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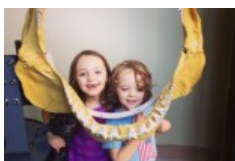
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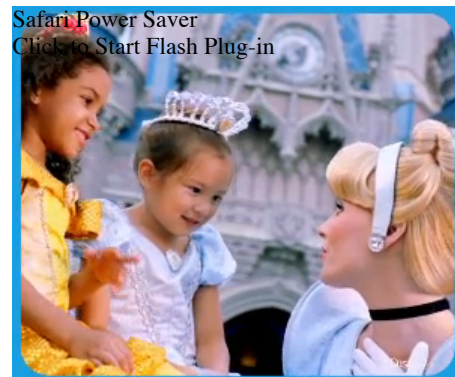
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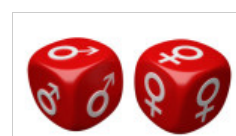
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He leans against me. His weight is familiar, comforting. Our ankles are crossed in front of us, my book in my lap, the remote in his.

This is our evening ritual. We sit close. Murmurings about our day escape our lips, filling in the spaces between the rest we both so desperately seek. The sharp lines of his suit and shiny shoes contrast the softness of my yoga pants and the work-from-home and mothering routines that I juggle. There's so much to explain to each other.

This evening time is our glue, and I need the feeling of his fingers laced with mine—toes touching, breath matching—to ground me solidly by his side. This is the way married evenings go.

But it wasn't always this way, was it? It used to be skipped heartbeats and high heels, late nights and impromptu turns.

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Dating when we were young and kid-free was exhilarating and freeing and worked like a different kind of glue. It was the one glue that shed light on the shine and the glitter of our relationship.

Eleven years of marriage, three kids, and one puggle later, I've learned that this kind of glittery glue is just as important to the foundation of a marriage as the solid one created by my husband and my evening routine.

April Masini, nicknamed "the new millennium's Dear Abby" by the media, writes the critically acclaimed "Ask April" advice column and answers readers' questions on the free [Ask April](#) advice forum. Masini gives some insight to my thoughts on marriage.

She says, "Keeping [your marriage] fresh is very important to the success of any long-term, committed, monogamous relationship. Every relationship hits a boring rut now and then—that's normal. And that's when the phrase 'relationships take work' is relevant. You have to do things to keep the relationship lively and interesting, whether it's through sex, socializing, [finding] ways to become more intimate, having new adventures, or simply getting out of the house together more often. Invest the time in your relationship to have fun and feel light with your honey."

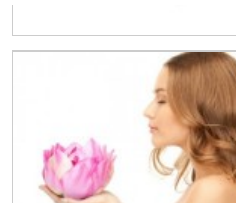
Feeling light in the rosy-cheeked, heart-skipping-a-beat way is a way to bring us back to how we fell in love in the first place, and it's one of the ways we should date our husbands. Four women share how they do this with their best Feel-Like-a-Kid-Again Date Ideas and, more importantly, how you can, too.

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