

Snack Mindfully, Enjoy the Moment!

Snacking is part of everyday living. It can provide fuel for energy or a boost to jump-start your day. It can also simply be a treat. These days, though, there is so much focus on what people are eating, and not enough on WHY and HOW to fully enjoy a snack.

Mindful snacking is an approach that encourages you to eat with attention and to be present in the moment.

Experts say mindful snacking leads to:

🌀 **A positive relationship with food**^{1,2}

🌀 **More satisfying snacking moments**³

🌀 **Being less likely to overeat**^{4,5}



First, it is important to understand **WHY** you want a snack.



Do you need **FUEL, ENERGY FOR A PICK-ME-UP** or **COMFORT**?



This will help you choose what to eat for a more satisfying snacking experience.

Are you looking for something **SWEET** or **SAVORY**, **CREAMY** or **CRUNCHY**, **HOT** or **COLD**, **SOFT** or **CRISPY**?

Then, be in the moment. Here's **HOW**:

- 🌀 **PORTION OUT YOUR SNACK** and put the rest away; or choose single, pre-wrapped servings of snack foods
- 🌀 **MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS** (phone, TV, computer)
- 🌀 **SMELL AND TASTE** each bite fully

- 🌀 **CHEW SLOWLY** and give each bite your full attention
- 🌀 **NOTICE** the texture
- 🌀 **FINISH** your bite before you take the next

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