed group of people who share ideas and stories about themselves. Zoe begins making comments about Amir's identity and background, using stereotypes and generalizations. Hannah is Amir's friend from the same neighbourhood and notices Amir become quieter and avoids speaking. Zoe encourages others to join in and excludes Amir from group plans. Amir tries to ignore it, but the behaviour keeps happening and starts affecting his confidence. Amir decides to learn more about why identity-based bullying is harmful and decides to speak up. The conflict builds when Zoe dismisses concerns and tries to blame Amir for being "too sensitive."</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Asking for Help is Not Easy</p>	<p>Liam and Sofia are close friends who usually tell each other everything. Lately, Liam has been acting differently—he avoids certain people, seems tense when his phone rings, and makes excuses to leave early. Sofia asks what is wrong, but Liam says everything is fine because he fears the situation will get worse if anyone knows. Liam's older cousin, Marcus, notices Liam is losing confidence and becoming withdrawn. Liam admits that someone has been repeatedly pressuring and humiliating him, and he feels stuck because the person has more social power. Sofia wants to help, but Liam worries he will not be believed. The story moves toward a moment where Liam must decide whether to stay silent or reach out for support.</p>

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Name: _____

Rubric How did you do on the activity?

Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points
Creativity	Very little effort shown	Some effort, limited detail	Creative and thoughtful	Highly creative and engaging
Voice	Difficult to hear or unclear	Sometimes clear	Clear and appropriate	Always clear, expressive, and confident
Movements	Movements did not match	Some matching movements	Movements matched well	Movements were purposeful and effective
Stay in Role	Often out of character	Sometimes in character	Mostly stayed in character	Stayed in character throughout
Teamwork	Did not work well with group	Worked with group	Worked well with group	Excellent cooperation and support

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Teacher Comments

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Student Comments - What Could You Do Better?

_____ _____ _____ _____

Unit Test**Violence and Abuse in Relationships**

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<p>1. Abuse happens when one person uses power to gain _____ over another person.</p> <p>a) Anger b) Control c) Mistakes d) Accidents</p>	<p>2. When someone uses force like hitting or pushing to hurt another person, this is ...</p> <p>a) Emotional abuse b) Physical abuse c) Social abuse d) Economic abuse</p>
<p>3. Using power, threats, or insults to hurt someone is called ...</p> <p>a) Emotional abuse b) Physical abuse c) Social abuse d) Economic abuse</p>	<p>4. Bullying that happens using phones or the internet is called _____ bullying.</p> <p>a) Verbal b) Social c) Physical d) Cyber</p>
<p>5. A person who sees bullying happen, but does nothing is called a _____.</p> <p>a) Victim b) Bully c) Bystander d) Ally</p>	<p>6. _____ actions can cause emotional harm.</p> <p>a) Ignoring b) Teasing c) Complaining d) All of the above</p>
<p>7. Which example is identity-based bullying?</p> <p>a) Teasing about a bad test b) Ignoring someone once c) Making fun of someone's religion d) Disagreeing about a rule</p>	<p>8. Asking for help is a sign of _____.</p> <p>a) Weakness b) Strength c) Failure d) Trouble</p>
<p>9. "You're useless. You never do anything right." This quote is an example of _____.</p> <p>a) Emotional abuse b) Physical abuse c) Economic abuse d) Spiritual abuse</p>	<p>10. Which quote is NOT an example of control?</p> <p>a) "You're not allowed to go." b) "Do what I say." c) "I choose for you." d) "What do you think?"</p>

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**Sorting – Roles
in Bullying**

Read the scenarios below. Write each character's name next to the correct role.

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 1) During recess, **Sam** repeatedly makes fun of **Alex** and pushes him. **Jordan** sees this happen but walks away. **Taylor** steps in, supports Alex, and tells a teacher.

Bystander:

Victim:

Bully:

Ally:

 2) After school, **Ava** checks on **Noah**. Earlier, **Emma** saw hurtful messages but stayed silent. Those messages were posted by **Liam**, and **Noah** felt upset and embarrassed.

Bystander:

Victim:

Ally:

Sort

Read each scenario and write the correct type of abuse beside each.

Physical

Spiritual - Sexual

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1) Hitting someone during an argument and saying, "You deserve this."

2) Insulting someone often and saying, "You are ugly."

3) Controlling shared money and saying, "I decide when our money is spent."

4) Using beliefs to control someone and saying, "You will be punished."

5) Yelling to control feelings and saying, "No one else likes you."

6) Stopping someone from practising beliefs and saying, "You're not allowed."

7) Forcing unwanted touching and saying, "Don't tell anyone."

8) Pushing someone to scare them and saying, "I'll hurt you again."

9) Pressuring someone to share private pictures and saying, "You have to."

10) Stopping a partner from using money and saying, "You're not allowed to buy anything."

