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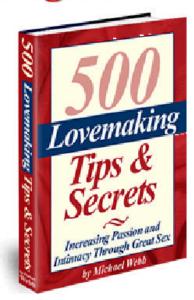
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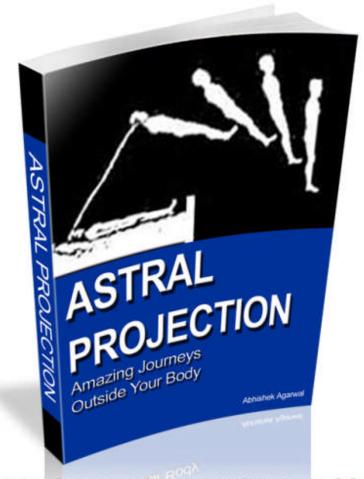
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## **Map Out Online Dating Success**

Online dating is something that anyone can do, but not everyone will do it in a successful manner. Let's think of this as building a business. If you want to be successful at your business, you have to work with it from the beginning, nourish it throughout its hard moments and then know how to make your mark.

In online dating, if you would like to be successful, you need to start off right, build your profile in the right manner and then secure the final and lasting rewards out there. You may not realize it but there are some pretty good tips and tricks out there that can help you to be successful at online dating.

Throughout this e-book you will see those tips and tricks offered to you. Yet, before we can tell you how to take your online dating experience to success, we need to map out where we are going.

#### **Your Goals**

The first thing that you need to do is to make goals. What should you include in those goals? Ask yourself these questions.

What am I looking to achieve during my online dating experience?

What am I hoping will be the method that I do that?

Who am I looking for specifically?

What am I willing to do to make it happen?

Can I dedicate some time to making it come together?

When you ask yourself these questions, jot down your answers. You will want to come back and refer to them later. Why do we ask them? Developing goals for online dating is essential. In fact, it is your first tip. Without detailed goals, you will not do all that it takes to be successful.

If you do not have goals, you probably will not spend enough time on your profile. If you do not have goals, you probably will not take the time to seek out others. And, if you do not have the right goals in place, you won't take that all important first step of calling on someone that you are interested in.

After you have determined what your goals are, next determine what you will do to meet them. Here are the first things you need to commit to in order to be successful with online dating.

# **The Pros And Cons: Making Them Work For You**

You have a good idea of what the pros and the cons of online dating are right?

#### Pros:

You get to meet others from around the world when it is convenient to you.

You get to find that right person for you without having to deal with the bar scene or with blind dates.

The pressure is lower as emails are easier than phone calls.

You can find people online that are just like you, that already possess the qualities that you are after. No more dealing with situations where you meet people that are no where near someone you are interested in.

You get to handle online dating the way that you want to.

It's safer.

There are more possibilities.

Those are just a few of the benefits that are out there when it comes to online dating. Yet, there are some things that are not necessarily good things.

#### Cons:

You are not seeing these individuals in person for the first time.

You may not be able to meet them locally for a while if they do not live near you.

You have to count on what they tell you or provide about them in their profile is actually true.

It's scary to take that first step.

You have to pay for a membership to meet others.

Those are just a few of the different cons that you may be facing. Of course, you should take into consideration the fact that your potential cons are not listed here. Nevertheless, our next tip is what will help you to get the most out of online dating.

#### **Analyzing The Good And The Bad**

Each time that there is a negative comment in your mind about online dating, figure out the benefits it can offer.

For example, one of the problems that many have is paying for a membership. While no one likes doing that, think about it this way. If you pay for a membership, you don't have to pay for all of those drinks or dinners with others that are people you didn't want to meet. It is more affordable, actually, to work with people that you have already determined are right for you.

Another thing people say about online dating is that they just don't want to take that first step and contact the other person. No problem. Later on, we will dedicate a chapter to learning how to converse with others for the first time. And, we will show you how you can actually make this something that is beneficial to you.

### **Find The Right Site First**

There are many online dating websites and each of them offers something unique and different than the next. If you find yourself dealing with the wrong site, you may find yourself wasting your time.

