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What's your opinion?



READING

Read the discussion forum and answer the questions.

Sugar, sugar

www.theforum.com/opinion

penny64
 Did you see that documentary about healthy eating last night? It was about how much sugar we eat without knowing. Did you know that there's sugar in bread and soup?! Even 'healthy' snacks have much more sugar than we think! 😱
Wednesday 18th May 14 comments

butterfly22
 I saw it, too! I think the problem is that food producers add sugar to **products** because we like things that taste **sweet**. They also add sugar so that food can stay on the supermarket shelves longer without going bad. It's terrible! 😞
Thursday 19th May 3 comments

minnie13



I agree! This means we eat much more sugar than we should! You shouldn't have more than six **teaspoons** of sugar a day, but there are seven teaspoons in just one fizzy drink! And I drink a can of cola every day!  

Thursday 19th May  8 comments

susan99



I disagree. The **media** always try to scare us about food! It's always in the news! First they told us we were eating too much salt, then it was too much red meat. This week it's sugar. Next week it'll be milk products! Is everything bad for our health?! I think people are clever enough to make their own food **choices**.  Thursday 19th May  7 comments

penny64



I'm sorry, but I don't agree. I don't think everyone can make the right choices. I **blame** the advertisers. We see so many pictures of delicious looking food everywhere, which makes us want to eat more. But a lot of that food is unhealthy – sugar is really bad for your teeth and for your health. 

Friday 20th May  4 comments

fred01



Hi! Can I just say that there's more to a healthy **diet** than eating less sugar? It isn't just sugar we need to worry about – a diet of burgers and chips isn't good for us either!  Friday 20th May  5 comments

penny64



That's true – but that isn't what we're talking about! The point is that we're eating extra sugar because it's difficult to know how much sugar is added to food. There's so much information on every product that it's very hard to understand.  Saturday 21st May  2 comments

butterfly22



You're so right! A friend told me yesterday that she had an **app** called 'Sugar smart'. You use your phone on the **barcode** of food and drinks and the app shows you how much sugar is in the product! It's really easy to use!  Saturday 21st May  7 comments

minnie13



What a good idea! I'm going to download it right now! I'm going to tell my mum about it, too. Yesterday she said that we were eating too much sugar. She's really worried about it.  Sunday 22nd May  9 comments

penny64



Yeah, this app sounds great. It can help us make the right choices. We can decide not to buy products that have too much sugar. Maybe then the producers will make food healthier!  Monday 23rd May  13 comments

Complete the text from the given words (LP: 3)

product	app	blame	choice	media
sweet	barcode	diet	snack	teaspoon

penny64



Hi, there! I've just looked at my new 'Sugar Smart' 1 _____ to find out if my breakfast is healthy. I used my phone on the 2 _____ of the cereal box and I'm shocked to find it contains more than a 3 _____ of sugar in every mouthful! I knew it tasted 4 _____, but I didn't realise it was so unhealthy! I wonder what the 5 _____ would say about this...

minnie13



I completely agree with you about breakfast cereals. I 6 _____ the food producers - we don't need all that sugar! I try to make sure I have a healthy 7 _____. I try not to eat a 8 _____ between meals unless it's a piece of fruit. I'm going to go shopping with my mum and check each 9 _____ on the new app to help her make a good 10 _____ of breakfast cereal!.

Skills :

3.2 Understand a variety of linear and non-linear print and digital texts by using appropriate reading strategies

3.2.3 Guess the meaning of unfamiliar words from clues provided by other known words and by context