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Chapter 20: Food Faux Pas—Analysis Activity

Oops! Make one little mistake when storing and preparing foods, and the foods can become unsafe to eat. When you’re in the know, this doesn’t have to happen.

Read the scenarios that follow, and identify what the people are doing that is unwise. Take note! Some people may be making more than one mistake.

Activity Questions:

1. Martinez bought a few potatoes at the store. After rinsing them, he placed them in a basket under the sink. What mistake(s) did Martinez make?

2. Emily bought some ground beef for the evening meal. When she was invited to go out to eat, she decided to save the ground beef. She formed hamburger patties, wrapped them loosely in wax paper, and placed them in the refrigerator on the shelf above the vegetable drawer. What mistake(s) did Emily make?
3. Brad was getting ready to grill some marinated chicken. He put the raw chicken on a plate to take it to the grill. After cooking the chicken for a while, Brad tasted a small piece to see whether it seemed done. Once he decided it was, he quickly wiped the same plate with a paper towel and placed the grilled chicken on it. Then he drizzled a little of the marinade, which the raw chicken had been in, over the cooked chicken. What mistake(s) did Brad make?

4. While packing a picnic lunch, Olivia made some tuna salad sandwiches and wrapped them in foil. She put them in the basket. At the park, the basket sat in the warm car for a couple hours until lunchtime. What mistake(s) did Olivia make?

5. Kit decided to make a healthful smoothie drink. He placed fruit, juice, and ice in the blender. Then he took an egg from the refrigerator door and added it to the mix. What mistake(s) did Kit make?