| Category | Calorie Density | Calories/Gram | How to Eat  | Examples  |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|---|---|
| 1        | Very Low        | less than 0.6 | "Free" foods  | Fruits<br>Non-starchy vegetables<br>Broth-based soups             |
| 2        | Low             | 0.7 – 1.5     | Eat reasonable portions                                 | Whole grains<br>Lean protein<br>Legumes<br>Low-fat dairy          |
| 3        | Medium          | 1.6 – 3.9     | Manage your portions                                    | Breads<br>Fat-free baked snacks<br>Cheese<br>Higher-fat meat      |
| 4        | High            | 4.0-9.0       | Carefully manage<br>portions and frequency<br>of eating | Fried snacks<br>Cookies and other<br>sweets<br>Nuts<br>Added fats |