I Spy Carbs



Coach Note: Read this page to yourself to get ready for the activity.

Purpose of Activity

To identify some foods with carbs.

Teaching Points

- 1. Fruits and vegetables have carbs.
- 2. Pasta has carbs.
- 3. Rice has carbs.
- 4. Bread and crackers have carbs.
- 5. Cereal and oatmeal have carbs.
- 6. Sweets have carbs.



What You Need

- Plastic food models in the toolkit (peas, bread, hamburger roll, macaroni, rice, and bowl of cereal)
- A magazine with pictures of food or a grocery store flyer from the newspaper
- An apple

Foods that have carbs are good for you. Eat the right amount.

Let's find some foods with carbs

What You Need

- Choose one or two of the foods below to talk about at one session.
- Place the plastic foods you will discuss on the table.
- Pick up the peas.
- Peas are veggies.
- Name some other vegetables.
- Veggies have carbs.

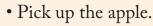


- Pick up the bread and hamburger roll.
- What do you make with bread?
- Sandwiches and toast have carbs.
- Hamburgers on rolls have carbs, too.



- Pick up the rice.
- Rice goes with lots of meals.
- Rice is a food with carbs.

Many kinds of foods have carbs.



- An apple is a fruit.
- Name some other fruits.
- Fruits have carbs.



- Pick up the macaroni.
- What is another food that is like macaroni?
- Macaroni and spaghetti have carbs.



- Pick up the bowl of cereal.
- Name some other cereals.
- Cereal and oatmeal have carbs.

Are You Ready To Play the I Spy Carbs Game?

- Let's find foods with carbs.
- Let's look at the magazine (or grocery store flyer).
- Find some pictures of foods with carbs.
- Ask each other if the pictures in the magazine are carb foods.
- Point to the picture of the food with carbs.
- If you found a carb food, say "I spy carbs!"
- Try to find different kinds of carb foods.



Play the I Spy Game any time. Try it:

- While grocery shopping.
- In the kitchen, looking in the refrigerator or cupboards.
- Looking at cardboard food models.
- At mealtime.



Turn the page to find some helpful hints!

Carbs are good for you. Your body turns carbs into energy.

Let's Review: You are learning to find some foods with carbs!



It takes practice to learn which foods have carbs.