Since time is important to most of us, we want to give you some tips to help you to find the right place to date on the web. You may not realize it, but you are probably going to find yourself with several options.

First, think about who you are and who you would like to meet. Now, determine what the best online dating website is for you.

#### Who Are You?

Some online dating sites are set up based on what things such as function as well as popularity. Many of the big online dating sites do offer benefits of being able to allow you to meet a wide range of people. If you are looking for someone special, though, you may find yourself facing a bit more trouble with these sites.

Instead of selecting just any online dating site, if you do have special characteristics that you are interested in, make sure you venture to websites that cater to just that.

For example, there are some very popular websites set up for online dating that offer their pitch to those of a specific race or religion. If you are interested in only finding Jewish people to date or you really only want to find an Asian person, these sites can help you to bring you closer to your goal. If you do have a specific preference, using these sites is fine. Yet, keep something in mind.

The number of people that visit an online dating website is also an important thing. If the site only has a handful of people on it, your chances of finding someone that fits with you perfectly are going to be hard. In other words, your goal should be to find a website that is both popular enough as well as specific enough for any specific characteristics that you are interested in doing.

# **Profile Picture, The True Story**

If there is one tip that you can take away from this e-book that you definitely will use it is that of creating a profile that is worthy of being read. Your profile needs to draw in the person reading it and make them want to hit the button to email you.

Does that sound overwhelming? It does not have to be. Now that you have done quite a bit of the writing for your profile, your next step will be to add pictures to your profile.

#### Pictures? No way!

Before you run off and hide, adding pictures to your profile is a sure way to get more people to read and see that profile. If you want them to actually come to your profile and email you, you are going to have to lure them in. Pictures allow you to do this easily.

In order to insure that you get the right pictures on there, though, you will need to read through all of this. Not just any pictures will work for you. There is a fine line of what will and what will not work and that's what you will need to understand to actually benefit from pictures.

#### **What Pictures Say**

Pictures are another essential element to the successful online dating profile. The pictures themselves will speak many, many words. They allow people to see who you really are. Believe it or not, people are not necessarily looking at your beauty and your waist size but rather they are looking at who you are in those pictures.

#### **Important Tip:**

Always make sure that the pictures you place in your profile are ones that show who you really are, not something that you are not.

To do this, you will first want to get together a whole group of pictures and decide what they can offer to your profile. Here are some picture qualities to look for.

The picture should show you happy or at least in a good mood.

The best pictures for a profile should show you doing things that you enjoy.

Good pictures are those that show you with friends and family, having fun.

Pictures of you do not have to be full body but they should be natural, not really posed pictures unless they are enhancing to you.

Natural pictures allow others to see who you really are rather than what you look like posed.

There are plenty of things to think about when it comes to pictures for your profile but you should not get overwhelmed by it.

Do not focus on what you look like and if your hair is perfect. Remember, natural pictures are the most ideal choices.

You should choose pictures that show you doing things that you enjoy too. If you like to hike, why not include a couple of pictures of you and your friends hiking? If you like work in an office, you can show a picture of you taken at work, as long as you are happy at work.

# **What People Are Looking For**

At this point, you have a pretty great profile happening for you. That's the foundation of your online dating adventure hands down. Now, we need to take a minute to talk about what others are looking for in online dating partners across the board.

No matter who you are, you are looking for someone that is just like you.

In other words, people are looking for normal people. There is no one out there that is looking to hook up with someone that is too complex, too busy, too overwhelming, or someone that is too above them.

Sure, every guy says they want that hot model with all of the best figures, but the bottom line is that they are really looking for someone that is more normal that happens to be pretty.

How can this be? Doesn't everyone think about looks first in this world?

In reality, people are looking more for those that are normal and just like them because they do not want to feel or end up being rejected. We all fear rejection and at the level of online dating, it is the same.

Think about all the times that you have gone out to the bar or other areas and thought, "She's pretty, I would never have a chance with her." Or other such comments. For that reason, girls and guys out there should keep in mind that their profile and their pictures in the profile should be, beyond everything else normal.

