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Chances are not all the choices in the vending machine are off limits. Check your Weight Watchers app before you push the buttons to see if the option you’re eyeing fits into your food plan. And always pair your snack with water to help fill you up, slow down your eating, and satisfy your urge for “something.”

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