I want to lose weight

A balanced intake....





Fruit and Vegetables



- At main meals aim for half of your plate to be vegetables
- Have fruit as snacks.
- Fruit juice can only count as 1 of your 5aDay

Starchy carbohydrate



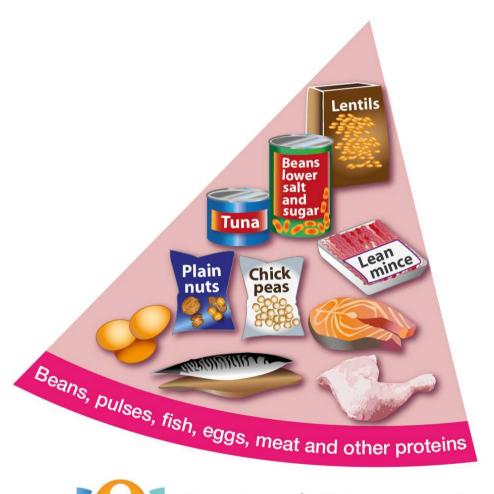
- Aim for ¼ of your plate at main meals to be bread, rice, pasta, potatoes or other starchy carbohydrates
- Cereals or porridge make a good breakfast
- Aim to have some carbohydrates at each meal time

Dairy and alternatives



- Aim to have 2 or 3
 portions of dairy or
 dairy alternatives each
 day.
- Try to choose low fat or diet products.
- Choose fortified dairy alternatives to ensure there is calcium added.

Protein



- Aim for ¼ of your plate to be meat, fish, egg, beans or other vegetable protein alternatives at main meals.
- Try to have 2-3
 portions of these
 foods each day.

Oils and spreads

- Try to use only small amounts of oils and spreads.
- Choose unsaturated fats where able e.g. olive oil, rapeseed oil and vegetable oil



Foods high in fat and/or sugar



Eat less often and in small amounts

- Try to eat these only as a treat
- Have only in small amounts

Fluids



150ml a day.

- Drink plenty of fluids
- Choose sugar free or diet drinks
- Limit fruit juice to one glass per day

Alcohol

- Don't forget, alcohol contains calories too!
- 1-2 units each day with at least 2 alcohol free days per week is ok.
 - 1 glass of wine = 2 units = 150-200 kcal
 - 1 single measure of spirits = 1 unit = 50kcal
 - 1 pint of beer = 2-3 units = 170-210kcal
 - 1 pint of cider = 3-4 units = 200-240kcal

How does your dietary intake fit with the guide above?

 Try to have a think about your diet. Does it fit well with this?

Can you identify some things to change?

 The next section will help with some ideas about making positive changes.

Do I need to lose weight?

- Body mass index (BMI) compares your weight and height.
- If your BMI is higher than 25kg/m2 you are more at risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers.
- If your BMI is higher than 30kg/m2 this risk is even greater.
- You can find out your BMI using the calculator in the links section.
- Being healthy will help you feel better and live longer.
- If you are over weight, make small changes to your lifestyle to improve your health.

Explore why you're eating and find a replacement activity

- If you're bored or lonely, call or text a friend or family member.
- If you're stressed out, try a yoga routine. Or listen to some feel-good tunes and let off some steam by jogging in place, doing jumping jacks, or dancing around your room until the urge to eat passes.
- If you're tired, rethink your bedtime routine. Tiredness can feel a lot like hunger, and food won't help if sleepless nights are causing daytime fatigue.
- If you're eating to procrastinate, open those books and get that work over with. You'll feel better afterwards.

Try to list what you find difficult and think of ways around them

Trigger	Action plan	
Boredom	Try finding a hobby to keep yourself busy without food	
Watching TV	Keep hands busy, knitting or puzzles or games on mobile phone	
Feeling deprived	Ensure to build foods in as a treat only. If you have had your treats, have some healthy snacks like cut up veggies in the fridge	
Feeling tired	Don't go for energy drinks – they are high calories and will give a quick spike and then feel worse. Get plenty of rest and relaxation, or have a quiet walk.	

