

# Important Nutrients

Nutrients are important things found in food that help make you healthy. During pregnancy you and your growing baby need more of some nutrients. By eating different foods from the four food groups you will be making sure that you and your baby are getting all of the nutrients you both need.

## NUTRIENT

## FOOD IT IS IN

## WHAT IT DOES

### Folic Acid



Helps baby grow.  
Makes healthy blood.

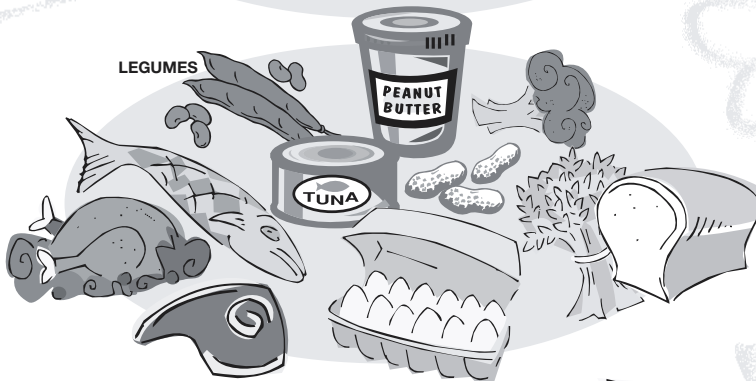
### Calcium



Makes healthy bones and teeth.

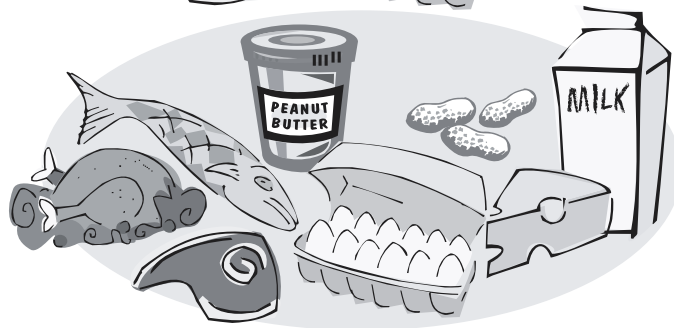
### Iron

(Vitamin C helps your body use iron)



Makes healthy blood for you and your baby.

### Protein



Helps your uterus and placenta become strong.  
Helps your baby grow.

## Want to learn more about nutrition, health and your developing baby?

Find out about a Healthy Baby program or Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program in your area. Call 945-1301 or toll-free at 1-888-848-0140 (945-1305 for the Telephone Device for the Deaf). If you live in a First Nation community, call 983-4199 and ask about federal programs.



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