

# Mindful Eating Challenge

With the distractions of a fast paced lifestyle that most of us are living, it is easy to grab what is quick and convenient to fulfill our hunger. The problem is that these convenience foods are inadequate - they have poor nutritional value, filled with chemicals, and are high in calories. In addition, these habits spiral into other bad habits and sometimes negative feelings about ourselves. Let's start simple. This week's focus is to identify one mindless habit you have (centered around food) and to learn how to break this habit. You are going to give your best effort to avoid that activity all together. Examples of mindless habits are: eating while working on the computer, eating in the car, snacking on the couch while watching TV, or snacking while making dinner.

### STEP ONE

Write down the mindless habit you want to work on:

## **STEP TWO**

What do you feel you are trying to escape or what emotion do you feel is tied to your mindless eating habit?

## **STEP THREE**

What is one thing you could do differently to help yourself break the habit?

#### STEP FOUR

Is there a healthy substitute to help you break your habit?

#### HABIT TRACKER

Simply write yes or no (whether or not you were able to avoid the mindless habit) next to each day for the week. If the answer is no, give a reason why.

Day One	Day Five
Day Two	Day Six
Day Three	Day Seven
Day Four	-