Don't try to make yourself look like a supermodel because you end up looking fake.

Don't try to increase your importance by saying that you have a different job than you do.

Don't say you have special characteristics when you really do not.

People are looking for other normal people.

Your important tip here is that if you wish to have someone email you or contact you, you should come across as a normal person that is happy and positive. That's going to reel them in. But, not just in the way of your profile and your pictures, but throughout online dating.

Here's what we mean. Once you actually get into the dating scene, you will find that there are going to be opportunities to chat with others. In short, you will wan tot come across as being able to talk to anyone in the right manner.

Most commonly, people will respond to you through an email. Or, even better, you will respond to them in an email. You may find some will instant message you as well. Any of these methods is fine and perfect as long as you keep your first impression high.

# Online Dating: Don't Become A Professional

Many people who look for dates online are looking for that long term relationship that is going to lead to more. However, there are just as many people who make a habit out of looking for online dates without ever taking it to the next level. These professional daters never plan on settling down and enjoy the thrill of dating a large number of people for the fun of it.

Although this can be fun for a time being it can also lead to an obsession with online dating that is unhealthy for everyone.

There are several ways that you can determine if you're a professional dater who is just online to have fun. One sure fire way to rate your obsession with online dating is if you find yourself ending dates early so that you can hurry home to check for new messages from other people.

How can you enjoy your current date if you're already looking for the next one? Another way to tell if you're a professional dater is if you have a hard time choosing between a second date with someone you've already met or someone who is entirely new. Professional daters live for the next date without ever fully paying attention to the date that they are on. This can lead to disappointment and frustration if you're never satisfied with any date that you're on.

# **The Emotions Of Online Dating**

Online dating is less risky for many reasons including what it can do for your emotions. The one great thing about dating online is that it has made what can be a socially awkward situation a simple one. It has become much easier for all types of people to find dates that they wouldn't be able to find any other way due to their shyness and self esteem. People no longer have to put up with the bar scene where they worry about asking someone to dance or inviting someone for a drink. The bottom line is that if you go on an online date you can pretty certain that the two of you are interested in the date in the first place.

Online dating means that, you and many other people are genuinely interested in meeting someone and having a relationship. The one thing about online dating is that there is some risk involved when you meet someone who you really want to have a relationship with. Many people who are involved in online dating will step back from being hurt and avoid long term dating in favor of meeting someone new whenever they can. If you're going to be participating in online dating you should be prepared to take a chance on someone who you have an attraction to and are compatible with.

# **Online Dating: Meeting For The First Time**

Online dating has become a big part of society over the last few years and this means that many people are meeting strangers face to face. The first meeting can be very nerve racking and stressful as you both step out of your comfort zone and put it all on the line. There are some things that you should think about when you're preparing to meet your online date for the very first time.

The most important thing that you can remember is to be yourself and to have fun.

Try to look your best. You'll want to take extra care with your appearance and grooming so that you leave a good first impression. Chances are that you'll do this anyway no matter where you meet your date. The one thing to keep in mind is that you be yourself and don't just dress for the "wow" factor if it's not something that you're comfortable with. Walk into your first date with no expectations in tow with you. Keep an open mind and be ready for anything. Although you may think that you have a good idea of whom the person is who you're meeting, online dating can be deceptive. Some people leave a good impression online but don't do so well when it comes to meeting in person.

# **Online Dating: When It Feels Wrong**

If you're into the online dating scene chances are that you'll eventually meet some of the people who you meet online. But what do you do if you meet for that first date and it feels wrong? What do you do if you're uncomfortable with the meeting? You need to be prepared to be honest with yourself and with your date about how things are going so that you don't agree to a second date that you really don't want.

There can be several reasons why you don't feel comfortable on your date. Perhaps the chemistry is missing or perhaps you are feeling vulnerable. Maybe your self esteem is taking a beating and you just know that things won't work out between you. Perhaps the most important thing that you can do is be polite, thank them for the date, and ask that the date end early. You should never feel obligated to stay on a date if you are feeling uncomfortable or threatened.

