Tips for Healthy Living

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	Start a Diet Journal Keep a daily record of your weight and the foods you've eaten. Study your journal to become aware of your eating behavior. It will tell you when you're eating too much or if you're eating the wrong foods.	
	Why Do You Want to Lose Weight	
	Write a list of reasons in your diet journal and refer to it often to sustain your motivation. Good health, good looks, more self-confidence, and new romantic possibilities are only the beginning.	Formatted: Body Text
	Fighting Fatigue	
1	Paradoxically, the more you do, the less tired you'll feel. Regular balanced exercise will speed up your metabolism, burn calories more efficiently, raise your energy level, and lift your spirits.	Formatted: Body Text
	You Are What You Eat	
	Foods laden with fat, salt, and sugar leave you feeling lethargic and depressed. They set you up for more overeating. A nutritious low-fat diet has the opposite effect. You feel energized, revitalized, and happier.	Formatted: Body Text
	"Water is the only drink for a wise man." Thoreau	
	Water is the perfect weight loss beverage. It fills your stomach, curbs your appetite, and cleanses your entire system. Add a twist of lemon or lime to improve the taste and drink eight glasses every day.	Formatted: Body Text
	"The Bible Tells Me So"	
	Cholesterol was not in their vocabulary, but the Biblical prophets knew the dangers of animal fat consumption. "Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat." Leviticus 7:23	Formatted: Body Text
	Quick, Change	
	Simply changing into your workout clothing and shoes might be all the motivation you need to psyche yourself up for exercise. Display them prominently to remind yourself to just do it!	Formatted: Body Text
	It's Child's Play	
	Have fun with your kids. Jump rope, play catch, take a walk in the park, or bicycle around the neighborhood. You burn calories while you spend quality time with your children.	Formatted: Body Text
	Call the Salvation Army	
	Once you've achieved your desired weight loss, donate your "fat" clothes to charity. You thereby commit yourself to permanent low fat eating and lifestyle physical activity. There's no going back to the old ways!	Formatted: Body Text
	Know your Onions	
	Raw, broiled, shredded, sliced or diced, the onion adds a powerhouse of flavor to any dish. Onions regulate your blood sugar and lower your cholesterol. The sweet Vidalia is magnificent in salads!	Formatted: Body Text
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	Assume the Position	=	
I	Head up, shoulders back, stomach in! By simply improving your posture, you look five pounds thinner and radiate self-confidence. You also strengthen the muscles in your back and abdomen.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Running On Empty	-	
l	Never skip breakfast. Like a car, your body needs fuel to perform efficiently. Don't stall out! Eating breakfast quick starts your metabolism and helps you avoid overeating later in the day!	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Take the Time	=	
1	Foods that require more time and effort to consume will slow you down and fill you up faster. Peel an orange and remove the seeds instead of gulping down orange juice. The pulp provides extra nutrition too.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Flying the Friendly Skies	-	
ļ	The airline industry offers a wide variety of menus to accommodate passengers dietary requirements. Call ahead and order a low fat or vegetarian meal. It's generally tastier than the standard meal.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	The Perimeter Principle	-	
İ	Shop the outside aisles where fruits, vegetables, baked goods, dairy, fish, meats, and poultry are located. Avoid the inside aisles where processed, canned and packaged food products are sold. These items are generally high in fat, refined sugar and sodium.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Gradual Withdrawal	-	
l	Don't go "cold turkey" If you're put off by the taste of "fat-free" substitutes, switch first to the "reduced fat version." Accustom your taste buds to the lighter flavor. Then graduate to "fat-free."	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Lovely to Look At	-	
I	Always create an attractive setting at mealtime. Set your table with pretty china and cloth napkins. The simplest dishes become "gourmet delights" when elegantly displayed.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Lose Weight While You Sleep	-	
I	The fat bellied Japanese Sumo wrestler got that way by eating his biggest meal of the day just before bedtime. Accelerate your weight loss by avoiding snacks before you go to sleep.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	"I was determined to know beans" Thoreau	-	
