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What Men Think On The First Date:

1. Is she hot?
2. Is she nice?
3. How long am I going to have to wait to sleep with her?

What Women Think On The First Date:

1. Does he like me?
2. Will he ask me out again?
3. Will we get married?

While men and women don't ALWAYS think this way -- for the most part they do. While some women have short-term goals with men, most of them want a long-term relationship that will lead to marriage. And most men want to have a good time that night. Some of the men want to get married, and there are ways that you can tell, but most of them want to have sex. One way to eliminate the guesswork of first dating is to use online dating services where daters fill out profiles that pose questions about where they'd like to live, if they want children, etc. You can even ask potential dates online questions to eliminate those with different goals than you have before you even meet which saves time. Some things about dating have changed over the years like older women dating younger men and single parents dating and blending families or introducing their children to their dates, but other things have not. Men are still driven by sex. They are still ready to get married or not ready to get married, and you just can't rush them, successfully. And while sexual mores have relaxed, for the most part, if all other things are equal, men do not respect women who sleep with them on a first date as much as those who don't.

FIRST DATE DO'S AND DON'TS

First dates can be magical or they can be real duds -- and the trick is that sometimes the ignitable first dates fizzle out and fade away while the real duds just take longer to get going and slowly boil. Here are some tips to make first date conversations get you where you want to go -- learning about your date and having fun doing it.

DO:

1. Ask what you want to know. Why bother with superficial questions that riff on that old standby, "What's your major?" If you know what you want in a relationship then you won't waste time on a first date or a first date conversation.
2. Tell the truth, but don't give your entire unedited autobiography during dinner. The idea is to go back and forth in a conversation. Be aware of who's doing most of the talking. If it's you, stop and ask some questions.
3. Relax. It's great to want to impress someone, but if you spend the entire date on your Christmas dinner behavior, you'll have kept "the real you" from them, and maybe even vice versa!

DON'T

1. Don't focus too much on talk about what "your type" is, and why you've been unsuccessful up to now. By describing your type, you may be insulting your date -- besides which, if you're so sure of your type, why are you out on a first date?
2. Don't be rude or use questionable manners. Don't say, "Shut up," "Get out," or any other playful put down -- and don't curse. Learn to communicate without these crutches.
3. Don't start asking your date to commit to a party in August, a weekend in September, and meeting your friends at Christmas -- on the first date. Even if you like this other person a lot, stay cool. Don't play all your cards at once, and don't make commitments so far in advance on a first -- or second -- date.

First Date Potential

Knowing if a date is a keeper or not, has everything to do with knowing yourself. If you know what you want and what works best for you in a date -- or even what doesn't work at all or what works badly for you -- you'll be able to spot a keeper on a first date.

Here are some signs he's good to go!

1. He's single. I know it sounds crazy, but not everyone who asks you on a date or accepts a date is legally single. Sometimes people are intentionally sneaky about their marital status, and other times, they just don't realize that unless they file legal papers with their local family court, for separation from their marriage, or for divorce, they're still married! So get the low down on your first date.
2. He has children. He doesn't have children. He has a finite number of children. They live with him how many days a week? Find out during your date if he has kids, how old they are, how many he has, and from how many unions. Find out if they live with him, and if so, for how many days out of the week. Not everyone wants to date someone with children -- and some people only want to date people with children. Knowing what you're dealing with will let you know if this guy's good to go!
3. Religion and lifestyle. For some people, religion is important. Important enough to be a deal breaker. For others, spirituality or any kind of worship is important. Find out if your date is someone for whom religious ritual and spirituality are important.
4. Manners and demeanor. If your date is someone who uses foul language, and you're offended -- or if he doesn't hold the door for you to walk through first, and that's something that's important to you...you may be on two different pages of two different books, so to speak. Manners and upbringing are important. Even if someone didn't grow up with good manners, by the time they're old enough to date, they're old enough to have picked up their own sense of style and their own manners. Make sure his are what you want.

APRIL'S TOP 10 THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR (OR SAY) ON A FIRST DATE:

1. Oh look -- my husband!
2. Oh look -- my boyfriend!
3. Oh look -- my parole officer!
4. Do you have herpes, too?
5. Let's get really drunk and then drive.
6. Can we stop at the market? I'm out of cat food. Did I mention I have nine cats?
7. My fourth ex-husband was really crazy, but the fifth one -- he takes the cake.
8. I hardly ever have hallucinations any more -- not since that electro-shock therapy -- have you ever tried it?
9. I'm not drinking tonight -- I might be pregnant. Just want to be on the safe side.
10. Wow, your feet are so small -- I hope that's not a sign of other things.

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