## **Check My Habits**

| Check My Habits: Food   | Rarely/Never | Sometimes | (Almost)<br>Always | I Want to Work<br>on This! |
|---|--------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <ol> <li>I eat 5–9+ servings of vegetables and fruit<br/>per day</li> </ol>                                   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 2) I eat whole grains instead of refined (white) grains   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I fill my plate with ½ vegetables, ¼ whole<br/>grain, and ¼ protein (the Plate Method)</li> </ol>    |              |           |                    |                            |
| 4) I avoid sweet beverages (juice, soda, etc)   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I don't skip meals or let myself get overly<br/>hungry</li> </ol>                                    |              |           |                    |                            |
| 6) I read food labels   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>am familiar with recommended portion<br/>sizes and serve myself accordingly</li> </ol>               |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>8) I avoid foods high in saturated and trans fat<br/>(fried foods, processed meats, etc.)</li> </ol> |              |           |                    |                            |
| 9) I avoid foods high in added sugar  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 10) I avoid empty calorie foods (chips, sodas, sweets, "junk food")   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 11) I choose vegetables or fruit as a snack   |              |           |                    |                            |
| Check My Habits: Exercise   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I get at least 30 minutes of moderate-to-<br/>vigorous exercise most days of the week</li> </ol>     |              |           |                    |                            |
| 2) I use a pedometer to track my steps  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 3) I do strength training at least twice a week   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 4) I take the stairs instead of the elevator  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 5) I walk during my breaks at work  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 6) I add activity into my day (like parking further from my destination, etc.)                                |              |           |                    |                            |
| 7) I exercise while watching TV   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>8) I take frequent breaks when working at my<br/>desk to get up and move</li> </ol>                  |              |           |                    |                            |
| Check My Habits: Behavior   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 1) I track my daily food and exercise on paper or with an app   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 2) I get at least 7 hours sleep per night   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 3) I am able to manage stress in my life  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 4) I limit my screen time   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 5) I don't eat while watching TV  |              |           |                    |                            |





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| 6) I plan my meals and snacks in advance  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 7) I have alternatives for my exercise plans (i.e., when it's raining)  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 8) I eat mindfully (slowly, without distractions, enjoying my food)   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 9) I am in touch with my body's sensations of<br>hunger and satiety (fullness)                                  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 10) I handle emotions and stress without<br>turning to food food  |              |           |                    |                            |
| Check My Environment  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 1) My home is stocked with healthy foods  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 2) My "trouble" foods are limited or removed  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 3) I have what I need to exercise safely and comfortably (shoes, equipment, location)                           |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I have people in my life who support my<br/>efforts to lose weight</li> </ol>                          |              |           |                    |                            |
| 5) I've considered what might trip me up and made plans to address it   |              |           |                    |                            |
| 6) I know where to get quick healthy food options when I need something fast                                    |              |           |                    |                            |
| 7) My schedule allows me some time for myself (exercise, relaxation, fun)                                       |              |           |                    |                            |
| Check my Mindset  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 1) I am looking for a lifestyle change, not a quick fix   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I want to improve my health, not just lose<br/>weight</li> </ol>                                       |              |           |                    |                            |
| 3) I think positively about myself and my weight loss goals   |              |           |                    |                            |
| <ol> <li>I find ways to make eating healthy fun and<br/>enjoyable</li> </ol>                                    |              |           |                    |                            |
| 5) I find ways to make exercise fun and<br>enjoyable  |              |           |                    |                            |
| 6) I am in touch with, and frequently remind<br>myself of, the true reasons I want to make<br>lifestyle changes |              |           |                    |                            |