Make sure that you carry your cell phone with you on your first date and that you also let someone know where it is that you're going. You want to keep safety at the forefront of your mind in case you need to leave in a hurry. Online dating requires that you feel in control of a situation that you really want. And when you lose this control you have the right to say "no".

# **Online Dating And Success**

For anyone who is involved in the online dating process their goal is to find that right person either for dating or for a long term relationship. Despite all the negativity around online dating there are many success stories of people who have the right person for them and are having a great time.

Your first date is going to be the starting point of whether or not there are more dates in the future. So what do you do if you're having a good time and you want a second date? The only thing that you can do is let your date know that you're interested in more of the same thing.

Online dating is a little like putting your heart on your sleeve for someone else to see. If you're having a good time you need to let them know so that you can either make plans for another date or mutually agree that this will be the only date. Just because you think the date has been a success doesn't mean that your date will think so. This is where honesty comes in; you both need to say what you feel so that you know where the date is going. Success in online dating isn't as rare as many people seem to think it is. The key to this success is taking a chance and being honest.

# **Flirting Tips: Flirting 101**

Flirting is a great way to get and keep the attention of that special someone. Flirting can be easy and fun it just requires some sincerity and a little practice. Flirting should never be done just for the sake of it. Even though it is harmless you have to remember that you are playing with someone's' emotions. Flirting with someone your not interested in to get something in return just isn't nice. In this article we will offer some advice on flirting. We will look at some places that offer excellent flirting opportunities and give some advice on how to do it.

#### **Get Out There**

Anyone who moans about not being able to find anyone isn't trying hard enough. There are plenty of great men and women out there to meet and get to know. Anyone who says this likely heads straight home from work and spend the rest of the evening in front of the television. Meeting people requires some effort. If you're on your own all of the time it will never happen. You need to get out on occasion and see others.

Many use the excuse, "I don't like the bar and night club scene". Well. You don't have too. In fact most lasting relationships were started in places other than bars and clubs. A great place to start is where you spend about 1/3 of your life. This is at work. Those that form lasting relationships in the work place last by a much larger percentage than those formed in the bar and club arenas.

Work colleagues make great possible life partners but make sure your flirting won't get you fired. Some companies have no dating policies. These are difficult to enforce but they can make your life difficult. You should also keep your behavior at work professional. Do the flirting outside of work, or at breaks or lunches. Wasting company time could bring disciplinary action.

If work doesn't provide anyone that you are interested in then think of other areas in your life. Perhaps join a gym to get fit. These are great places to improve your health as well as meet others. Courses and seminars are also ideal opportunities.

Meeting people isn't as difficult as your think. You need to think about places you regularly go and activities you could engage in. One does not have to be a bar fly to meet interesting people. You simply need to switch off the TV and get out of your house.

# Flirting Tips: Be Interesting And Unique

You have powers of attraction that you don't even realize. Even if you feel you don't have much to offer, trust me you do. You don't have to be a 6 ft runway model or make a 6 figure secretary to attract. You simply need to find out what is unique and interesting about you and show it off.

Most of us like to read books of one type or another. Even if you don't read very often, chances are you have had the odd paperback in you bag for those long waiting times at airports or appointments. These are ways to draw those who like the same types of reading close to you. By having these with you and actually reading them, sooner or later someone will notice. This is the perfect opportunity to have a conversation with someone who has a similar interest. Where things go from there is entirely up to you.

Some of us like certain items or styles of clothing. If you like something, wear it. Someone is bound to notice and make a comment. Again, this provides a great opportunity to meet someone with similar taste to yours. Once you start talking the opportunities are endless.

Finally, you can be interesting by looking interested. If you meet someone, let them have the floor for the majority of the time. Don't stay completely quiet but let them have about 60 percent of the talk time. This makes you appear interested in them, which is a very attractive quality.

Being interesting doesn't take a lot of effort. You definitely have something unique about you; use it to your advantage.

