

Kitchen Makeover Questionnaire

Name: _____ Date: _____

There's a fundamental law of human nutrition that goes like this:

If a food is in your possession or located in your residence, you will eventually eat it.

(Whether you plan to or not, whether you want to or not, you'll eventually eat it!)

Therefore, according to this important law of human nutrition, if you wish to be healthy and lean, you must remove all foods that aren't part of your healthy eating program and replace them with a variety of better, healthier choices.

How do you know which foods have got to go and which foods can stay? Simply answer the questions below by selecting the response most appropriate to your situation. Once you've completed all the questions, your score will be calculated. And remember, be honest. You're doing this exercise to find out whether your kitchen is in good shape.

QUESTIONS: RESPONSES AND SCORING

1. Do you have the following items in your kitchen?

- * Good set of pots and pans * Scale for weighing foods
 - * Good set of knives * containers-carrying meals
 - * Spatula * Small cooler for taking meals to work
 - * Blender * Shaker bottle for drinks and shakes
 - * Tea kettle * Food processor
- a) I have all of them. (-5)
b) I have more than half of them. (-2)
c) I have less than half of them. (+2)
d) I don't have any of them. (+5)

2. Do you have the following items in your pantry?

- * Whole oats * Extra virgin olive oil
 - * Quinoa * Vinegar
 - * Rice pasta * Green tea
 - * Natural peanut butter * Protein supplements
 - * Mixed nuts * Fish oil/algae oil supplements
 - * Green foods supplements
- a) I have all of them. (-5)
b) I have more than half of them. (-2)
c) I have less than half of them. (+2)
d) I don't have any of them. (+5)

3. Do you have the following items in your fridge or freezer?

- * Extra-lean beef (grass-fed)
 - * Chicken breasts * At least four varieties of fruit
 - * Salmon * Flax seed oil
 - * Omega-3 eggs * Water filter
 - * Sweet potatoes
 - * At least five varieties of veggies
- a) I have all of them. (-5)
b) I have more than half of them. (-2)
c) I have less than half of them. (+2)
d) I don't have any of them. (+5)

4. Do you have the following items in your pantry?

- * Potato or corn chips * Chocolates or candy
 - * Fruit or granola bars * Soft drinks
 - * Regular or low-fat cookies * Regular peanut butter
 - * Crackers * At least four types of alcohol
 - * Instant foods like cake mixes and mashed potatoes
 - * Bread crumbs, croutons, and other dried bread products
- a) I have all of them. (+5)
b) I have more than half of them. (+2)
c) I have less than half of them. (-2)
d) I don't have any of them. (-5)

5. Do you have the following items in your fridge or freezer?

- * At least four types of sauces * Baked goods
- * Juicy steaks or sausage * Frozen dinners
- * Margarine * At least two types of bread or bagel
- * Fruit juice * Take-out or restaurant leftovers
- * Soft drinks * Big bowl of mashed potatoes or pasta

- a) I have all of them. (+5)
- b) I have more than half of them. (+2)
- c) I have less than half of them. (-2)
- d) I don't have any of them. (-5)

6. Do you have bowls of candy, chips, crackers, or other snacks sitting around at home?

- a) Yes (+5)
- b) No (-5)

7. When you have parties or dinner guests, do you serve them what you think they'll want or what you think is healthy?

- a) What I think is healthy (-3)
- b) What I think they want (+3)

8. When food shopping, do you buy economy-sized bags, or do you buy smaller portions?

- a) More than half the time I buy economy-sized bags. (+3)
- b) More than half of the time I buy smaller portions. (-3)

9. How often do you shop for groceries?

- a) Fewer than three times a month (+5)
- b) About once a week (-1)
- c) More than once a week (-5)

10. Do you keep food in plain view around the house?

- a) Yes. (+3)
- b) No (-3)

11. Do you think healthy eating means low-fat eating?

- a) Yes (+2)
- b) No (-2)

12. If someone were to point to a food in your kitchen, would you know whether it was composed of mostly carbohydrate, protein, or fat?

- a) yes (-2)
- b) No (+2)

13. When you prepare meals from recipe books, do you use those that contain healthy recipes?

- a) Most of the time (-5)
- b) About half the time (0)
- c) Almost never (+5)

14. Do you prepare meals in advance to take with you to work, on day trips, or on vacations?

- a) Yes, always (-5)
- b) More than half the time (-2)
- c) Less than half the time (+2)
- d) Almost never (+5)

15. Are you hesitant to throw out unhealthy leftovers or gift foods that don't fit into your nutritional plan?

- a) yes, I hate throwing out food (+5)
- b) No, more than half the time I throw this stuff out (0)
- c) No, I always throw this stuff out (-5)

YOUR SCORE AND WHAT IT MEANS

32 to 63 points

You scored high on the kitchen makeover questionnaire. But this high score means you may need some adjustments to your kitchen setup or your shopping habits.

That's no problem, though. We'll be working on this together in the coming weeks.

0 to 31 points

Your kitchen environment could also use some improvements. I'll be happy to show you what to do as we continue to work together.

-31 to -1 points

You're doing pretty well in the kitchen department. With just a few tweaks, it'll be easier than ever before to improve your body composition, energy levels and performance.

-32 to -63 points

Don't let negative scores fool you. In this questionnaire, negative scores mean a great kitchen environment. Nice Work. In the coming weeks you will be on the fast track!