

1/8
10" thin
base
pizza
(36g)



20g
of
crisps



3 1/2
grilled
cocktail
sausages



1
serving
spoon of
chicken
curry
(70g)



To see if unwanted weight could be putting your health at risk, check out your BMI and waist measurement at www.choosetolivebetter.com where you will also find lots of handy hints and tips to feel better.



Just 100 Calories
extra a day
could mean **10lbs**
of weight gain
a year



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EAT A LITTLE LESS AND

CHOOSE TO LIVE BETTER

It's easy to put on unwanted weight

Did you know that if you eat an extra 100 Calories each day more than your body needs, by the end of a year you'll have put on an extra 10lbs in weight?

It's easy to not notice the 'extras' you're eating each day – those second helpings, the nibbles, the snacks or the leftovers you can't bear to throw out.

But every little extra bit that goes in ends up going on. When you see what 100 Calories look like you may be surprised at just how small that amount really is.



Because our plates, bowls and glasses have increased in size over the years, the amount we serve on or in them has also increased. All these extras add up to putting on weight. The extra weight means your body will need to work harder just to carry that weight around – your heart needs to work harder, and you're more likely to get breathless. An extra 10lbs is like carrying around 10 big blocks of butter as you go about your everyday life!

But the good news is that you can do something about it...

If you stop eating and drinking those extra calories you can immediately stop any further weight gain, and that's a great first step!

Then you can set other small goals to eat less and be more active, which will help you begin to lose weight. You'll start to feel better and it will have a major impact on your health too!

The best way to lose weight (and keep it off) is to make small, long-term changes to what you eat and drink, and to be more active every day.

Set yourself realistic and achievable targets for healthier eating, drinking and being more active.

Eat regularly – three meals each day, ie breakfast, lunch and evening meal. Try to avoid nibbling in-between, but if you've got the 'munchies' then go for ready-prepared vegetable sticks or fruit.

Try to be more active every day and remember, if you slip up one day don't dwell on it, just carry on to the next day with your target in mind.