# Adventures of the Banana

Healthy Eating

Grade Level 7-12

Materials Paper, pencil, markers, access to the internet

LearningDescribe the growing and production process certain fruits undergoOutcomebefore arriving in Canadian grocery stores.

### Description

Invite the youth to watch the <u>Harvesting Bananas</u> video by Dole. After the video, discuss the following questions with the youth:

- What are the steps bananas go through to get to your grocery store?
- What was interesting or surprising to you about the steps bananas go through to get to your grocery store?
- Have you ever thought about the story of the food you eat and how it gets to your table?
- What other fruits or vegetables do you think go through a similar process to get to grocery stores in Canada (e.g., pineapples, avocados, watermelon)?
- How do you know where fruit comes from when buying it at the grocery store (e.g., sticker or price sign lists the country)?
- How can you help the environment when buying fruits (e.g., buy local fruits if possible, buy organic if possible, etc.)?

Explain to the youth that they will write a short children's story about the adventures of a banana and include the steps it takes for bananas to get to grocery stores.

They can create comic strips on paper or can try an online program like <u>Storyboard</u> <u>That</u> or <u>Powtoon</u> to create it digitally. If the youth needs ideas for their story they can watch the online reading of <u>Veggies with Wedgies</u>.

Once the story is complete, the youth can choose to share it with a family member.



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## Healthy Eating Competencies



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Develop cognitive skills and strategies that facilitate knowledge about healthy foods, food habits, food preparation, and food safety.

#### FEEL



Develop affective skills and strategies that facilitate healthy food relationships with themselves, with others, and with their environment.



#### АСТ

Practice behaviour skills and strategies that facilitate healthy eating, food habits, food preparation, and food safety.

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### **Reflection Questions**

Reflection is important to support learning for healthy eating. Consider asking the youth the reflection questions below and discuss the answers together.

- What did you learn from watching the video?
- How can you apply what you learned when making food choices?

