

## 7 Ways to Practice Mindful Eating

- 1. End the multitasking. Carve out a little time in your day to give eating your undivided attention.
- 2. Breathe. Take a moment before you eat to slow your mind and focus on the food in front of you. Take two to three deep breaths.
- 3. Savor the first bite. Engage your senses and savor that first bite. Notice the colors, aromas, flavors, and textures.
- 4. Slow down. Put down the fork between bites or chew a bit more thoroughly before swallowing.
- 5. Let your thoughts fly by. When your thoughts start to wander, acknowledge it, and then return to focusing on eating.
- 6. Pause halfway through. Take a moment to reflect on how full you feel. Are you still hungry and want to continue, or are you approaching fullness?
- 7. Reflect on your food choices. Which foods increase vs. zap your energy? Pick foods that engage your taste buds and work well with your body.

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