# WHY COOKING MATTERS

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# **Cooking is an important life skill**

- Learning to cook at a young age helps children grow into healthy independent adults
- Skills learned while cooking can apply to math, science and reading





## Cooking simple meals can be fast and save money





#### • When you cook at home, you get to choose:

- How much salt, sugar and fat to add
- How much to make
- A healthy cooking method like grilling, stir-frying or steaming

## **Cooking brings people together**



- Cooking **connects** you to cultures and family traditions
- Cooking builds confidence, self-esteem and healthy relationships

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## Cooking is better for the environment





- Preparing a home-cooked meal reduces packaging and food waste
- Meal planning and proper food storage creates less food waste

