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Food cravings can hit you any time of the day and anywhere. They can be stimulated by a smell or a place or by an emotion. Use these 50 tips to become more aware of your cravings and how to overcome them.

- 1. Food cravings can be the result of a vitamin or mineral deficiency. Learn what is missing in your diet to curb your cravings.
- 2. Break food craving by identifying why you are craving it.
- 3. Sugar cravings stimulate the reward center of your brain, a lot like drugs do. These "Feel Good" hormones make you crave more.
- 4. Kicking a food addiction isn't a difficult method but requires commitment and passion.
- 5. Detox your body of the food your craving. To do this you have to stop eating those foods.
- 6. Food is not rational. Food is culture, habit, craving and identity. ~ Jonathan Safran Foer
- 7. The sinful object of your lustful desires can be chocolate cake, caffeine -loaded coffee, alcohol or salty potato chips.
- 8. According to a Tufts University study, 91% of women said they experienced strong food cravings.
- 9. What is your cravings trigger? Stress? Boredom? Excitement? Social situation?
- 10. Wait out a food craving. They will subside quickly.
- 11. Use the flavors of vanilla, cinnamon, mint, cloves, vinegar, garlic, onion, berries and cocoa to combat cravings.
- 12. Take your own snacks to parties so you won't be tempted by the less than healthy offerings.
- I love all kinds of bread. Whenever I crave junk food, I want salty things like peanuts or potato chips. ~ Tyra Banks
- 14. Clean out the kitchen and pantry! Get rid of processed, sugar-laden foods and white flour products to curb cravings.
- 15. When you crave candy, substitute nuts, fresh berries, or homemade dried strawberries.
- 16. Substitute unsweetened yogurt with fresh or frozen fruit when craving ice cream.
- 17. When food cravings strike, go for a walk, dance or meditate.
- 18. Keep your hands and mind busy to curb sugar cravings.
- 19. Indulge in a small portion of the food you're craving once in a while.

- 20. Stay away from social situations where you can't control your cravings.
- 21. Eat a balanced meal every three to five hours. You'll curb cravings and feel satisfied longer.
- 22. Eat more protein, fresh fruit and vegetables to curb salty cravings.
- 23. Buy only portion controlled sizes of foods that trigger cravings.
- 24. Eat a variety of foods and food styles to help curb cravings caused by food boredom.
- 25. Food cravings can be harmful, leading to a long list of health problems.
- 26. When you lack certain vitamins, minerals and other trace minerals, your body craves the food that resembles it.
- 27. When you want salty foods, your body is missing potassium.
- 28. If food cravings are out of control, keep a food journal for a month to find your triggers.
- 29. Choose "good carbs" like whole grains, beans, fruits, and vegetables to curb sugar and fat cravings.
- 30. Take care of yourself when you are stressed, angry or unhappy so your cravings for comfort food will be less.
- 31. Experiment with different scents to help curb your food cravings.
- 32. Dip apple slices in chocolate sauce to get healthy foods and satisfy your craving for sugar.
- 33. Nurture yourself with non-food fun when cravings attack. Get a facial, play with your dog or read a good book.
- 34. Peppermint essential oil is great for weight loss and suppressing cravings.
- 35. Candida overgrowth (yeast) causes a strong sugar and bread cravings. Cure it by detoxing your system.
- 36. Why is it when you're dieting, you crave everything?~ Kim Kardashian
- 37. Emotional hunger makes you crave fatty foods or sugary snacks that give you an instant rush.
- 38. Emotional hunger will often lead to bouts of mindless eating. Be aware of how you are feeling when you crave a food.
- 39. Change you routine. Sometimes that's all you need when you are craving certain foods.
- 40. Exercise and stretching first thing in the morning can ease caffeine cravings.
- 41. Dare to be different. Don't drink caffeine or alcohol just because everyone else is.
- 42. Swap out your caffeinated beverage with a great tasting herbal tea or sparkling water.
- 43. Curb your salt cravings by reading labels and avoiding processed foods as much as possible.

- 44. Pickles, olives, cheese and pistachios are great alternatives to salty chips and French fries.
- 45. Experiment with new grains like barley, millet, amaranth, whole-wheat couscous or bulgur to curb carb cravings.
- 46. <u>I don't find it a struggle to maintain a healthy diet now as my palate has changed. I don't crave rich food.~Jennifer Ellison</u>
- 47. Take five minutes and drink a large glass of water before acting on a food craving.
- 48. Exchange processed foods for low-glycemic foods to help curb carb cravings.
- 49. Retrain your brain, behavior and taste buds to enjoy whole foods as much as you love carbs.
- 50. Manage stress. Stress is one of the top reasons we crave sugary, salty and high-carb foods.

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