# Carbohydrates: Saccharides Breakdown



## Carbohydrates

- Glucose provides energy for the brain and ½ of energy for muscles and tissues
  Immediate energy
- Glycogen is stored glucose
  - Reserve energy
  - Excess turns to fat in the body

# Carbohydrates



- Found in all foods from plants
  - Nature's means of storing solar energy
  - Photosynthesis:
    - Plants convert energy from the sun into carbohydrates
- Found in milk



- Carbohydrates are not equal
  - Simple carbohydrates
  - o complex carbohydrates

# Simple Carbohydrates Review

• Sugars

- Monosaccharides single sugars
- Disaccharides 2 monosaccharides
   Simple
   Carbohydrates

Simple carbohydrates are found in foods such as fruits, milk, and vegetables

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Cake, candy, and other refined sugar products are simple sugars which also provide energy but lack vitamins, minerals, and fiber

# Simple Carbs

- Monosaccharides
  - All are 6 carbon hexes
    - 6 carbons
    - 12 hydrogens
    - 6 oxygens
    - Arrangement differs
      - accounts for varying sweetness
  - Glucose, Fructose, Galactose







# Glucose

- Mild sweet flavor
- Known as blood sugar
- Essential energy source
- Found in every disaccharide and polysaccharide



Your goal is to maintain normal blood glucose levels



#### Fructose

- Sweetest sugar
- Found in fruits and honey
- Added to soft drinks, cereals, deserts







## Galactose

- Only found in animals and humans
- Basic sugars found in milk
- Rarely found naturally as a single sugar



## Disaccharides

- Pairs of the monosaccharides
  - Glucose is always present
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> of the pair could be fructose, galactose or another glucose
  - Taken apart by hydrolysis
  - Put together by condensation
  - DISACCHARIDES:
    - Maltose, Sucrose, Lactose



#### Condensation

- Making a disaccharide
  - Chemical reaction linking 2 monosaccharides

Structure of a Disaccharide



Maltose (A compound of 2 glucose molecules)

# Hydrolysis

- Breaking a disaccharide
  - Molecule is divided into smaller parts by adding water
  - Body uses process to digest disaccharides in food
  - Water must be present
    - Sweetened drinks are not as thirst-quenching as plain water
    - Part of the water must be used to digest the sugar and is not available for other functions

## Maltose

- 2 glucose units
- Least sweet
- Produced when starch breaks down
- In powder form: tan color





# Sucrose

- Fructose + Glucose
- Tastes sweet
  - Fruit, vegetables, grains
- Table sugar is refined sugarcane and sugar beets
- Brown, white, powdered









#### Lactose

- Glucose + Galactose
- Main carbohydrate in milk
  - Known as milk sugar
- Pure form: White





# **Carbohydrate Digestion**

- Break down into glucose
  Body is able to absorb and use
- Disaccharides
  - Broken once
- Monosaccharides
  - Don't need to be broken down

# Small Intestine

- Majority of carbohydrate digestion takes place here
- Specific enzymes finish the job
  - Maltase
    - Maltose into 2 glucose
  - Sucrase
    - Sucrose into glucose and fructose
  - Lactase
    - Lactose into glucose and galactose



#### Large Intestine

#### 1-4 hours for sugars to be digested





#### Lactose Intolerance

- More lactose is consumed than can be digested
  - Lactose molecules attract water
    - Bloating
    - Abdominal discomfort
    - Diarrhea
  - Intestinal bacteria feed on undigested lactose
    - Produce acid and gas



## Lactose Intolerance

- Factors affecting likelihood:
  - Age
  - Damage to intestines
  - Medication
  - Malnutrition
- Management requires dietary change
  - 6 grams (1/2 cup) usually tolerable
  - take in gradually
  - hard cheeses contain little to no lactose
  - enzyme drops or tablets





- Sweet Expressions Worksheet
  - Use chapter 8 in the textbook to help fill in the blanks.
  - Not all content has been covered- please read the chapter to prepare for our next lesson set on forms of sugar and preparing foods with sugar
- Testing for Simple Sugars Lab (Next lesson)
  - Identify the presence of mono- and disaccharides using the Benedict's test
  - Identify foods that contain mono- and disaccharides
    - Read lab and complete "Purpose"
- Extra time= Extra Credit
  - Create models of saccharides
    - Use pipe cleaners to create molecular structures of monosaccharides and disaccharides
    - Label the type of saccharide it is (ex. Fructose, lactose, etc.)