## **Food Variety Checklist**

Score one point for each food category you have eaten in one day (use the boxes on the right side to add up your score). Count each food category only once.

Fruit	
Stone fruit (e.g. apricot, avocado, cherries, nectarine, olive,	
peach, plum, prune)	
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Citrus (e.g. orange, lemon)	
Apples	
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Bananas	
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Berries (e.g. raspberry, strawberry)	
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Grapes (including raisins, sultanas)	
Melons (e.g. honeydew, rockmelon, watermelon)	
Pears, nashi	
Tropical fruit (e.g. guava, jackfruit, lychee, mango, papaya,	
pineapple, starfruit)	
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Vegetables	
Root (e.g. carrots, sweet potatoes, potatoes, bamboo shoots,	
beetroot, ginger, parsnip, radish, water chestnut)	
Leafy greens (e.g. spinach, cabbage, brussel sprouts,	
silverbeet)	
Marrow-like (e.g. cucumber, eggplant, marrow, pumpkin,	
squash, swede, turnip, zucchini)	
Flowers (e.g. broccoli, cauliflower, endive, chicory, lettuce)	
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Stalks (e.g. celery)	
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Onion (e.g. spring onion, garlic leek)	
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Peppers (e.g. capsicum)	
Tomatoes, okra	
Legumes/Pulses	
Beans (e.g. green beans, snow peas, snap beans, dried peas)	
Adzuki, baked beans, haricot, black beans, black eyed beans, borlotti beans, cannelini beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils, lima beans, lupins, mung beans (sprouts), pinto beans, soya beans (sprouts), soya milk, bean curd  Grains and Cereals	
Wheat (including ready-to-eat cereals such as Weetbix, bran flakes, & wholemeal/white bread)	
Rye (includes ready-to-eat products)	
Barley (includes ready-to-eat products)	
Oats (includes ready-to-eat products)	
Rice (includes ready-to-eat products)	
Corn (includes ready-to-eat products)	
All other grains and cereals (e.g. buckwheat, millet, quinoa, sago, semolina, tapioca, triticale)	
Meat	
Pork (including ham and bacon)	
Lamb, beef, veal	
Poultry (e.g. chicken, turkey, duck)	
Game (e.g. quail, wild duck, pigeon)	
Game (e.g. kangaroo, rabbit, venison)	
Liver, brain, all other organ meats	
Seafood	
Shellfish and molluscs (e.g. mussels, squid, oysters, scallops)	
Crustaceans (e.g. prawns, lobster, crabs, shrimps)	

Fatty Fish (e.g. anchovies, tuna, salmon, sardines, herring,
mackerel, kipper, pilchards)
Fish (saltwater)
Fish (freshwater)
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Roe (caviar)
Dairy
Milk, yoghurt (without live culture), ice cream, cheese
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Live Cultures (yoghurt with live culture e.g. acidophilus,
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bifidobacteria)
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Eggs
All varieties
Fats
Oil: olive, rice bran, canola
Hard/soft spreads
Herbs and Spices
Use regularly
Nuts and Seeds
Almond, brazil, cashew, chestnut, coconut, hazelnut,
peanuts, peanut butter, pecan, pine nut, pistachio, pumpkin
seed, sesame seed, tahini, hummus, sunflower seed, walnut
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Fermented Foods
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Miso, tempeh, soya sauce
Sauerkraut
All other varieties
Beverages
Non-alcoholic (e.g. tea, coffee, cocoa)
Alcoholic

Other	
Sugar, syrup, honey, confectionary, jam, marmalade, chocolate, soft drinks	
Yeast (e.g. vegemite, marmite, Brewers yeast)	
Water, including mineral and spring water	
Total amount of different foods	

Reference: Savige, G.S., Hau-Hage, B. and Wahlqvist, M.L. 1997. Food Variety as Nutritional Therapy. *Current Therapeutics*, 38 (March): p.62.

Check your score of food variety and dietary adequacy using this chart.

Total food variety	Dietary adequacy
score	
More than 30 a day	Excellent
25-29 per day	Very Good
20-24 per day	Good
<20 per day	Fair
<10 per day	Poor