



HOME FOOD PRESERVATION

Activity - Canning Scavenger Hunt

Learn name and use for common canning tools and equipment.

Hands On Version

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Cut apart words and pictures. Have students identify canning equipment by placing the correct label beside each piece of equipment.

Use real equipment if available.

Paper Version

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Have students draw a line between the word and the correct picture.

Answer Key

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Definitions

Pressure Canner - A large kettle that can be clamped or locked with the ability to measure pressure (dial gauge or weighted gauge). Designed to heat foods at temperatures higher than boiling water.

Pressure Regulator (Counter Weight) - Acts as a safety device to prevent excess pressure in canner.

Weighted Gauge - A gauge that sits on the vent port. The gauge will rock or jiggle during processing. Read directions for use.

Boiling Water Canner - Large pot with a lid and rack. Deep enough for boiling water to cover jars.

Canning Rack - Rack that is placed on the bottom of the pressure canner or boiling water canner to hold jars off the bottom while canning.

Canning Jar - Mason-type, threaded, jar with heat-tempered glass, made for home canning. Comes in a variety of sizes.

Canning Lids & Screw Bands - Two pieces consisting of a flat lid with self sealing compound around the edge and a metal ring that holds lid securely on jar during the canning process.

Jar Lifter - Used for moving jars in and out of the canner.

Canning Funnel - Aids in putting food in jars.

Headspace Tool/Bubble Freer - Aids in removing bubbles and is used to measure headspace.

Timer - Keeps track of processing time.

Canning Labels - All jars should be labeled with product name and year, either with a label or writing on the lid with a permanent marker.

Sources: Fundamentals of Consumer Food Safety and Preservation: Master Handbook. Washington State University Extension. 2019, So You Want to Preserve, Nebraska Extension Newsletter <https://food.unl.edu/resources/so-you-want-to-preserve-april-2021.pdf>

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Canning Racks	Jar Lifter	Canning Funnel
Weighted Gauge	Canning Jars	Pressure Regulator (Counter Weight)
Timer	Headspace Tool/ Bubble Freer	Pressure Canner
Boiling Water Canner	Canning Labels	Canning Lids & Screw Bands



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Match the equipment to it's name.



- Canning Racks
- Jar Lifter
- Canning Funnel
- Weighted Gauge
- Canning Jars
- Pressure Regulator (Counter Weight)
- Timer
- Headspace Tool/ Bubble Freer
- Pressure Canner
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ANSWER PAGE



Headspace Tool/
Bubble Freer

Timer



Boiling
Water
Canner

Canning
Jars



Canning
Rack

Canning Lids &
Screw Bands



Canning
Funnel

Pressure
Canner



Canning
Labels

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Jar
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