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How to Recover From a Major First-Date Faux Pas

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Of course we'd all love our first dates (<http://www.glamour.com/sex-love-life/blogs/smitten/2015/06/first-date-deal-breakers-guys>) to go flawlessly. But let's get real: Even the most fabulous among us have been guilty of a major first-date faux pas. Here, we've asked for expert advice on how to fix three common mistakes—progressing from bad to *the worst*. And one piece of advice that applies to all first-date flubs? Be sure to have a sense of humor.



The Faux Pas: You way underdressed.

The Fix: So you didn't know when he said dinner, he meant the full five-course shebang. It's OK! If he's waiting at your front door, simply greet him, "acknowledge the faux pas and quickly change your clothes," says April Masini (<http://www.askapril.com/>), relationship expert and author

of *Think and Date Like a Man*. But if you've already met out and don't have an outfit change handy, just roll with it. "Don't get angry that he's placed you in this situation and you're going to look bad to others," Masini says. "Instead, show him that you're someone who rolls with the punches."

The Faux Pas: You call him the wrong name.

The Fix: Whether you're dating two very similar-looking men simultaneously (keep that to yourself!) or you're harried from a long day at work, this was most likely an honest mistake and not a meaningful Freudian slip. "Apologize and do some fancy footwork," advises Masini. "Tell him that he reminds you of your cousin Dave, which is why you called him Dave. Tell him he has a free pass to call you Linda—and be glad you didn't call him by the wrong name in bed!"

The Faux Pas: You run into his family—or yours.

The Fix: Perhaps you did something super spontaneous and took your first date to a wedding or family event. Or maybe one of your mothers happened to be interested in seeing *Magic Mike XXL* as well. It's going to be awkward, but here are a few rules: "If you introduce him as your date, you're going to make yourself road kill for intrusive family questioning," Masini warns. "So introduce him as your 'friend.' That will ward off questions meant for a potential husband." Then, Masini adds, "learn from this mistake. Events are great places to meet guys, so don't tie yourself up socially by bringing a first date just so you don't have to be alone. Face your fears and embrace being single at a romantic place where there will be other single guys."

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