## Flirting Tips: What To Concentrate On

Many make the mistake of saying too much while they are flirting. The truth be told, you really don't have to say much. Flirting starts long before either person utters a word. The first thing people tend to notice is how someone looks. After that it is body language and then it is what is said. In fact, by the time you say anything, about 80 percent of the attention of the other party is used up. However, things can still go wrong.

When flirting, concentrate on how you look. This is what will initially get you noticed. You should dress appropriately for the occasion. If you're at a formal dinner, dress formally. If you're at a friend's party, go casual but neat. You want to get noticed but not shock others. Don't show too much off or the attention you attract might be the wrong kind.

Next you need to concentrate on body language. Use language that lets them know you're interested. Make eye contact and smile. Don't worry about looking obvious. In fact looking obvious is what you want. Pretending not to notice someone you're interested in never works. They usually leave and the opportunity is lost.

Finally, you do need to say the right things. As stated above only about 20 percent of flirting involves conversation. However, you don't want this 20 percent to mess up the previous 80. It can happen and quite often does. Stay away from the old tired pick up lines. Even if they are meant jokingly, leave them. They are as transparent as plastic wrap and never work. Avoid the desire to be cool and assertive at first. Walking over with a drink before even saying hello is a great way to put someone off. Finally, give compliments but don't over do it. Be sincere. Phony compliments are worse than none at all.

## Flirting Tips: At Bars And Night Clubs

The bars and night club scene isn't everyone's cup of tea, however it is fine to flirt in this situation. Bars and night clubs offer a fun and relaxed atmosphere and often have many interesting people. However, there are some precautions that should be taken before you start fluttering those eyelids.

The bar and nightclub scene will likely involve alcohol. You need to be aware of how much you have had before you start flirting. Keep in mind that after about 3 or 4 rum and cokes, everyone starts to look slightly more attractive. They also seem much more interesting. You certainly don't have to have an alcohol free night but just keep an eye on how much you do take in. It does affect everyone's judgment.

Also, when flirting in this venue remember, this is likely the first time you have met this person. Take things slow and be direct. If you don't want things to progress past a certain point then put the brakes on. A little embarrassment and ego bruising now can save you from some dire consequences later.

Finally, have someone with you. You don't have to spend the entire evening together but check on each other from time to time. Those with bad intentions are a lot less likely to approach those in a pack.

Using bars and night clubs for flirting opportunities is fine provided a few precautions are taken.

# Flirting Tips: When It Goes Bad

There are times in all of our lives when we have attracted the wrong person. Either you not interested in them at all or have been completely put off by their flirting techniques. When this happens many of us don't know what to do. Some end up enduring a whole evening of bad jokes and stale pick up lines until the night finally comes to a close.

When confronted with this situation, there are a few things you can do. The first thing you need to consider is, would you be interested in this person if the flirting wasn't so bad? If so, try to be polite and take over. Chances are this person is just nervous and has gotten in over their head. Once the calm down things should be fine. If you wouldn't be interested at all then you still should try to be polite. Remember, that this is a person with feelings. Just say, no thank you or some other excuse and they should leave.

If they persist then you have the right to be a bit more assertive. Be direct and tell them you're not interested. They should get the hint at this point.

If they continue to persist then you need to take them down a peg or two. You could ask if they have the professional's guide to flirting. If they say no, tell them to get a copy and practice on someone else.

Flirting is a great way to meet and get to know people. However, despite our best efforts, sometimes it can go wrong. Be direct and assertive and that unwanted attention should go away.

# **Tips For Dating Someone With Children**

Fret not, though, even if you are thinking of dating someone with kids, for that's just what we are here for – to give you useful, practical and workable tips for dating someone with kids! Take a look at the top 5 tips from our relationship management experts – and get your love-life grooving on the right track, too!

