

# 30-Day Mediterranean Dinner Plan for Reduced Inflammation

### **Description**

Chronic inflammation has been associated with an elevated risk of various long-term health conditions, such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and arthritis. Fortunately, certain foods, particularly those featured in the recipes below, can alleviate inflammation and its uncomfortable symptoms, including joint stiffness, digestive disruptions, and hypertension.

These dishes incorporate ingredients renowned for their anti-inflammatory properties, such as legumes, fatty fish, dark leafy greens, and a variety of herbs. These foods are not just beneficial but are also integral to the Mediterranean diet, celebrated as one of the healthiest dietary patterns available.

For example, dishes like the Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl and Salmon with Melting Leeks not only tantalize the taste buds but also support your nutritional objectives. The Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl combines fiber-rich kimchi with gut-friendly probiotics, while the Salmon with Melting Leeks features panko-crusted salmon that pairs beautifully with prebiotic leeks, enriching the meal with gut health benefits.

In addition, the Lemon-Garlic Sheet-Pan Salmon with Potatoes & Green Beans makes for a hassle-free, balanced weeknight meal, while the Vegan Lentil Stew provides comforting nourishment with its hearty lentils and sweet potatoes.

With a focus on dietary balance and health, these recipes demonstrate that enjoying flavorful meals does not have to come at the expense of your well-being. Embrace these imaginative dishes as part of your routine to foster a healthier lifestyle while indulging in delicious flavors.

## **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. **Inflammation** /ɪnˌflæmə'eɪʃən/ (noun): A localized physical condition characterized by redness swelling heat and pain often as a reaction to injury or infection.
- 2. **Legumes** /'lɛgju:mz/ (noun): A group of plant species that produce pods with seeds commonly used as a food source.
- 3. **Probiotics** /,proʊ.baɪˈɒt.ɪks/ (noun): Live microorganisms that provide health benefits when consumed often enhancing gut health.
- 4. **Prebiotic** /,pri:.baɪˈɒt.ɪk/ (noun): Substances that induce the growth or activity of beneficial microorganisms particularly in the gut.
- 5. **Nourishment** /'na:rɪʃmənt/ (noun): The food or other substances necessary for growth health and good condition.
- 6. **Mediterranean** /,mɛdɪtə'reɪniən/ (adjective): Relating to the Mediterranean Sea often used to describe a cuisine that includes fresh vegetables whole grains and healthy fats.



## **Comprehension Questions**

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. What are some health conditions associated with chronic inflammation?

Option: Heart disease

Option: Cancer Option: Diabetes Option: Arthritis

2. Which types of foods can alleviate inflammation according to the text?

Option: Legumes Option: Fatty fish

Option: Dark leafy greens Option: All of the above

3. Which diet is highlighted as one of the healthiest in the content?

Option: Mediterranean diet Option: Ketogenic diet Option: Paleo diet Option: Vegan diet

4. Which dish pairs fiber-rich kimchi with gut-friendly probiotics?

Option: Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl

Option: Salmon with Melting Leeks

Option: Lemon-Garlic Sheet-Pan Salmon with Potatoes & Green Beans

Option: Vegan Lentil Stew

5. Which recipe features panko-crusted salmon with prebiotic leeks?

Option: Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl

Option: Salmon with Melting Leeks

Option: Lemon-Garlic Sheet-Pan Salmon with Potatoes & Green Beans

Option: Vegan Lentil Stew

6. Which dish provides comforting nourishment with hearty lentils and sweet potatoes?

Option: Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl



Option: Salmon with Melting Leeks

Option: Lemon-Garlic Sheet-Pan Salmon with Potatoes & Green Beans

Option: Vegan Lentil Stew

#### **True-False**

- 7. Chronic inflammation is not associated with any long-term health conditions.
- 8. The Mediterranean diet is not considered one of the healthiest dietary patterns.
- 9. The Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl features fatty fish as a primary ingredient.
- 10. The Lemon-Garlic Sheet-Pan Salmon with Potatoes & Green Beans is a time-consuming dish.
- 11. The Vegan Lentil Stew does not contain sweet potatoes.
- ESL-NEWS 12. The dishes in the content do not aim to promote a healthier lifestyle.

#### **Gap-Fill**

14. The	diet is praised for its health benefits and is characterized by the
consumption of legumes, fa	atty fish, and dark leafy greens.
15. The Salmon with Meltin	g Leeks features panko-crusted salmon that pairs beautifully with
le	eeks.
16. The Vegan Lentil Stew $_{\parallel}$	provides comforting nourishment with its hearty lentils and sweet
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17. Embracing these imagi	native dishes can help foster a healthier
18. The Roasted Broccoli &	Kimchi Rice Bowl combines fiber-rich kimchi with gut-friendly



### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. Heart disease, Cancer, Diabetes, Arthritis 2. All of the above 3. Mediterranean diet

4. Roasted Broccoli & Kimchi Rice Bowl 5. Salmon with Melting Leeks 6. Vegan Lentil Stew

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. Mediterranean 15. prebiotic 16. potatoes 17. lifestyle 18. probiotics

## Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which of the following is a natural response to infection or injury?

Option: inflammation Option: prebiotic Option: nourishment

Option: binge

2. Which type of bacteria are considered good for your gut health?

Option: probiotics
Option: respiratory
Option: safeguard
Option: diagnoses

3. Which diet is known for its emphasis on fruits vegetables and healthy fats?

Option: mediterranean

Option: stigma
Option: sensory
Option: acute

4. Which word describes being actively involved in a particular activity?

Option: engaged Option: exacerbated Option: therapeutic Option: advocates

5. What term is used to describe a sudden powerful forward or upward movement?



Option: surge Option: symptoms	
Option: isolation Option: liberating	
6. Which term means causing harm or	damage?
Option: detrimental Option: pathogen	
Option: evolved	
Option: prevalent	
7. What does safeguard mean?	
Option: safeguard Option: burnout	
Option: spillover	
Option: uncertain	
8. Which word means experiencing se	vere or intense symptoms?
Option: acute	
Option: respiratory Option: inflammation	
Option: surge	vere or intense symptoms?
9. What term relates to the healing of	disease?
Option: therapeutic	
Option: probiotics Option: mediterranean	
Option: engaged	
10. Which term is associated with a m	ark of disgrace?
Option: stigma	
Option: tribute	
Option: surged Option: sensory	
option sensory	
Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with th	ne correct word from the vocabulary list. )
11. Including	in your diet can help reduce inflammation.
12. The patient presented with typical	flu-like



13. The astronaut experienced prolonged	in space.			
14. Traveling to a new country can be a	experience.			
15. A is a biological agent that causes disease.				
16. The future of the project remains	_ due to budget constraints.			
17. The organization for improved healthcare policies.				
18. Continuous overtime work can lead to employee				
19. The doctor confirmed the patient with multiple medical				
20. Consuming foods high in can su	pport gut health.			
Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )				
21. A balanced diet provides essential for the body to function properly.				
22. Some people have the tendency to eat when feeling stressed.				
23. The ceremony was held as a to the fallen soldiers.				
24. Sales of the new product in the last quarter.				
25. The new art installation aimed to heighten visitors' experiences.				
26. The lack of rain the drought conditions in the region.				
27. She is known as one of the leading for mental health awareness.				
28. Over time technology has to meet changing needs.				
29. Stress-related illnesses are becoming more in today's society.				
30. The virus primarily affects the system leading to breathing difficulties.				

### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. inflammation 2. probiotics 3. mediterranean 4. engaged 5. surge 6. detrimental 7. safeguard





8. acute 9. therapeutic 10. stigma

Gap-Fill: 11. legumes 12. symptoms 13. isolation 14. liberating 15. pathogen 16. uncertain 17. advocates 18. burnout 19. diagnoses 20. prebiotic

Matching sentence: 1. nourishment 2. binge 3. tribute 4. surged 5. sensory 6. exacerbated 7. advocates 8. evolved 9. prevalent 10. respiratory

#### **CATEGORY**

1. Health - LEVEL4

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