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What We Will Chat About



The characteristics of eating patterns and the labels that we use in diet culture



Some strategies on acknowledging, evaluating and understanding cues for eating, habits and science-based facts to use for making choices



The language we use and how our inner dialogue can positively improve eating habits





Characteristics of eating patterns





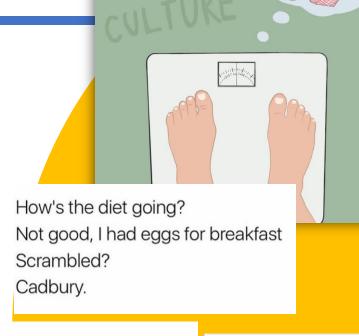
Diet Culture confusion





Everyday statements and conversations that are fueled by it:

- "If I was thinner, then I'd want to go to the gym regularly"
- "I'm being good today"
- "It's my cheat day"
- "That's so bad for you"
- "They'd like me more if my body was ____"
- "You have so much will power"
- "I'll work it off"









Eating Pattern during emotional state

Causes or triggers that impact your day.

These triggers might include:

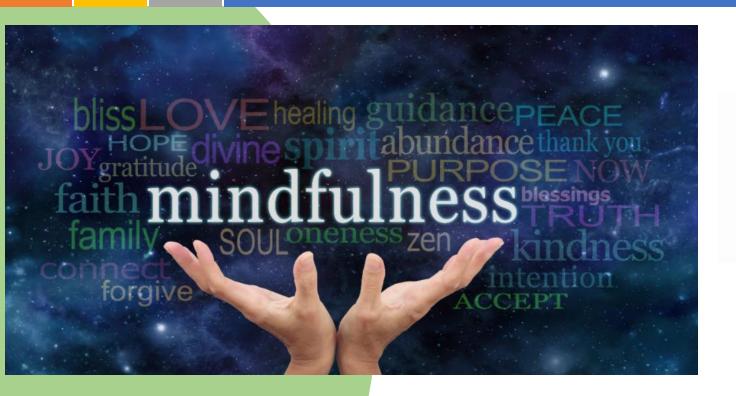
- Relationship conflicts
- Work or other stressors
- Fatigue
- Financial pressures
- Health problems
- Sad or lonely thoughts
- Anxiousness/worry
- Boredom

The Cycle of Emotional Eating







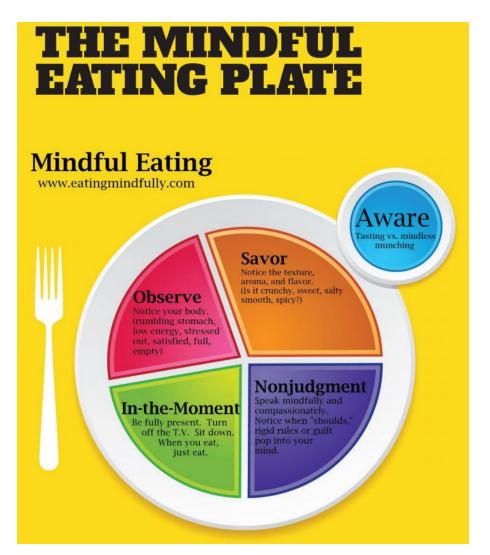




 the practice of maintaining a nonjudgmental state of heightened or complete awareness of one's thoughts, emotions, or experiences on a momentto-moment basis