- Understand that the dating game is equally tough for singles as it for those with kids, if not more complex for the latter group since when there are kids in the picture, things can take a whole new perspective on what it means to go out, spend time alone or even do plan dates when it means to have the kids to take care of. So, a potential partner, if you are interested in someone with kids, you need to display sensitivity towards the issue of dating someone who has their responsibility on her/his head without making them feel you do not appreciate the situation. With time, effort and patience, dating someone with kids can be a great experience as long as you ensure their feelings are taken into consideration too.
- Not all romantic relationships involving children in the background need to end in failure; if handled maturely with the feelings of all considered, the relationship can teach new things about the relationship and the personalities of all people involved to everyone who plays an important role in the dating game. Arrange to meet your date's children at a suitable time, though not necessarily on the first date, but perhaps when you know things are progressing to another level for both of you and the children should be in the know, too. You may prefer the parent of the kid/s to disclose the dating scene to the kids as they may not take too well to the 'stranger' telling them something Mom or Dad should be allowing them in on.
- If things have gotten serious and marriage is being discussed, it is definitely time to let the kids in on the deal; do not rush into blurting out the decision to marry, but take time out to meet your partner's kids, get to know them and make plans that include them as well in the arrangements as far as you can manage. This will take away from any feelings of hurt, helplessness or being side-lined as far as your partner's kids may well be experiencing for themselves.
- Work to eliminate any feelings of resentment, doubts and other negative emotions in the
  partner's kids with you being in the picture and reassure them you are not trying to usurp
  their natural parent's position (if missing due to divorce, death or other reasons) by that

your partner (their parent) makes you happy and that's what you'd like to share with them too.

Do not attempt to take the place of the absent parent in your partner's life as the kids involved may resent this kind of intrusion or presumptuousness on your part when you are trying to bond with them. Instead, allow them to talk freely, share their feelings with you on the dating topic and others interests in their lives and clearly establish boundaries about mutual respect and love, discipline and how future decisions are to be made.

## Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

The day for lovers worldwide and a day commemorating the most sacred emotion of all: Love, is celebrated on Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup> enthusiastically by many couples, both young and old. Gifts range from the simple to the expensive, from the corny to the really funny, from the sentimental to the ridiculous and from the bizarre to the sublime. It all depends on what kind of a mood you want to evoke in your beloved this Valentine that will help you set that ambience for the special date you are anticipating Feb 14<sup>th</sup> will turn out to be, this year!

Many persons do not feel the need for a day dedicated simply to love and affection and find that looking for that exclusive gift on V-Day ends up making them broke and feeling foolish if their lady-love or lover-boy does not appreciate the thought that went into buying or creating it for them. Some even reject the idea of Valentine Day gifts as being a commercial gimmick used by marketing companies to over-sell a unique holiday for commercial purposes; that this trend for flowers, candies, customized gifts and soft toys, jewelry and other goodies is just a way to mint money off poor sops.

However, if the feelings you have for someone special are true and run deeper than your pocket's limits, there are 101 ways to live up to all your partner's romantic dreams and give him or her all they have wished for in a dream-date. You can begin the conquest of your sweetheart with an expressive card for the occasion – extol the virtues of your loved one and what you find great about your relationship.

You can opt for a store-bought emotional, sentimental or humorous card for your V-day gift; choose from a wide variety of cutesy, mushy, funny, satirical or even musical cards! Or, you can use your own two hands to create one with the perfect message for your dearest one on Valentine's Day and gift it to him or her with a loving smile.

Yet another way to say 'I Love You' on Valentine's Day is opting for jewelry in simple, elegant or elaborate settings. For women, you can choose from earrings to bracelets, pendants, chains, bangles, brooches in gold, silver, ornate settings in stone or even white-gold, if you want to splurge. For men, there are always cuff-links, tie-pins, amulets, bracelets and even medallions that make for great V-Day gifts. Pick the perfect jewelry piece for your partner after studying the type of stuff he or she wears.

If you are sure the gift will be accepted and appreciated, why not consider a gift certificate for a spa or other grandiose gift idea from a store they like to frequent; you can also gift a week-end holiday to your loved one to a favorite tourist spot. This works well for couples who are serious or are married.

