

Instructor Tips for Drink Label Cards

1. Display Drink Label Cards with sugar cubes representing the teaspoons of sugar in each container. Display should also include general MyPlate messaging on total diet (consider *MyPlate 10 Tips to a Great Plate*).
2. Note that the walking time needed to burn off the sugary drink is in addition to the daily activity necessary for weight maintenance.
3. Discuss the benefits of the nutrients in milk and 100% juice.

Drink	Container Size	Sugar Type	Calories per Container	Teaspoons (tsp) of Sugar per Container	Walking Time to Burn Off the Drink ¹
Water	20 fl. oz. bottle	Sugar-Free	0 calories	0 tsp.	0 minutes
1% Milk	16 fl. oz. bottle	Natural Sugar	260 calories	8 tsp.	56 minutes
100% Orange Juice	16 fl. oz. bottle	Natural Sugar	244 calories	11 tsp.	53 minutes
Soda	12 fl. oz. can	Added Sugar	136 calories	8 tsp.	30 minutes
Soda	20 fl. oz. bottle	Added Sugar	227 calories	14 tsp.	49 minutes
Sports Drink	20 fl. oz. bottle	Added Sugar	125 calories	9 tsp.	27 minutes
Energy Drink	16 fl. oz. can	Added Sugar	240 calories	15 tsp.	52 minutes
Sweetened Tea	20 fl. oz. bottle	Added Sugar	213 calories	14 tsp.	46 minutes
Fruit-flavored Soda	12.5 fl. oz. bottle	Added Sugar	165 calories	11 tsp.	36 minutes
Juice Drink	20 fl. oz. bottle	Added & Natural Sugar	305 calories	17 tsp.	66 minutes
Fruit Nectar	11.5 fl. oz. can	Added & Natural Sugar	196 calories	11 tsp.	42 minutes
Vitamin-added Water	20 fl. oz. bottle	Added & Natural Sugar	125 calories	8 tsp.	27 minutes

Notes: Walking times are based on the average calorie expenditure for a 154-pound individual walking at 3.5 mph (280 calories/hour). Calories burned per hour will be higher for persons who weigh more than 154 pounds and lower for persons who weigh less. Teaspoons of sugar are rounded to the nearest whole number. All walking times are rounded up to next whole number.

1. United States Department of Health and Human Services, U. S. Department of Agriculture. *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005*, Table 4. Calories/Hour Expended in Common Physical Activities. <http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/document/html/chapter3.htm> Accessed May 15, 2012.