## Are your portions in proportion?

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# It's this simple.

We are filling our plates with **too** much of some kinds of food and not enough of other kinds.

A meat, poultry, or seafood dish should take up one-quarter of your plate.

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## And here are four other great tips when serving food at home:

Try to serve a fruit or vegetable at every meal. When it comes to fruits and vegetables, most of us do not eat enough. Try frozen or canned.

Buy whole wheat bread instead of white bread. It's much healthier. The same goes for whole wheat noodles and pasta instead of the regular kind. And brown rice is much healthier than white rice.

Serve foods from the kitchen counter, rather than from the table. One reason we eat too much is that we often grab second helpings, even when we are full. When the extra food is off the table, you will be less likely to go for seconds.

Serve all sauces and salad dressings on the side. They add extra calories without nutrients.