I	Beans and legumes are low in fat and high in dietary fiber. Save money and fat calories by substituting beans for beef or chicken. Try adding garbanzo, lima, pinto or red kidney beans to your soups and salads.	•	Formatted: Body Text
	Be My Guest	-	
	Prepare and serve "lighter" dishes. Chilled shrimp, fresh vegetable and fruit platters, low fat cheeses and whole grain crackers make lovely hors d'oeurvres. When the party is over, you won't have to contend with fattening leftovers!	•	Formatted: Body Text
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	Out of Sight, Out of Mind	
1	Remove temptation. Diet-proof your home. Free your pantry and refrigerator shelves of high fat snack foods. If you must keep some problem foods around, store them in opaque containers in closed cabinets.	Formatted: Body Text
	"Let them eat cake." Marie Antoinette	
	You can have your cake and eat it too if you choose the fat-free versions. Eat these products in moderation and watch your portion size. The carbohydrates that replace the fat contain calories that can add up to weight gain.	Formatted: Body Text
	The Calorie Conscious Kitchen	
	Low fat, nutritious food preparation requires a well equipped kitchen. The blender, non-stick frying pan, microwave, vegetable steamer, vegetable juicer, roasting rack, measuring cups, and spoons are excellent gadgets which help cut calories!	Formatted: Body Text
	President's Day	
	The president makes time in his busy schedule to work out. Thomas Jefferson called walking the best of all exercises. Harry Truman was an avid walker. Nixon bowled. Ike and Ford played golf. FDR swam even though he was crippled with polio. Do you get the idea?	Formatted: Body Text
	Take Tea and See	
	Green tea lowers your cholesterol level. Camomile tea has a soothing and cleansing effect on your body. Peppermint tea refreshes. Raspberry tea stimulates the kidneys and helps wash out wastes.	Formatted: Body Text
	Get Out the Kinks	
	Stretching is a relaxing and enjoyable way to maintain flexibility and ease muscle tension. It prepares your body for movement and improves your circulation. Stretching elongates the muscles and makes you look slimmer!	Formatted: Body Text
	Herbal Weight Loss	
1	Herbal supplements are a combination of stimulants, laxatives, and diuretics. They may cause adverse reactions in many people and do not promote a healthy and permanent weight loss. They may be natural, but that's no guarantee that they're safe. The tobacco plant is a clear example!	Formatted: Body Text
	In Plain Sight	
1	Store low fat nutritious foods in the front of your refrigerator. Fruits and vegetables are the snack foods you want to reach for first. Don't hide them away in the drawers!	Formatted: Body Text
	Count on Cabbage	
	Raw or cooked, cabbage is low in calories and high in nutrition. It helps cleanse your system, flushing out fatty deposits. Cabbage stimulates your immune system and may prevent ulcers and certain types of cancer.	Formatted: Body Text
	Exercise is Good Medicine	
	Shed those pounds and reduce the risk of cardio-vascular disease, stroke, osteoporosis and other disorders. Physical activity diminishes stress, fatigue, and depression. Take a daily dose of exercise!	Formatted: Body Text

Salad Bar Smarts

Stick to the fresh vegetables, fruits, and low fat dressings. Avoid the prepared fat-laden salads, croutons, cheeses, bacon bits. They are sure to undermine your best weight loss efforts.

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The Personal Trainer

If you've made the move and joined a fitness club, take it one step further. Work with a personal trainer who can design an exercise program that suits your individual needs. It's worth the investment!

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The Buddy System

Establish a regular on-going relationship with a diet buddy. Make daily contact for support and encouragement. Share strategies and exchange menu ideas. Don't look to compete. Encourage one another.

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Cut Cost and Calories

Save money and lose weight. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and grains cost far less than processed, convenience foods and snacks which are laden with fat, sugar, sodium, and unnecessary chemical additives.

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Salad Dressing Sabotage

Salad dressing is the single biggest source of fat in the diet of American women. Avoid the pitfall! Use fat-free dressings, or lemon juice. When dining out, bring your own or order dressing "on the side" so you can control the amount.

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