If nothing else comes to mind, you can always stick with the true and tried: Candy on V-Day has always been a favorite with many sweet-toothed girls and guys out there. So, choose this traditional Valentine's Day gift for your sweetheart from a store that specializes in making gift baskets or different arrangements for the packaging e.g. candy bar bouquet of your date's favorite flavor or chocolates hidden in a floral arrangement!

# Online Dating Tips - Be A Nice Guy!

We let you in on what really works for today's woman in terms of relationship management and how to handle yours – when you begin with online dating and take you through the whole gamut of emerging likeable, exciting and fun to be with even as you are Mr. Nice Guy!

Yes, it is possible to be a nice guy and still appear interesting to the women out there in cyber-space, some of who may be looking for commitment, some for possibilities of marriage and a whole lot more for simply fun-time dating minus the hassles of a real relationship. Don't be afraid to explore the mind-sets of the different kinds of women you will meet online; rise to the challenge of a blind-date and learn to accept the various viewpoints women may have in order to find someone interested in you genuinely – rather than just your money.

It is quite possible to meet women who like you for what you are instead of those simply hankering after a man with a big bank balance; many women are comfortable with men who are respectable and not necessarily wealthy, but at least able to foot the bill most times (chivalry, not money-grabbing tactics here, mind you) and have long-term goal planning in place for a house ownership or career aims.

To get a woman you really like to stay interested in you, you can play the nice guy to the hilt but remember to meet the requirements for a decent pay-packet, focus on your professional life and balance it out with complimentary personal life ambitions as well that you need to project to your partner.

Normal doesn't have to be boring and nice does not have to equate with un-fun! That's the message you as Mr. Nice Guy need to get across to the women you date online, so they know they can trust you, but there is just that element of mystery – say, even unpredictability – to keep them guessing what makes you tick!

This doesn't mean of course that you dash out there and plunge into something you know nothing about, just to appear adventurous and wacky; it simply means, as a nice guy, you need to explore the possibilities of being a bit different, even a bit daring sometimes – just to keep the flame alive!

Life on the edge may seem reckless, but there's no harm in trying out things outside your current limit for the fun of it without endangering yourself and your partner; discuss goals and fantasies – try bringing them to life with a little creative thinking, do things for each other that are new and stimulating...in short, just go out there and have fun!

Take a good look at yourself and shake yourself up mentally if that's what is needed to come out of your comfort zone and impress the ladies: be a man, the right one for her, by being willing to reinvent yourself sometimes!

# The Search For The Best Online Dating Service—Criteria For You To Consider

Well, there is some select criterion for you to consider so you have a happy experience with this venture; take a look!

Counted among the best of the newest matchmaking phenomenon of the advanced communication technology age, the world of virtual dating is a wide and varied one. Consider this: there are free, part-payment or fully paid memberships available on all online dating services existing today apart from user-friendly interfaces and support services made available to members so they can connect with assorted potential dating partners from every corner of the world!

Now, being able to meet (virtually) and date (virtually, still) new and interesting people from diverse backgrounds and with different hobbies makes for great dates, right? But, it doesn't stop there – the benefits of using an online dating service right are plenty; from not having to dress up for the date as in real life, to spending less money (only internet time) and staying in the privacy of your home as you exchange news and views, there's a lot this phenomenon has going for it!

You don't even have the hassles of going through your little black book to check who is available since on online dating platforms, the information is updated regularly and people are there to do scout for new, fun partners – and you also get the opportunity to play exciting dating games online!

From browsing profiles of interesting individuals to trying out sending invites to over a dozen different people also registered on the site – free of cost, should you sign up for the popular free online dating services to narrowing down the cost of the adventure, you can do it all!

From a newsletter informing and possibly motivating you that success love-stories can well take place online as well since these feature the latest couple to make it together for a month or more, to other value-add on services that may require certain amount of membership fees to be paid up, the best online dating websites are always working on improving membership value of

their services. So, it pays to spend for such service and you are likely to find that perfect partner or even partners (if you can handle it) faster, at your convenience on these paid online dating websites!

