# UNIT 3

**1** Read the tips about how to achieve a healthy and sustainable diet. Match each one with two reasons from the list (a–h). Write letters next to each tip.

REDUCE RED MEAT CONSUMPTION AND HIGHT-FAT DAIRY. _____ _____

SUPPORT LOCAL AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE. _____ _____

EAT MORE WHOLE FOODS. _____ _____

AVOID PROCESSED FOODS AND DRINKS. _____ _____

**a** Organic foods are richer in nutrients and use fewer fertilisers and pesticides.

**b** These foods are better for the environment as their production requires less land, energy and water.

**c** The packaging and processing that comes with processed food and drinks produces a lot of greenhouse gas emissions.

**d** A substantial amount of greenhouse gas comes from meat production.

**e** Your typical fast-food meals are low in nutrients, high in calories, unhealthy fats, sugar and salt, all bad for your health.

**f** If you buy fruit and vegetables produced near your home it will reduce the greenhouse emissions caused by transportation over long distances.

**g** Compared to processed food, legumes, whole grains, fruit and vegetables are packed with healthy fibre, minerals and vitamins.

**h** These animal products are high in saturated fats and cholesterol, which are linked to major health risks.

**2** Write a question for each statement. See the example for help.

**a** We should drink five to eight glasses a day.

How many glasses of water should we drink each day?

**b** Benefits include the prevention of dehydration and the maintenance of normal blood pressure.

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**c** Our bodies need this in order to prevent constipation, maintain a healthy weight and prevent diseases such as diabetes or heart disease.

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**d** They have beneficial nutrients and fewer synthetic fertilisers and pesticides.

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**3** Study the images. According to the NOVA classification, which group does each belong to? Write a number for each based on the key.

> Key: **1** unprocessed or minimally processed    **2** processed culinary ingredients
> **3** processed foods    **4** ultra-processed foods

**a** ☐    **b** ☐    **c** ☐    **d** ☐

**4** Complete the missing words in the descriptions. Then add two examples of types of food for each. More than one answer is possible.

GROUP 1

- Unprocessed or n_____ food: This food comes straight from plants

  or a_____. Examples: fruits, _____ _____

- M_____ processed foods. Examples: pasta, _____ _____

GROUP 2

- Processed culinary ingredients: This category includes ingredients used in c_____

  or c_____ for seasoning food. Examples: fats, oils, _____ . _____

GROUP 3

- Processes foods: This category is food that has been industrially processed in order to enhance

  its t_____ s_____ and shelf-life. Examples: cured meat, canned fish,

  _____ _____

GROUP 4

- Ultra-processed foods: These contain a_____. preservatives and f_____

  and are industrially made. Examples: breakfast cereals, packed breads, _____ _____

**5** Answer the healthy diet questionnaire with a food group number from activity 4.

**a** Which food groups should your diet be mainly made up of? _____

**b** Which food group should you consume in moderation? _____

**c** Which food group should you limit as much as possible? _____

**6** Match the food groups to their descriptions.

a Protein ...    •    • ... support brain function, regulate hormones and provide energy. We should limit the consumption of saturated fats.

b Dairy ...    •    • ... are two groups from which we get our vitamins and minerals.

c Fats and oils ...    •    • ... is where we get protein, calcium and vitamin D in order to help maintain strong bones.

d Carbohydrates ...    •    • ... comes from meat, eggs, nuts and fish and are essential for building and repairing the body's tissues.

e Fruits and vegetables ...    •    • ... are found in pasta, bread and potatos and are the body's principal source of energy.

**7** Write the name of a food group or groups from activity 6 for each sentence.

a Almost half of our food should come from these groups.

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b This group is important to maintain healthy teeth and a proper nerve function.

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c These groups can be described as body-building foods.

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d These groups can be described as protective foods.

_____

e Apart from providing energy, this group is key for the functioning of the brain and the central nervous system.

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f We should limit the consumption of these macronutrients found in red meat and in some dairy products.

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g These groups can be described as energy foods.

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**8** Complete the sentences about the types of nutrients.

a _____ are vitamins and minerals.

b _____ include carbohydrates, proteins and fats.

**9** Complete Anna's blog post with the words from the box.

| ecological | harms | locally | intensive | nutrients |
| production | | proximity | quality | safe |

## Make a positive impact on the world!

People ask me if we can do our food shopping in a more sustainable way. You probably don't buy your food yourself but there is some advice you can give your parents.

Think **QPPO!** Let me explain.

**Q** is for _____. We need to make sure we are getting all the _____ we need and choose high-quality food.

**P** is for _____, this means nearby. Buy your food _____ and choose fruit and vegetable that is in season in your area.

**P** is for _____. Find out how the food is produced. You don't want food that _____ the environment. You want food that has been produced in _____ conditions for all the people and animals involved.

**O** is for origin. Stay clear of products that come from _____ agriculture. Go for organic and _____ food! It tastes better and its better for your health and the health of our planet.

**10** Complete the labels of the diagram to show a circular economy.

**c** sell and consume
_____

**b** _____
and distribute

**d** collect and separate
_____

**a** produce and
_____

**e** _____
for organic fertilisers

**11** Look at the image. Write 2-3 sentences about what food labels must include.

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