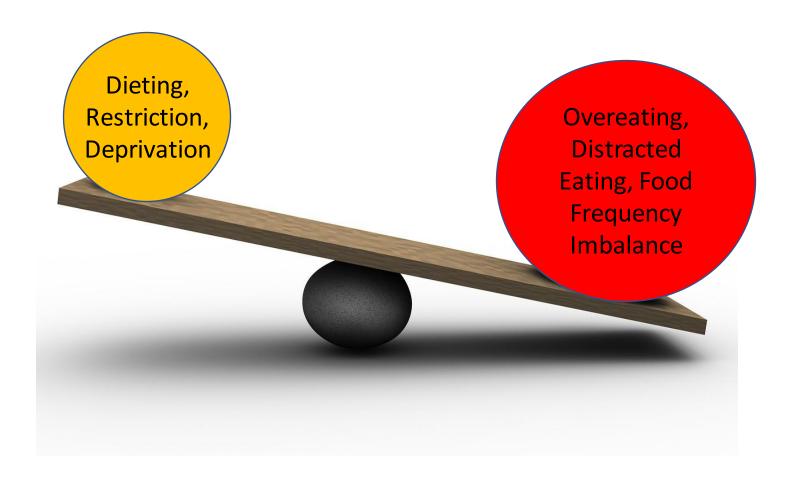
Mindful Eating Guidelines



- 1. Begin with your shopping list.
- 2. Come to the table with an appetite—but not when ravenously hungry.
- 3. Start with a small portion.
- 4. Appreciate your food.
- 5. Bring all your senses to the meal.
- 6. Take small bites.
- 7. Chew thoroughly.
- 8. Eat slowly.



What Mind-Full Eating is not



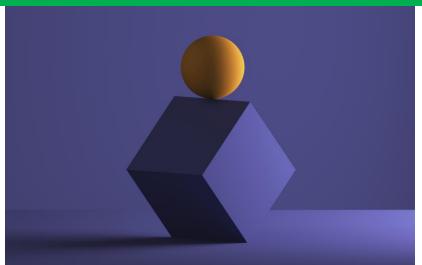


What is Mind-Full Eating is





Eating pattern based on HUNGER INTELLIGENCE and Nutritional Balance



kindness-driven

ever-evolving





Hunger Intelligence

Where is our need for eating coming from?

Physiological Driven by:	Psychological Driven by:
Thirst	Stress
Metabolism	Emotions
Fatigue/Lack of Sleep	Boredom
Need for Movement	Need for Connection (self and others)
Need for Restoration/Brain Break	Distraction
Eating foods that hinder satisfaction	Environment



Dietary Guidelines

Nutrient	Recommendation per day
Vegetables (dark green, red and orange, beans, peas, lentils, starchy vegetables)	2 ½ cups
Fruits	2 cups
Grains (whole grains, refined grains)	6 oz
Dairy (cup equivalents)	2-3 cups
Protein foods (meats, poultry, eggs, seafood, nuts, seeds, soy)	5 ½ oz
Oils	27 grams/day
Added Sugars	<10% of calories (<48 grams)
Saturated Fat	<10% of calories (<23 grams)
Sodium	<2300 mg
Alcohol	<1 drink/women <2 drinks/men

^{**}Micronutrient recommendations slightly vary between genders

^{**} All recommendations are based on a 2,000-calorie diet



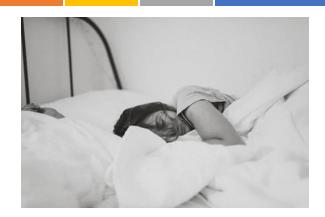
Dietary Guidelines: Micronutrients

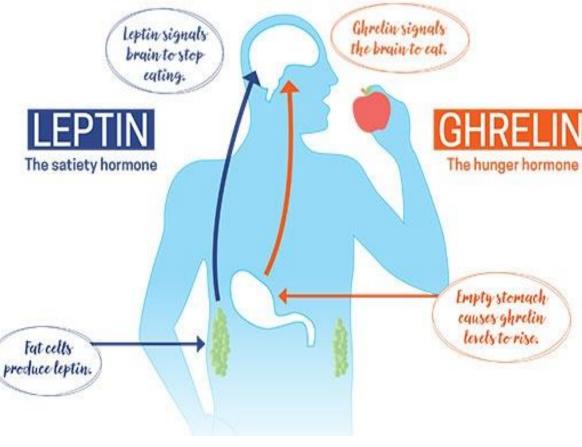
Nutrient	Recommendation per day
Fiber	25 g (women), 31 g (men)
Iron	18 mg (women), 8 mg (men)
Calcium	1,000 mg
Vitamin D	600 IU
Zinc	8 mg (women), 11 mg (men)
Potassium	2600 mg (women) 3400 mg (men)