Are you really hungry?

Physical Hunger		Emotional Hunger	
Tends to come on gradually and can be postponed	vs	Feels sudden and urgent	
Can be satisfied with any number of foods	vs	Causes very specific cravings (say, for pizza or ice cream)	
Once full, you're likely to stop eating	vs	You tend to eat more than you normally would	
Doesn't cause feelings of guilt	vs	Can cause guilt afterwards	

Motivation

- Know your goal
 - Set your target, where do you want to be?
- Make it specific
 - When do you want to get there?
- Make it realistic
 - 5-10% weight loss over 3-6 months is effective and realistic
- Write it down
- Break it down
 - Put it into manageable chunks e.g. lose 1-2lb per week

Try some non-food rewards

Each time you achieve a goal for example losing 1lb or achieving exercise weekly target give yourself a reward.

- Add £1 to a coin jar for every pound growing money collection can be a reminder of what you accomplished and you can save for something big!
- New music/DVD/film
- Shop for new clothes/accessories
- A Magazine or book
- Trip to the cinema
- Health/beauty products
- A night out dancing
- A day off work or a spa day

Small changes are easier to make

- Try setting yourself 4 or 5 changes to your diet that will help to move it closer to a healthy diet.
- Make these small, measurable, achievable targets.
- For example:
 - Snacks only twice per day, and keeping snacks below 100kcal each.
 - Have breakfast every day.
 - Limit takeaway to a treat once per month/fortnight.
 - Have half of the plate being vegetables at each main meal.

Are your portions getting bigger?

20 years ago	Today	Exercise
Bagel 3 inch diameter 140kcal	6inch diameter 350kcal	210kcal difference 1 hour vacuum cleaning
Cheese burger 333kcal	Cheeseburger 590kcal	257kcal difference 1 hour of Golf

