

# WHAT MAKES A FOOD REGULATING?

Our mouths are one of the most touch-sensitive places on our body. By **chewing**, **crunching**, **and** sucking, our mouths get deep pressure input which activates our parasympathetic nervous system and has a calming effect. This means the more chewy or crunchy a food is, the more effective it may be in helping with regulation. You can also get this input by using a straw or sports bottle when drinking. Keep in mind, thicker liquids give more resistance which means more sensory input.

### **DRINKS**

**MILKSHAKES** 

**SMOOTHIES** 

**BOBA** 



## SNACKS FOR SENSORY REGULATION

#### **FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

- APPLES
- CARROTS
- CELERY
- SNAP PEAS
- CUCUMBERS
- FROZEN GRAPES

#### CANDY

- LOLLIPOPS
- POPSICLES
- GUMMIES
- CHEWY CARAMEL
- CHOCOLATE CHIPS



CHIPS

**JERKY** 

**NUTS** 

**DRIED FRUIT** 

**POPCORN** 

**PRETZELS** 

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