The Physiology of hunger

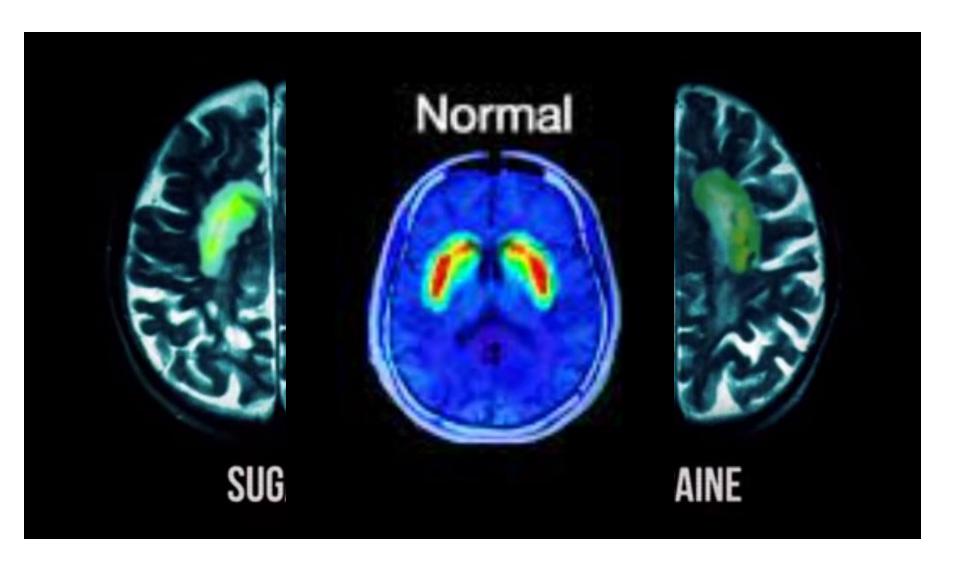








Sugar and Dopamine response





Alcohol; how it affects our emotions

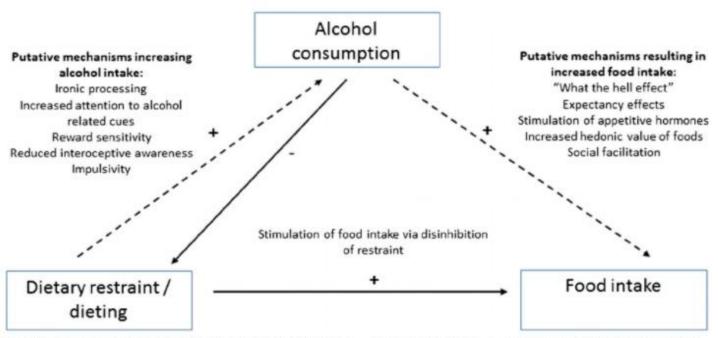


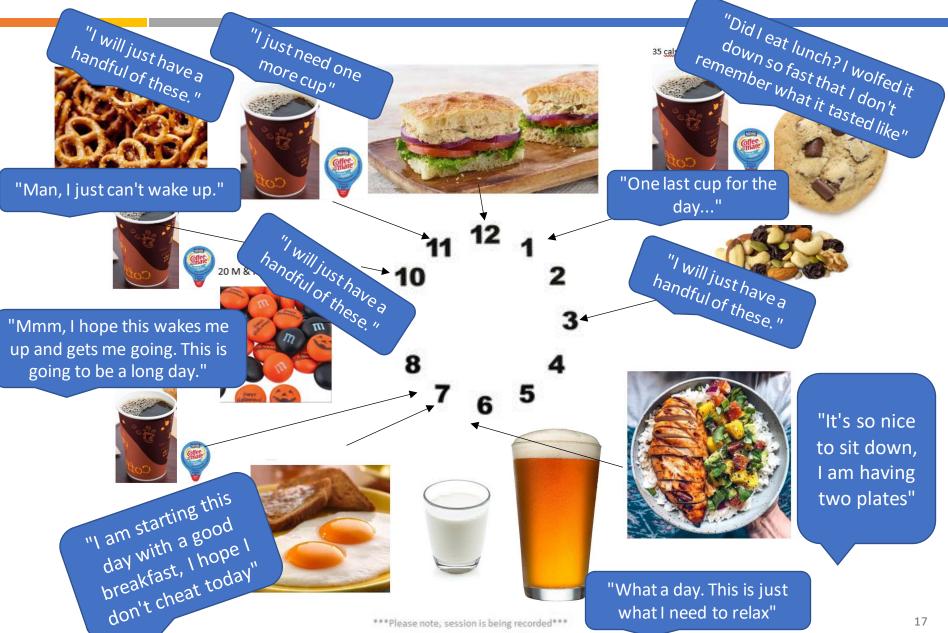
Fig. 1 Solid arrows represent Polivy & Herman (1976) disinhibition of restraint predictions following alcohol intake. Dashed arrows offer alternative explanations on how dietary restraint, alcohol intake and food

intake might interact. + denotes a positive/stimulatory effect; - denotes a negative/inhibitory effect





