

- 1) **HIGH IN SUGAR.** Promotes tooth decay. Top culprits: candy, cakes, cookies, jams, cereals, canned fruits, barbecue sauce, ice cream, reduced-fat dairy
- (2) **HIGH IN STARCH.** Breaks down into sugar; easily sticks to and gets between teeth. Top culprits: bread, potato chips, crackers (especially saltine), cereal, white rice, pasta, pretzels
- (3) **ACIDIC.** Wears down the enamel, leaving teeth vulnerable to decay.
 - **Top culprits:** citrus fruits, sugary drinks, fruit juice, tomato soup
- (4) **STICKY.** Gets into cracks and crevices in and between teeth to promote decay.
 - Top culprits: taffy, caramel, gum drops, gummies, granola bars
- (5) HARD TO BITE. May loosen weak teeth or cause chipping. Top culprits: hard candies, lollipops, bones, unpopped kernels, ice



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