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Eat Healthy to Give Your Memory a Boost

Believe the hype... there are certain foods that can increase the chances of keeping your brain healthy as you age. If you're concerned with remaining mentally sharp as you age, consider adding these foods to your diet:

Glucose

- Your body metabolizes glucose when eating healthy sugars and carbohydrates.
- Opt for fruits that are rich in natural sugars.

Fish

- Fish is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential for good brain function and development.
- Fish is linked with a lower risk of dementia and stroke, can help slow mental decline, and can enhance memory as you age.

Nuts and Chocolate

- Nuts are rich in vitamin E, which is attributed to

slowing cognitive decline as you get older.

- Dark chocolate (consumed in moderation) has antioxidants, which can enhance concentration.
- Opt for an ounce of nuts and chocolate daily to reap the health benefits without the unnecessary calories.

Avocados and Whole Grains

- Avocados and whole grains enhance blood flow to stimulate brain cells.

Blueberries

- Blueberries protect the brain from stress and may reduce the effects of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- These fruits may increase your learning

capacity and motor skills as you age.

Iron-Rich Foods

- Iron deficiency negatively affects learning, memory and attention.
- Eat dark, leafy greens, beans, lean meat and soy to boost the iron in your body.



Did you know...?

Older adults who ate more brightly colored fruits and vegetables experienced less cognitive decline compared to those who did not consume these foods at all, according to a recent study. The antioxidants in these foods eliminate free radicals and protect neurons in the brain from damage.