Coca-Cola

Carbonated Soft Drink Beverage American Origin

Facts:

- Coca-Cola originated in the late 19th century
- Sold in over 200 countries worldwide
- The iconic bottle design remains unchanged since 1915



Ingredients Breakdown

Caffeine

Description: A naturally occurring stimulant found in plants.

Effects:

- Increases heart rate
- Disrupts sleep patterns
- Can lead to caffeine dependence

Sugar

Description: A sweet crystalline substance obtained from plants.

Effects:

- Contributes to weight gain and obesity
- Increases risk of type 2 diabetes
- Damages tooth enamel

Phosphoric Acid

Description: A colourless liquid used as an acidulant and preservative.

Effects:

- Erodes tooth enamel
- Can cause digestive issues
- Increases risk of osteoporosis

Colour E150d (Caramel Class IV)

Description: An artificial food colouring made through caustic soda treatment.

Effects:

- Potential carcinogenic properties
- Can cause allergic reactions
- Might exacerbate neurological disorders

Recommendations

• Limit consumption due to high sugar and acidity

- Encourage alternative low-calorie beverages like infused water
- Balance with regular exercise and a healthy diet
- Choose sugar-free and low-caffeine options if needed

Alternatives

- Sprite Lemon: Has less caffeine and no sugar, still a decent fizzy beverage
- **Dabur Real Activ Lemonade:** A homemade-inspired drink using Indian lemons, spices, and natural ingredients with lower calorie content
- **Kingfisher Lemonade:** A locally popular, brewed beverage that has less sugar with natural lemon taste
- **Fresca:** A zero-calorie citrus flavoured drink popular among those who value cleaner ingredients

References

- Health risks of Coca-Cola: What it does to the body
- Drinking Cola: Is It Good for You?