



Network for a Healthy California

An Overview to the Graphic Organizers Templates

Templates for the *Harvest of the Month* Graphic Organizers are intended for use in the classroom, in conjunction with the educator newsletter activities and student workbooks. These are modeled after other student assessment tools that are commonly used in classrooms today. In creating these standardized templates, it is our goal that educators will be able to use these tools to help students learn more about fruits, vegetables, and healthy eating habits.

Why Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers can be used to visually represent different thinking processes. They are an important strategy to help students, of all ages and learning types, learn critical thinking skills. These tools can be used in a variety of ways with *Harvest of the Month*—from introducing students to new fruits and vegetables to helping students explore in greater depth the botany and familial traits of certain produce items.

About the Graphic Organizers

There are five Graphic Organizers Templates available for download from the [Harvest of the Month website](#). The templates describe the type of learning involved with the activity and the shape of the organizer. All templates can be adapted to a variety of learning levels, though some may be more complex and appropriate for older students or advanced learners.

1. **Exploration Wheel** – a tool to help introduce students to the featured fruit or vegetable through in-depth exploration, tasting, and learning activities.
2. **Identification Chart** – a tool to help students better understand the qualities and botanical information of the featured fruit or vegetable.
3. **Sensory Cloud** – a tool to help students describe qualities about the featured fruit or vegetable.
4. **Compare & Contrast Clouds** – a tool to help students compare and contrast the featured fruit or vegetable in its different forms (e.g., fresh, cooked, 100% juice, dried, etc).
5. **Family Traits Chart** – a tool to help students better understand the various qualities of the featured fruit or vegetable, particularly within a family.



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How to Use the Graphic Organizers Templates

The five Graphic Organizers templates can be easily downloaded from the [Harvest of the Month website](#) and customized for your classroom needs. Each template includes a cover page with information about how the template can be used in conjunction with activities from the educator newsletter activities, along with an easy three-step process to get started.

If you have questions about the Graphic Organizers templates or would like to provide feedback, please email us at katharina.streng@cdph.ca.gov.



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