

# SLEEP DIARY



Good sleep is important for the health and happiness of every person, no matter how old or young. Without getting enough sleep, it can be hard to stay awake, pay attention, and enjoy the day.

## Did You Know?

**Getting enough sleep helps you stay healthy, safe, and feeling good.**

A good night's sleep will help...

- \* You remember what you learned all day.
- \* You have more energy for sports and playing.
- \* Your body fight germs and illness better.
- \* You to pay attention.
- \* You feel better about yourself!



## Tips To Help You Get A Good Night's Sleep

### Do:

- \* Sleep 10 to 11 hours (ages 5-12) every night.
- \* Go to bed at the same time every night.
- \* Follow a bedtime routine by doing the same relaxing activities every night before bed – like reading or listening to quiet music.
- \* Exercise during the day.
- \* Have a light snack or warm glass of milk before bed, if you are hungry.
- \* Keep your bedroom cool, dark, and quiet.

### Do Not:

- \* Stay up late.
- \* Go to bed at different times each night.
- \* Watch TV or play video games because they can disturb your sleep.
- \* Exercise too close to bedtime (3 hours or sooner).
- \* Drink soda or eat chocolate because they contain caffeine, which can make it hard to sleep.
- \* Have TV's, computers, video games, loud noises or bright lights in your bedroom. They can bother you while you sleep.

This **Sleep Diary** is a fun way to help you, your parents and your doctor talk about the importance of sleep. Each day you will answer several questions about your sleep. Starting any day of the week, fill out the sleep diary for seven days. The last page has an activity for the end of the week.

# HAVE FUN!



# \_\_\_\_\_ 's Sleep Diary

(Write your name here)

Fill in these blanks with your information.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old and in \_\_\_\_\_ grade.

This is the week of \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date), \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

## 1. Complete Before Going to Bed

### • What did you drink today?

In the space inside each can, write the number of cans/bottles of caffeinated drinks, such as soda and tea, you had each day of the week. Remember, caffeine in drinks can keep you from sleeping well.

Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday














Friday



Saturday



### • Check off any of these activities you did in the HOUR before going to bed.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Read a book							
 Used the Computer							
 Played with Toys/Games							
 Exercised/ Played Sports							
 Watched TV							
 Played Video Games							
 Listened to Music							
 Had a Snack							
 Took a Bath/ Shower							
 Talked on the Phone							
 Did Homework							



### 3. Complete At The End of the Day



• **How did you feel during the day?**

Color in the boxes up to the number that describes how you felt each day.

• **How much energy did you have today?**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Full of energy 5							
4							
Some energy 3							
2							
No energy 1							

• **How awake were you today?**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wide Awake 5							
4							
Awake but a little sleepy 3							
2							
Very sleepy 1							

• **How did you do in school today?**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Paid attention in all my classes 5					
4					
Paid attention some of the time 3					
2					
Couldn't pay attention 1					

Answer these questions by circling YES or NO

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Did you fall asleep when you didn't mean to?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Did you take a nap?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No





# BEST REST TEST

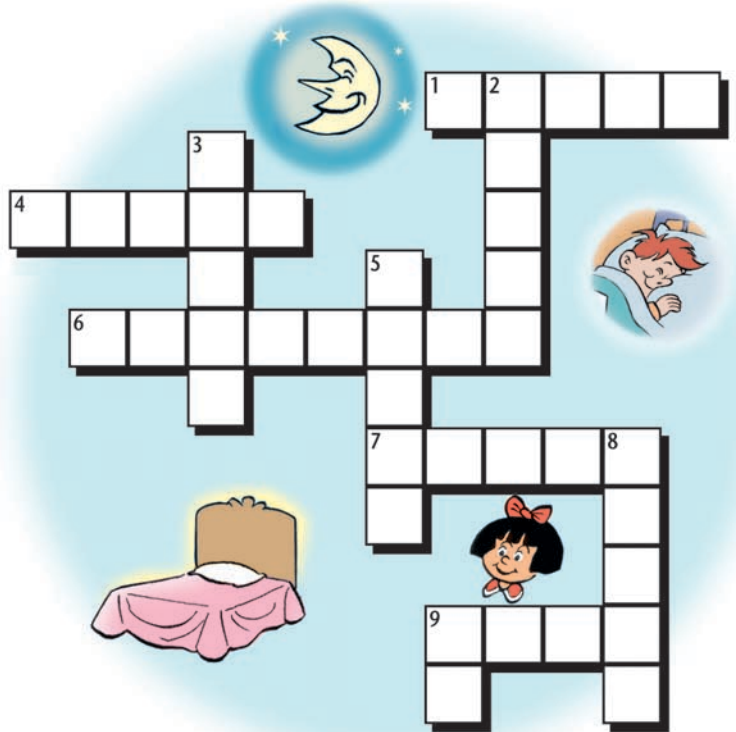
Solve this crossword puzzle to learn more about sleep! ACROSS clues describe Sleep Helpers. DOWN clues describe Sleep Stealers. (Answers at bottom of page.)

## ACROSS

1. If you are hungry before bed, have a glass of milk or a light \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Calm down before bedtime to help you \_\_\_\_\_.
6. At least 3 hours before bedtime, to be healthy and active, take time to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Each night, children need to sleep 10 to 11 \_\_\_\_\_.
9. For good sleep, it's important to go to bed at a regular \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

2. Dogs, TV, and even cuckoo clocks can bother you by making too much \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You can get too excited to sleep well if right before bed you play computer or video \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your sleep can be disturbed if your room has a bright \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Caffeine that is in chocolate and some sodas can disturb your \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Some people don't sleep well if before bedtime they watch \_\_\_\_.



Look around your room. Do you see any "Sleep Stealers" that disturb your sleep? Ask your parents to help you remove anything from your room that keeps you from having a good night's sleep.

### • Talk to your parents and your doctor if you:

- \* Have difficulty falling or staying asleep
- \* Snore or have trouble breathing while you sleep
- \* Have weird feelings or "growing pains" in your legs
- \* Feel sleepy or tired during the day



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**ANSWERS**  
 Across: 1. Snack  
 4. Relax  
 6. Exercise  
 7. Hours  
 9. Time  
 Down: 2. Noise  
 3. Games  
 5. Light  
 8. Sleep  
 9. TV