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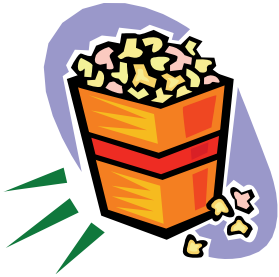
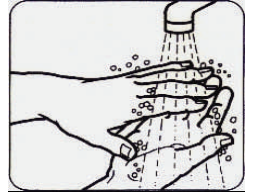
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Mix together ingredients. Store in airtight container.

Yields: 14 servings (1/4 cup each)

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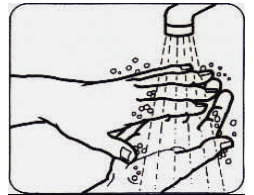
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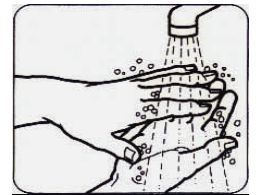
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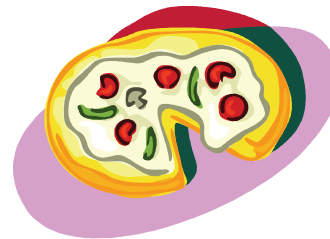


- 1 package English muffins**
- 16 ounces pizza sauce**
- 6 ounces thinly sliced ham, cut into 1/4-inch strips**
- 8-ounce can pineapple tidbits**
- 4 ounces grated part skim Mozzarella cheese**

Preheat oven to 425°. Slice English muffins in half. Put on a cookie sheet or baking pan. Spread 2 tablespoons sauce on each muffin half. Top each piece of bread with pieces of ham and pineapple tidbits. Sprinkle Mozzarella cheese on top.

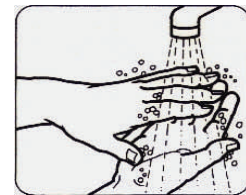
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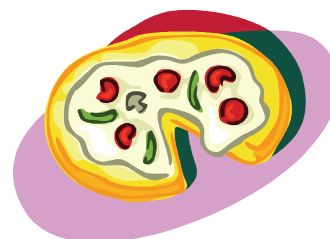


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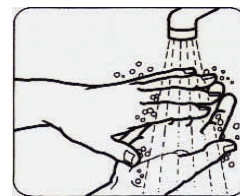
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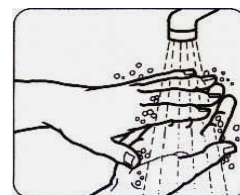
- 1 20 oz. can Pineapple chunks, including juice
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Place all ingredients into a blender. Secure the lid on top of the blender. Blend for 30 seconds, or until smooth. Remove the lid and pour into a 6-8 oz. glass. Drink and enjoy.

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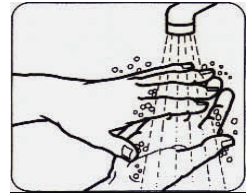


Day 2

Basic French (Plain) Omelet

2 eggs
1 Tablespoon water
1/8 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 teaspoon butter

Choose 2 Tablespoons each of your favorites:
chopped ham
grated cheese
chopped green peppers
chopped tomatoes
chopped apples



Mix eggs, water, salt and pepper. Heat butter in 7 to 10-inch omelet pan or skillet over medium-high heat until hot enough to sizzle a drop of water. Pour in egg mixture. (Mixture should immediately set at edges.) Using an upside down spatula, push the edge of the egg toward the center, tilting pan and moving cooked portions as necessary. While top is still moist and creamy-looking, add your favorite fillings. With spatula, fold omelet in half or roll, and slide or flip from pan onto plate.

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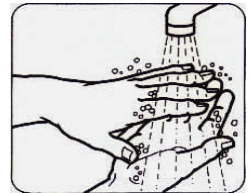


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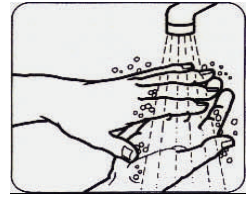
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Ice Cream Muffins



1 cup favorite flavor ice cream
1 cup sifted self-rising flour

Preheat oven to 400°. Place ice cream in small deep mixing bowl and stir with wooden spoon until softened. (Ice cream does not need to be completely melted.)

Add flour, stirring just until mixed. Spoon equal amounts into 6 buttered muffin cups. Bake for 18-20 minutes.

