

CHALLENGE #1: COUNTING CALORIES

HOW TO CALCULATE PERCENTAGE OF CALORIES FROM FAT, CARBOHYDRATE & PROTEIN¹

A calculation of the percentage of calories that come from fat, carbohydrates and protein requires you to know the specific amounts of each of these calorie sources. This information is available in the nutritional label, which is generally required for most types of food. The percentage of calories that come from fat, carbohydrates and protein is important information if you're on a diet that limits you to specific percentages of each of these sources of calories.

STEP 1

Obtain the amount of fat, carbohydrates and protein in a serving of the food. The nutritional label should provide these values in units of grams.

STEP 2

Derive the number of calories in the food that come from fat. Each gram of fat provides about 9 calories, so the number of calories that come from fat is $9 \times F$, where F is the number of grams of fat. For example, food that has 11 g of fat. The food, therefore, provides $9 \times 11 = 99$ calories from fat.

STEP 3

Compute the number of calories that come from carbohydrates. Each gram of carbohydrates provides about 4 calories, so the number of calories that comes from carbohydrates is $4 \times C$, where C is the number of grams of carbohydrates. For example, food that has 7 g of carbohydrate, provides $4 \times 7 = 28$ calories from carbohydrates.

STEP 4

Compute the number of calories that come from protein. Each gram of protein provides about 4 calories, so the number of calories that come from protein is $4 \times P$, where P is the number of grams of protein. Assume the food has 8 g of protein. The food, therefore, provides $4 \times 8 = 32$ calories from protein.

STEP 5

Find the total number of calories in the food. This will be the sum of the calories from fat, carbohydrates and protein. A food that has 99 calories from fat, 28 calories from carbohydrates and 32 calories from protein will have a total of $99 + 28 + 32 = 159$ calories.

STEP 6

Calculate the percentage of calories that come from fat, carbohydrates and proteins. This example has 99 calories from fats and 159 total calories, so $99 / 159 \times 100 = 62.3$ percent of the calories in the food come from fat. There are 28 calories from carbohydrates and 159 total calories, so $28 / 159 \times 100 = 17.6$ percent of the calories in the food come from carbohydrates. There are 32 calories from protein and 159 total calories, so $32 / 159 \times 100 = 20.1$ percent of the calories in the food come from fat.

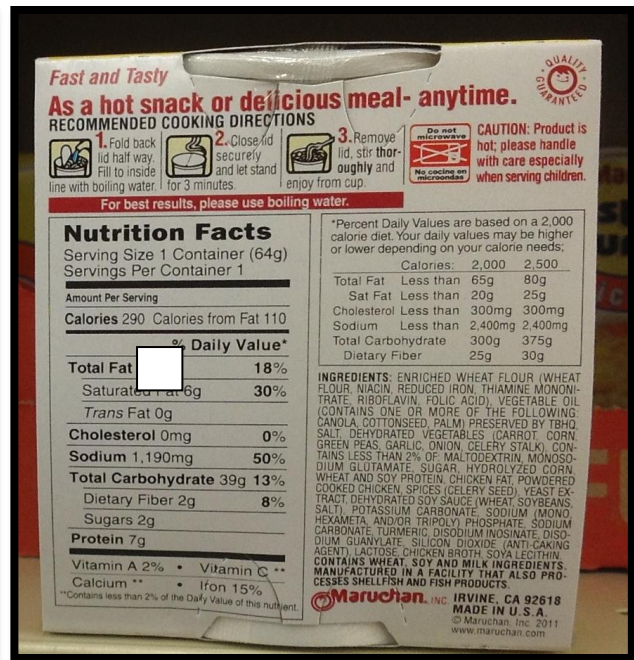
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¹ information provided by livestrong.com (<http://www.livestrong.com/article/81042-calculate-percentage-calories-fat-carbohydrate>)



Each serving of Velveeta has 5 grams of fat, 3 grams of carbs and 4 grams of protein.

How many calories are there in each serving?



This cup of ramen noodles has 7 grams of protein, 290 calories and 39 grams of carbs.

How many grams of fat does it have in each serving?



A single serving of Frosted Mini Wheats has 190 calories, 1 gram of fat and 46 grams of carbs.

How many grams of protein does each serving have?

How many grams of protein are in the entire box?

(Instructions for Challenges 2-4 can be found on the Weebly site [aaronhollingshead.weebly.com])

CHALLENGE #2: DO THE DEW COMPARISON

PRODUCT	PRICE PER OUNCE
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

CHALLENGE #3: TO BAKE OR TO BUY (PART 1)

	Calories per Serving	Fat per Serving	Cost per Serving
Snack Pack Pudding			
Homemade Pudding			

CHALLENGE #4: TO BAKE OR TO BUY (PART 2)

Ingredients	Calories in the Recipe	Fat in the Recipe	Cost in the Recipe
Sugar			
Shortening			
Brown Sugar			
Eggs			
Vanilla			
Flour			
Baking Soda			
Salt			
Chocolate Chips			
Total			

	Total Calories	Total Fat	Total Cost
Homemade Cookies			
Pre-Made Cookie Dough			
Pre-Made Cookies			