## Pasta and Meatballs

Serves: 4



## **Equipment:**



Chopping board, knife. tablespoon, serving spoon



- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 200g turkey mince or 200g lean beef mince
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 400g chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsp. tomato purée
- 2 tsp dried mixed herbs
- 200g closed-cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1 pepper, any colour, chopped



## Method:



- 1. Mix half of the chopped onion and garlic with the mince. Shape the mince into small balls about half the size of a golf ball. Use turkey mince as a lower fat alternative to beef.
- 2. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan and brown the meatballs on all sides. Remove and put on to a plate.
- 3. Add the remaining half an onion and garlic to the frying pan and cook for 2-3 minutes until soft.
- 4. Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, herbs, mushrooms and peppers to the pan with 150ml water. Bring to the boil, then add the meatballs. Reduce the heat, cover with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes.
- 5. About 10 minutes before serving, put the pasta on to cook in plenty of boiling water. Serve with the meatballs and tomato sauce.
- 6. Serve with wholegrain brown rice as an alternative to pasta, but remember that it takes 25-30 minutes to cook.