Mindless eating





"I need a brain break.

think I will grab some nuts

and strawberries and a

cold glass of water. It will

get me through until that

great lunch I have

Mindful Eating

"Lunch was really good and satisfying"



"I need another break. I can't be hungry again, I think I will just walk around the yard for a bit and grab some cold water"



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"My stomach is growling a bit but dinner is only a few hours away, I will have something to tide me over""







"I love my omelet with veggies, fruit and coffee at breakfast. It gives me the energy I need and tastes great"

"This is one of my favorite dinners. I would love to have more, but I am full and I can save the leftovers for lunch tomorrow"





Mindful Eating vs. Restrictive Eating

Mindful Eating	Restrictive Eating
In charge	In control
Nourishment	Diet
Fuel	Calories
Quality	Points
Healthy	Skinny
Conscious	Consumed
All foods fit	Good or bad
Balance	Perfection
Learning	Failing
Trust	Fear
Pleasure	Shame

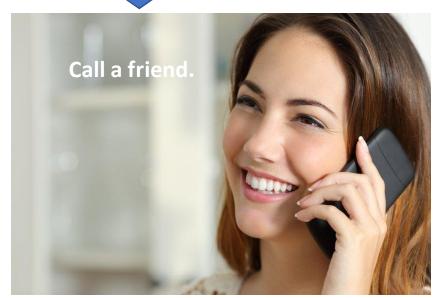




"Wow, that breath felt good; my shoulders are more relaxed."



"I think I'll call
_____. It really helps
when we chat; they
always listen and I feel
better after we
connect."

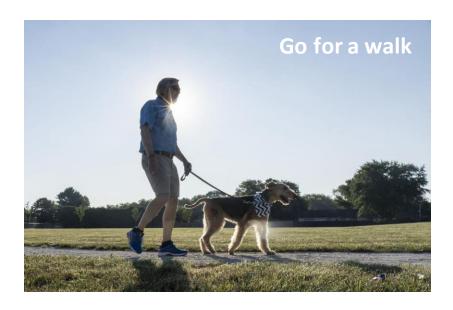






"I haven't moved much today.
The weather isn't the best, but I always feel better after I get out and move."

"I have my craft room all set up and I will work for 15 minutes to make some progress. That will help me feel accomplished."



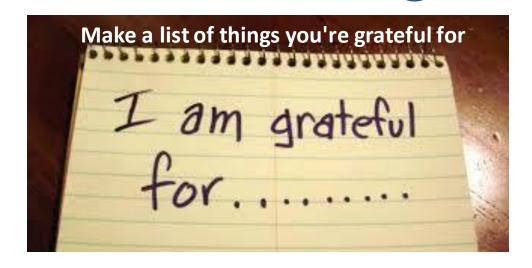




The Language of mindfulness

"I am happy when I see the good things and keep them in perspective."

"I have that great book I haven't picked up in awhile. I love to read."

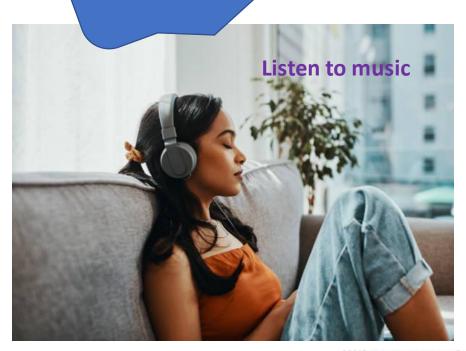




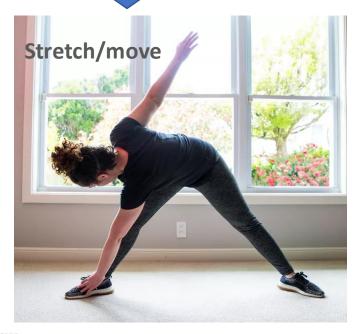


The Language of mindfulness

"I love the band ways makes me remember how lucky I am."



