Oral Health and Nutrition

Understanding sugar



The number of serves per package This differs between products. Not a good reference when comparing products	Nutrition Information			
	Servings per package: 3 Serving size: 150g		-	
		Quantity per serving	Quantity per 100g	Use this column when
	Energy	608 kJ	405 kJ	comparing products
	Protein	4.2 g	2.8 g	
Sugar per serve in this product there	Fat, total	7.4 g	4.9 g	
are three serves, each	- saturated	4.5 g	3.0 g	
containing 18.6 grams (g) of sugar	Carbohydrate, total	18.6 g	<u>12.4 g</u>	Aim for less than 10 grams (g) of sugar
	- sugars	18.6 g	12.4 g	5 (5) 5
Where does sugar sit in the list? The closer to the top, the more sugar present	Sodium	90 mg	60 mg	
	Ingredients:	Whole milk, concentrated skim milk, sugar, banana (8%), strawberry (6%), grape (4%), peach (2%), pineapple (2%), gelatine, culture, thickener (1442)		
	All quantities above are averages			

Daily sugar consumption

Less than 5% of daily total energy intake to decrease your risk of tooth decay and obesity

- In the average, healthy adult, this equals approximately 24 grams or 6 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon sugar = 4 grams sugar

Comparing products

Use the 'per 100 g' column. This allows you to compare "apples with apples."

- Aim for less than 10 grams of sugar per 100 grams. If the food contains fruit, allow up to 20 grams per 100 grams.
- Foods claiming 'no added sugar,' often contain a higher level of natural sugar.

Don't forget

- Brush with a fluoride toothpaste
- Clean between your teeth with floss or interdental brushes
- See a dentist regularly to maintain good oral health!