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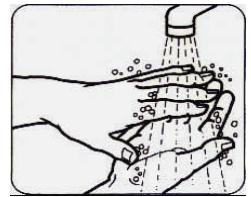
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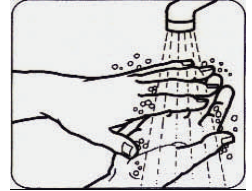
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Fruit Juice Mixture

46 ounce can of pineapple juice
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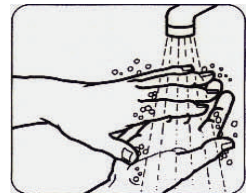
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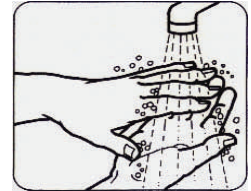
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- 1 container (16 ozs.) 1 % low-fat cottage cheese
- 1 package (8 ozs.) shredded part skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Cooking spray for baking pan
- 9 lasagna noodles, uncooked

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl combine tomato and spaghetti sauces; set aside. In another small bowl combine cottage and Parmesan cheeses. Spray a 9" X 13" baking pan; line bottom with 3 uncooked lasagna noodles. Cover with 1/3 of the sauce, 1/3 of the cottage cheese mixture and 1/3 of the mozzarella. Repeat layering 2 more times with noodles, sauce and cheeses. Cover tightly with foil. Bake for 1 hour.

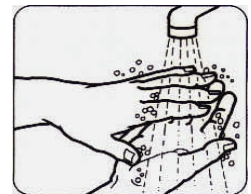
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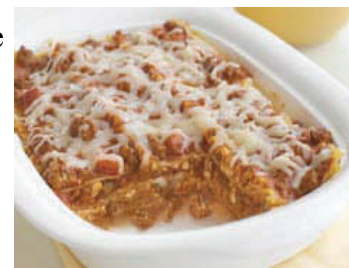


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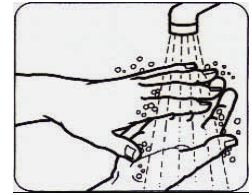
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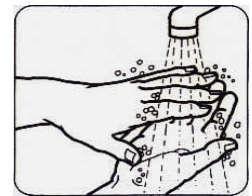
Wash and dry all ingredients. Into a large salad bowl, tear lettuce into bite-sized pieces. Slice cucumbers, celery, radishes and carrots. Add these to salad bowl. Toss vegetables together with a big salad spoon and fork. Pour Dressing over salad and toss again until dressing coats all the pieces of vegetables. Cut green pepper into rings to garnish the salad. Serve immediately.

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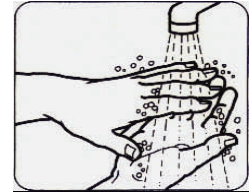
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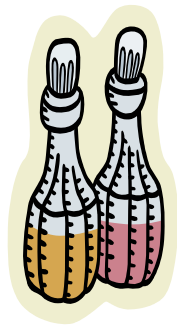
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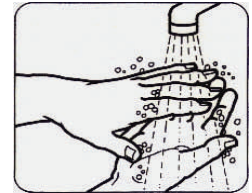
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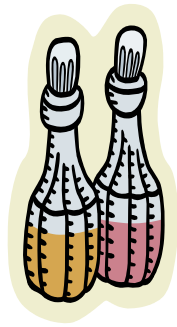
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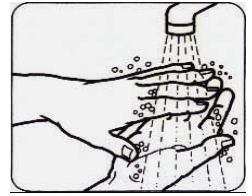
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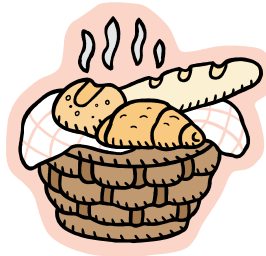
French Bread with Garlic