"My body is tense and it needs some motion."



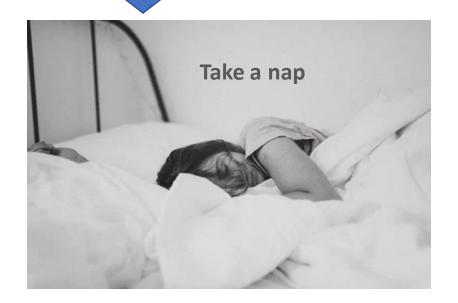


The Language of mindfulness

"I need to capture this feeling. I always love to refer back to these feelings and thoughts."

Write in your journal

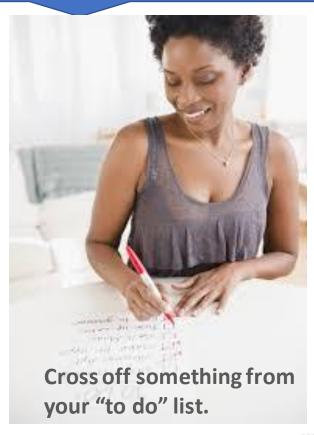
"Naps always make me feel better. I am starting to understand that fatigue can show itself in ways that are not becoming or healthy."







"I feel great when I accomplish something not planned."



"Getting my hands dirty will not only help the plants, but will help me to grow."

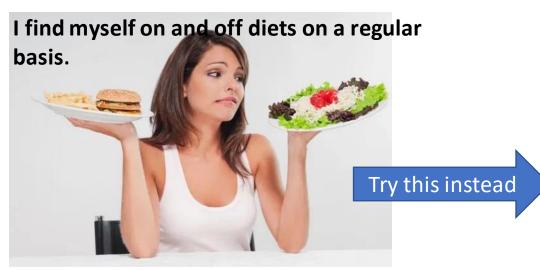






Try this instead

I get sad/upset at times, the food is not going to replace happiness for the sadness or make me feel less upset



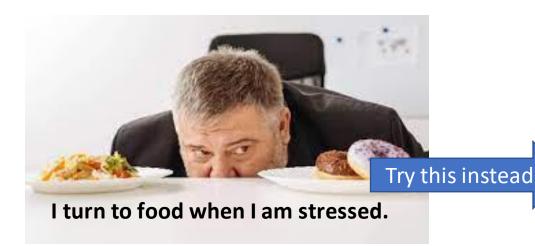






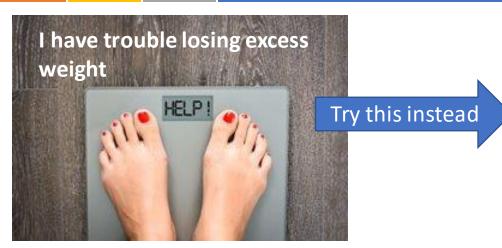


I am going to stay in the moment while I eat. The more I taste and enjoy my food, the more I will be aware of the satisfaction











I feel powerless around food.

Try this instead

I have control over my food choices.

I will plan when I am going out or having food that is prepared by others







Try this instead



I will slow down and eat my food with meaningful engagement. I will chew fully, taste completely and savor the process.

I have strong cravings for specific foods





I will honor my cravings for certain foods but will be mindful of the portions and how they may serve me within my day.



I eat when I am not hungry, just because food is there.



Try this instead

I will be mindful of my habits about eating, especially when I am in an environment with food in abundance. I will honor my hunger cues and heighten my awareness in these situations.

Snacking makes me feel better in the moment and worse after.



Try this instead





Surround yourself with the Language that supports growth

Acceptance

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T.H.I.N.K.

T - am I just **Thirsty**; is it **Time**?

H - am I Honoring my hunger?

I - is it <u>Intentional</u> or is it an <u>Impulse</u>?

N – what is it that you really Need?

K - is it coming from **Kindness**?



EASIER SAID THAN DONE?

THINK IT, SAY IT, AND GET IT DONE!

- 1. Evaluate your environment
- 2. Review your systems and habits
- 3. Assess your ingredients
- 4. Make meaningful movements
- 5. Commit to compassion





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