

Fit & Lean in 2014

3.4: Food Label Worksheet

Just looking at a Nutrition Facts label doesn't always tell us what we're actually eating. All amounts listed on the label are for one serving – but what if you eat two – or even the whole package! A few simple calculations will help you figure out how many calories or grams of fat are in the servings that you actually consume.

Compare three food labels and fill in the information below. Then determine which item you would choose and be prepared to explain why that would be the healthiest choice.

Food Label #1: Food Label #2: Serving Size on label: Serving Size on label: Calories/serving: Calories/serving: _____ Total fat grams/serving: Total fat grams/serving: Total saturated fat grams/serving: Total saturated fat grams/serving: Total fiber grams/serving: Total fiber grams/serving: Total protein grams/serving: Total protein grams/serving: _____ Total sugar grams/serving: Total sugar grams/serving: _____ Total sodium milligrams/serving: Total sodium milligrams/serving: What nutrient has the highest DV%: What nutrient has the highest DV%: Food Label #3: Overall..... Which is lowest in calories? Serving Size on label: Which is highest in fiber? Calories/serving: Total fat grams/serving: Which is lowest in fat? Which is lowest in sugar? Total saturated fat grams/serving: Which is highest in protein? Total fiber grams/serving: Total protein grams/serving: Which is lowest in sodium? _____ Overall, which label would you say is the healthiest Total sugar grams/serving: option and why? Total sodium milligrams/serving:

What nutrient has the highest DV%:

THE BIG FIVE: Fibre [at least 3-4g]; Fat [<5g saturated fat]; Sugar [<8g]; Protein [>5g]; Sodium [<300mg/serving]

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