Find all meals on the menu with carrots and draw a carrot next to them.

- How many did you find?
- How many meals have fresh carrots? How many have cooked carrots?
- Circle all meals you want to try.
Plant Parts
Look at the different parts of the plant we eat. Draw lines to match the pictures with the correct words and descriptions.

What part of the plant is the carrot? _____________ (answer below)

Fruits
Protect seeds; help seeds disperse.

Stems
Help leaves get sunlight; move water and nutrients.

Roots
Anchor and support plants; absorb water and nutrients.

Leaves
Make food through photosynthesis.

Flowers
Produce seeds; attract birds, insects, and other pollinators.

Seeds
Produce new plants; provide food for young plants.

Reasons to Eat Carrots
Eating a ½ cup of carrot slices will give you lots of vitamin A. Vitamin A is good for you because it helps keep your eyesight healthy, helps your body fight infections, and helps keep your skin healthy. Carrots can be eaten whole, sliced into sticks, chopped, shredded, and cooked! Frozen and canned carrots are just as nutritious as fresh carrots.

Vitamin A Champions*:
Cantaloupe, carrots, cooked greens, cooked spinach, red bell peppers, sweet potatoes, winter squash.
*Vitamin A Champions are an excellent source of vitamin A (provide at least 20% Daily Value).

How Much Do I Need?
A ½ cup of sliced carrots is about one medium carrot or four baby carrots. This is the same as about one cupped handful. The amount of fruits and vegetables you need depends on your age, if you are a boy or a girl, and how active you are every day. Fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. Visit www.mypyramid.gov/kids to learn about the other food groups and to find out what and how much you need to eat to be healthy and grow strong.

Recommended Daily Amount of Fruits and Vegetables**

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**If you are active, eat the higher number of cups per day. Visit www.mypyramid.gov/kids to learn more.