## Superpower Foods and Their Secret Helpers: BIOACTIVES!

Did you know that fruits and veggies have tiny superheroes inside them? These are called bioactive compounds, natural chemicals that help your body fight sickness, stay strong, and feel great.



#### WHY EAT THE RAINBOW?

Eating lots of colorful fruits and veggies gives your body different bioactives that work together like a superhero team. So next time you eat, think of it as powering up your health!



#### Let's meet some of these food heroes and their secret powers!

## **Tomatoes Heart Helpers**

**Bioactive: Lycopene** 

Superpower: Protects your heart and may help prevent

some cancers

Fun Fact: Lycopene makes tomatoes red and works better when tomatoes are cooked

#### Blueberries **Brain Boosters**



**Bioactive: Anthocyanins** 

Superpower: Help your brain stay sharp and improve memory. Fun Fact: They give blueberries their deep purple colour and help fight inflammation.

## Onion **Body Protectors**

**Bioactive: Quercetin** 

Superpower: Fights germs and helps reduce swelling in the body. Fun Fact: Onions make you cry, but they're also full of healing

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powers.

#### **Oranges Immunity Builders**

**Bioactive: Flavonoids** 

(like hesperidin)

Superpower: Help your body fight off colds and keep your blood flowing well.

Fun Fact: Flavonoids are found in the juicy part and the peel!

## Garlic **Germ Fighters**

**Bioactive: Allicin** 

Superpower: Kills bad bacteria and helps your heart stay healthy. Fun Fact: Allicin is strongest when garlic is crushed or chopped!

#### Broccoli **Detox Masters**

**Bioactive: Glucosinolates** (turn into sulforaphane) Superpower: Help your body clean out harmful stuff and protect against disease. Fun Fact: Chewing broccoli activates its superpowers!

## Olive Oil **Heart Shields**

**Bioactive: Polyphenols** 

Superpower: Keep your heart and blood vessels healthy. Fun Fact: Extra virgin olive oil has the most polyphenols!

## **Almonds Energy Boosters**



**Bioactive: Vitamin E and Flavonoids** Superpower: Protect your cells, help your skin glow, and give you lasting energy.

Fun Fact: Almonds are seeds, not true nuts, and they're packed with healthy fats and protein!

## Carrots **Eye Protectors**

**Bioactive: Beta-carotene** Superpower: Turns into vitamin A, which helps you see in the dark. Fun Fact: Beta-carotene gives carrots their bright orange color!

# Eat the Food Heroes

Trace your path out of this maze by eating all the bioactive-rich fresh produce along the way.