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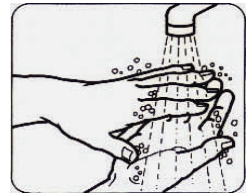
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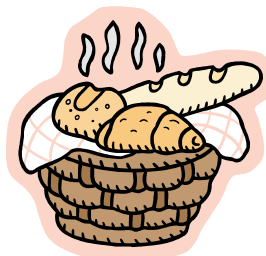
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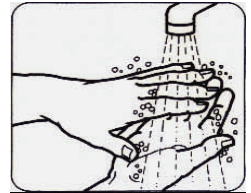
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1 quart water
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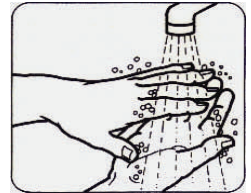
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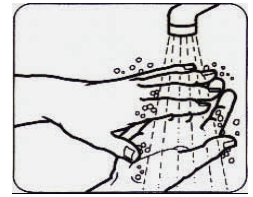
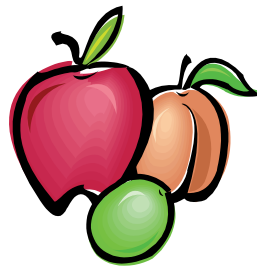
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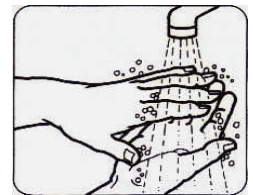
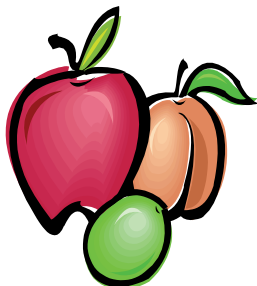
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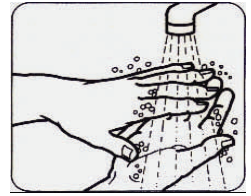
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Easy Economical but Good Punch

2 packages lemon-lime drink mix (or favorite flavor)
1 cup sugar
Two 48oz. cans pineapple juice
2 quarts water
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Stir first four ingredients together in a large pitcher. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Add 1 quart of ginger ale when ready to serve

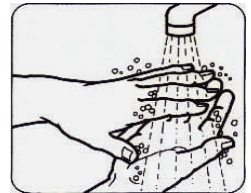
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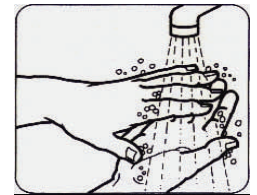
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Stir-'n-Drop Oatmeal Cookies



1 cup flour
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1/2 teaspoon salt
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1 cup brown sugar (packed)
1 cup plain oatmeal
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons milk
1 egg
3/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Heat oven to 375°. Lightly spray a baking sheet. Stir first five ingredients (listed on the left) together in a bowl. Add the brown sugar (packed) and oats. Mix in the oil, milk and egg. Stir in walnuts, if desired. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on baking sheet.

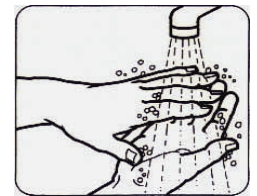
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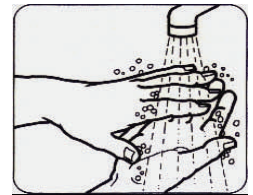
Choose 3 of the following:

Sliced bell pepper
Chopped Cucumbers
Chopped Tomatoes
Chopped Onions
Spinach leaves
Shredded carrots
Lettuce
Fresh or dried fruit (such as cherries or raisins)



Choose 1 of the following:

Turkey (sliced or chopped)
Chicken (sliced or chopped)
Tuna
Roast Beef
Tofu



Warm wrap in microwave on medium heat for about 30 seconds or wrap in foil and place in a 375° oven for about 5 minutes. Top the warmed wrap with vegetables and/or fruit. Add two ounces of meat. Roll-up the sandwich and serve with reduced-fat salad dressing.

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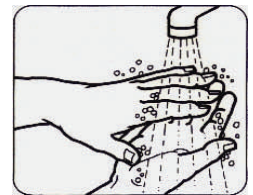
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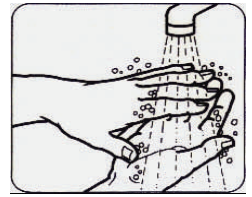
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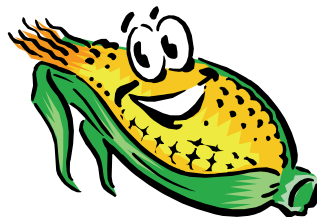
Grilled Corn

8 ears of corn
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
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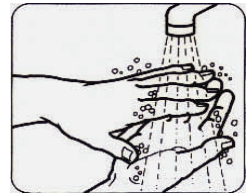
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Day 5

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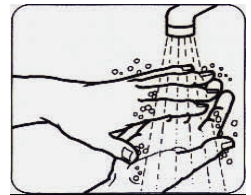
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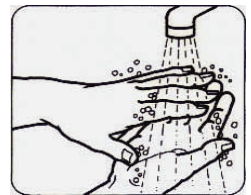
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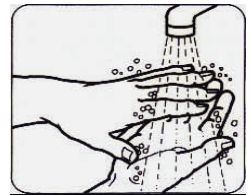
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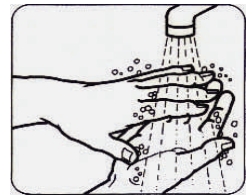
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