| | CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING GROUPS | EAT IN MODERATION 2-3 TIMES A WEEK | EAT IN MODERATION ONCE A WEEK OR LESS | AVOID EATING |
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| Cereal food i.e. cornmeal | Wholemeal flour, oatmeal. Wholemeal bread, whole grain cereals, porridge oates, crispbreads, brown rice, wholemeal pasta, cornmeal, untoasted sugar-free muesli, rice cakes. | White bread, white flour, white rice & pasta, water biscuits, wholemeal or oat scone, teacake, pancake. | Sugar-coated cereals. Plain semi-sweet biscuits. Ordinary muesli. | Sweet biscuits, cream-filled biscuits (unless cooked in rape seed oil), croissants. |
| Fruit & vegetables | All fresh, frozen & dried vegetables. Baked potatoes (eat skin), tofu. Eat at least 5-7 portions per day. | Olives, avocado | Fruit in syrup, crystallised fruit, chips & roast potatoes cooked in rape seed oil. Oven chips labelled "cooked in sunflower oil and 40% less fat" (grill if possible). | Deep-fat-fried chips, roast potatoes, (unless cooked in rape seed oil), crisps & savour snacks. |
| Nuts | Chestnuts. | Walnuts, pinenuts | Pistachio nuts, pecan, almonds sesame or sunflower seeds. Peanuts & most other nuts, e.g. hazelnuts, brazil nuts. | Coconut, cashew. |
| Fish | All fresh & frozen fish, (avoid frying) e.g. cod, plaice, herring, mackerel. | Fish fried in suitable oil, fish fingers or fish cakes (grilled). Tinned fish in oil (drained), or tomato sauce e.g. sardines, tuna. | Prawns, lobster, crab, oysters, molluscs, winkles. Smoked fish e.g. salmon | Fish roe, taramasalata, Fried scampi. |
| Meat | Chicken, turkey (without skin), veal, rabbit, game, soya protein meat substitute, very lean red meat (grilled) | Lean Beef, pork, lamb, ham and gammon, Very lean minced meat. | Liver, kidney, tripe, sweetbreads. Grilled back bacon (pre- boil in water). Duck (without skin). Low-fat pate. | Sausages, luncheon meats, cornect beef, pate, salami, streaky bacon, burger, goose, meat pies & sausage rolls, pasties, scotch eggs visible fat on meat, crackling, chicken skin. |
| Eggs | Skimmed milk, soya milk, powdered skimmed milk, cottage cheese, low-fat curd cheese, low-fat yoghurt, egg white, low-fat fromage frais. | Semi-skimmed milk, no more than 3 whole eggs per week including those in baked items, e.g. cake, quiche, flans. | Medium-fat cheeses, e.g. Edam, Camembert, Gouda, Brie, cheese spreads. Half-fat cheeses labelled 'low-fat'. Sweetened condensed skimmed milk. | Whole milk & cream. Full-fat yoghurt, cheese, e.g. stilton, cheddar, cream cheese, evaporated or condensed milk, imitation cream, excess eggs, i.e. 4 or more per week. |
| Fats & Oils | Small amounts only – see next column. | Olive oil, rapeseed oil. | Margarine & shortening labelled 'high in polyunsaturates' or corn oil, sunflower oil, soya oil, safflower oil, grapeseed oil, peanut (ground nut) oil, reduced – fat & lowfat spread. | All margarines, shortenings & oils not labelled 'high in polyunsaturates'. Butter, lard, sue & dripping, vegetable oil or margarine of unknown origin. All spreads not labelled 'low-fat' |
| Prepared foods | Jelly (low sugar), sorbet, fat-free homemade soups. | Home made pastry, puddings, cakes, biscuits, sauces, etc. made with wholemeal flour & fat or oil as above, low-fat ready- prepared meals. | Non-dairy ice cream, custard mix made with water or skimmed milk. | Processed pastries, puddings, cakes & sauces made with whole milk & fat or oil as above, suet dumplings or puddings, cream soups. Packet soups. |
| Sweets, preserves, jams & spreads | Sugar-free artificial sweeteners, low-fat jam & marmalade. | Jam, marmalade, honey, low-fat soft cheese, low-fat spreads | Boiled sweets, fruit pastilles & jellies, Marmite, Bovril, chutneys & pickles, fish & meat pastes, peanut butter. | Chocolate spreads, chocolates, toffees, fudge, butterscotch, carol chocolate, coconut bars. |
| Drinks | Freshly made tea, coffee, mineral water, fruit juice (unsweetened). | Alcohol 3-4 units/day(men) 203 units/day (women) Maximum 21 Units/week (men) and 14 Units/week (women). | Sweetened drinks, squashes, fruit juice (sweetened), malted milk or hot chocolate drinks made with skimmed milk. | Whole milk drinks, cream-based liqueurs, coffee whitener. |
| Salt, sauces & dressings | Herbs, spices, lemon juice, garlic, pepper. | Homemade salad dressings & mayonnaise made with suitable oils as above. Low-fat or low-calorie mayonnaise & dressings. | Parmesan cheese | High salt intake, Tabasco, soy sauce ordinary or cream dressings & mayonnaise,. Worcestershire sauce. |