	Classic Burgers A classic beef burger is simple and perfect and so much better than anything you can buy. Plus, you can top it with whatever you like!	
	HANDS-ON TIME: 20 MINUTES TOT	AL TIME: 30 MINUTES MAKES: 4 SERVINGS
	 KITCHEN GEAR Cutting board Sharp knife (adult needed) Measuring spoons Large skillet OPTIONAL TOPPINGS Raw or caramelized purple onions Avocado slices Raw or roasted red peppers Raw or cooked mushrooms Salsa 	INGREDIENTS 1 pound ground beef ½ teaspoon kosher salt ¼ teaspoon black pepper (if you like) 4 whole-grain hamburger buns, sliced in half and toasted (if you like) 4 slices cheese, any kind (if you like) 4 slices fresh tomato 4 lettuce leaves
-D HERE F - I I I I I I I I I I	 INSTRUCTIONS 1. Wash your hands with soap and wat then gather all your equipment and ingredients and put them on a court 2. Put the raw beef on the cutting boar and divide into 4 balls of equal size. 	the outside, about 5 minutes. Flip them over and cook until crusty brown on the other side, another 5 minutes. If you're using cheese, add it for the final minute so that it has a chance to melt.
	 Gently press down each ball to form patty about 3/4 to 1 inch thick. Using your thumb, make a 1/2-inch dent about the size of a quarter in th middle of each side. Sprinkle both sides of the patties wir salt and pepper, if using. Put the skillet on the stove and turn 	a big plate and top each with a burger. Top the burger with a tomato slice and a lettuce leaf. Then cover with the top of the bun. Serve right away. TIP th Handle the meat gently (no squeezing!) and as little as possible because this will keep your burger tender. the
	heat to high. When the skillet is hot, add the patties to the dry skillet. Be sure to wash your hands with soap a water after handling raw beef.	Ketchup and mustard or our 5 special