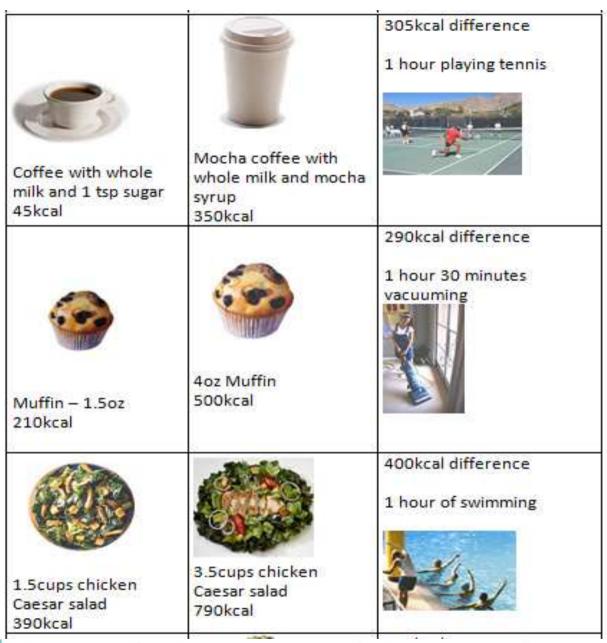




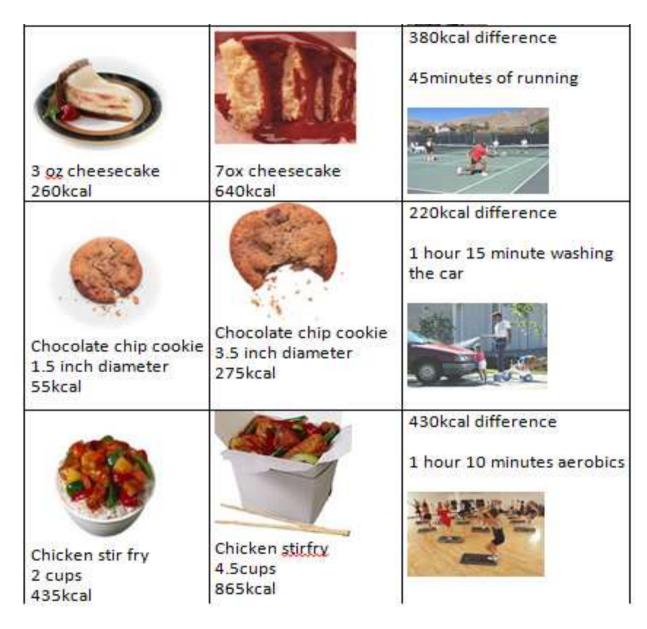




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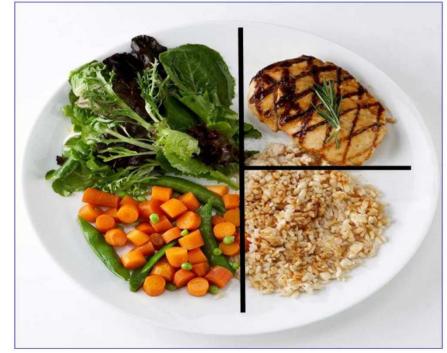
How can I reduce my portion size?

Try using a smaller plate for meal times.

Fill up on vegetables, and decrease size of

higher calorie foods.

 Have ½ of your plate vegetables or salad



Use fruit as snacks

A portion of fruit is:

- A small glass of juice
- One piece of fruit such as an apple, orange or banana.
- Two small pieces of small fruit such as kiwi fruit, satsuma's and plums.
- A handful of grapes or berries like strawberries or cherries.









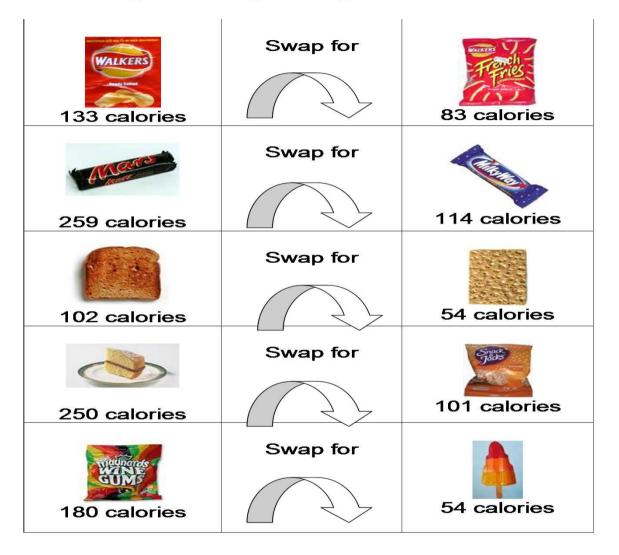








SNACK SWAP!



Meal ideas

Breakfast



• Lunch



Dinner



• 2 snacks







Things to try avoid... (°°



Missed meals

Snacked a lot



Had a take away



Drank lots of fizzy pop



Together

Try to plan your meals

- Use the guides in the resource section to plan your meals.
- Try monitoring what you have had in the day so you can keep to your plan
- Planning your meals in advance will also mean you only have food in the house for meals, and less tempting snacks available.

Lunchtime Menu Planning Ideas

218 calories 1 medium sized jacket potato (about 200grms with no butter) With 1 small tin + 126 calories of reduced sugar baked Total 344 calories beans With 2 large + 56 calories spoons of Total 274 calories cottage cheese + 100 calories With 30grams of low fat Total 318 calories cheese + 100 calories With ½ tin of tuna in spring Total 318 calories water



With

Or

Or

Healthy eating doesn't have to be difficult

- Get into healthy habits
 - Eat at regular times
 - have fruit as snacks
 - Try to avoid emotional eating
 - Take regular exercise
- Try to reduce bad habits
 - Having fried breakfasts daily
 - Skipping meals
 - Having a biscuit with each cup of tea
 - Opting out of exercise
 - Snacking all day especially when upset



Aim to work towards a dietary intake that would reflect the eat well guide:



