Tips for Fitting in Fitness

It can be challenging to find time to reach your fitness goal. Here are some tips you can try.

Fitting in fitness while you're on the move

- Get off the bus or train one stop early. Walk the rest of the way.
- Park your car farther from your destination.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Walk or ride your bike to get to your destination.



Fitting in fitness while watching TV

- Dance, or do side steps.
- Lift weights, or use resistance bands.
- March or jog in place.
- Pedal a stationary bike, or walk on a treadmill



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Fitting in fitness while doing chores or running errands

- Ask family and friends to pitch in so you have more time to be active.
- Move briskly while you mow your lawn with a push mower
- Rake your lawn, weed your garden, or shovel snow
- Sweep or mop your floor, carry laundry, or vacuum
- Walk your dog
- Wash your car



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Fitting in fitness while socializing

- Go out dancing with your friend or partner.
- Join a walking club, golf league or soccer club
- Play soccer, or kickball with your kids or grandkids.
- Push your child or grandchild in a stroller.
- Take a fitness class.

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- March in place, walk, climb stairs, or pedal a stationary bike while on the phone.
- Walk with a family member or friend.



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Fitting in fitness at work (if you have a desk job)

- Ask your co-workers to hold stand-up meetings.
- Join a nearby gym. Stop off before or after work, or go during your lunch break.
- Sit on a fitness ball, instead of a chair.
- Take a brisk walk during your coffee or lunch break.
- Take part in a fitness program at work.
- Talk to coworkers in person, instead of emailing them.
- Use a copy machine on the other side of the building.
- Walk around or march in place while talking on the phone.

Fitting in fitness anytime

- Break your 150 minutes into 10-minute chunks
- Schedule it. Put it on your calendar, and make it as a priority.
- Tweak your schedule. For instance, get up 30 minutes sooner so you can walk before work. Or have dinner 30 minutes earlier so you can walk after dinner
- Use a fitness app or tracker. These help you make the most of your time.



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