**JULY 7: HOT DOG DAY**

**Hot dog** – a tube-like meat product made from ground inexpensive meat. It can be grilled (on a barbeque grill), boiled or microwaved easily. A traditional food at baseball games, picnics, and hot dog stands.

A hot dog with onions and mustard on a table

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**Condiment** – Things added to a sandwich like on a Chicago Hot Dog (mustard, pickle relish, onion, celery salt, tomato, pickle spear). The condiment ketchup is not included on a Chicago Hot Dog.

**Picnic** – an informal meal held outdoors with food that is brought.

**Bun** – A bread that holds the hotdog and condiments. A Chicago Hot Dog will often have a sesame seed bun.

**Chips** – Crispy, salty snacks often made from potatoes

**Watermelon** – a large fruit that is often red. It is very watery and sweet and great for a snack or dessert

A watermelon and a slice of watermelon

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**Utensils** – Tools for eating like forks, spoons, and knives

**Cooler** - container for keeping food and drinks cold A blue and white cooler

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**Ants** – crawling insects that love picnics

Ants on a piece of paper

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**Mosquito (plural: mosquitoes)**  – an insect that flies and bites as it sucks your blood. It often causes an itchy bump on the skin. Often killed as you slap it, leaving a bloody mess on your skin.

A close-up of a mosquito

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**Exercise:** Select a word to fill in the blanks. Use plural nouns where appropriate:

**Hot dog mosquito salad bun utensil watermelon picnic cooler condiment chips**

A family went on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the park for a relaxing meal on Saturday. They were prepared for the day. They brought all their food and drinks in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , so it would stay cold while they walked through the park. They were going to put the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make a sandwich. They would add \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like mustard and pickles.

They had potato \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a side dish to go with the meal and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for dessert. They brought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like forks and knives in case anyone needed them. They brought bug spray to keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from biting them and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from eating their food.