Among the best ways to begin signing up for the better online dating sites that have shown results for your friends is by going around asking for some recommendations from these lucky users; you can also conduct online research of your own and use the search engine data to list the top online dating sites, such as JG for you!

You can narrow down the search for your perfect match as an online date by specifying your preferences in your expected date, such as ethnicity, hobbies and educational qualifications etc. should you so wish besides of course sexual orientation and religion or other details that matter to you.

Whichever online dating service you do decide to sign up with, do remember to keep in mind their privacy policies about divulging your personal particulars to other sites (such as for marketing), how to limit messaging and chat session from storing info after the conversation is over and the use of statistical reports that enable one to keep a track on who has been sending messages on your profile besides looking for local matches!

# **Getting Started With Online Dating Services**

We take a look at the various aspects of a good online dating services and what it takes for the members to make strategic use of all of these to their benefit.

The use of online dating websites is no longer restricted to only those persons who were considered desperate for a date, at least not anymore; ever since the advanced Internet technology has made communication an instant and enjoyable process for people in far-flung corners of the globe, it is a popular way to meet and greet new partners, including dating virtually.

Not just the desperadoes and losers, online dating sites are also popular with busy executives and many professionals who often get tied up with their careers and lose out on organizing their social life and so with these online dating site services growing to accommodate their needs for finding a friend or lover, it makes sense to grab the opportunity with both hands – or rather, the click of a mouse!

However, there are still some rules to making it a successful venture when finding someone to date through the online dating services website programs and these include creating an honest profile (not misleading the community with false data or overly-hyped facts), taking precautions about giving away too much personal info too soon when using the chat room facilities for the first few times and actually spending some time getting to know the other person before committing to their availability for a relationship.

An organized and fun way to meet different people that gives wider choice than in real life, online dating through websites listing attractive profiles and typical interests that may match your expectations, the virtual world has a lot to offer users of these services, who can choose from a plethora of online dating sites and services that are free or paid.

Since there are thousands of online dating sites, there is also a lot of variety when it comes to the choices offered in terms of ethnicity, country of origin, hobbies and career-based matches being successful in the first try, provided one tries to actually work on the romance after establishing at least a sort of friendly relationship with the person one is interested in and working to verify details of their background. It pays to be cautious as many people hide their

true identities and commit frauds through online cheating and scams in the name of being bonafide online dating service users.

So, perhaps you may want to consider being on the safe side and signing up with a paid service that gives you a certain amount of background information verification support on the kind of profiles that are posted there e.g. place of residence, proof of ID that is government recognized and other particulars that can be cross-checked.

It pays to always carefully read the guidelines and policies given by the online dating service provider so you are not caught on the wrong foot when it comes to questioning their change (if any) of stated terms and conditions, should you have a problem using their services.

If you'd rather take things as they come and also want to save some money, you can opt for signing up with the free online dating websites that also provide lots of fun trivia, quizzes and profiles of singles in the locality or region where you live.

### Join 100% Free Online Dating Websites

Yes, we are talking about the 100% free online dating websites that are being launched at the speed of lighting everyday and are flourishing too because of the interest and enthusiasm of millions of worldwide Internet users who'd love nothing more than to look at the profiles of thousands of singles in their locality who are also interesting in the dating game, albeit starting online!

So, even if the dating websites you have visited so far seem to have similar looking pictures and content, stick around and find out the premier service providers and what they are offering; this will help you determine the worth of the free dating site and their plethora of add-on services for registered members, which are just as good!

Since most of them allow for unpaid membership and even posting self-profile is free, the free online dating websites encourage as many as possible users to recommend the services through a referral form/link forwarding etc kind of service to their friends or request the new users to suggest potential friends and their ID's so they can receive e-mail offers to join up. This is only the basic potential of online dating websites that offer to new members special services for a specific time limit; after this, they may be expected to cough up a monthly or one-time bulk fee for use of other services, such as background information and telephone number exchange or having an interactive session online etc.

Most of the free online dating websites depend on sponsored advertisements and thus can afford to carry giving their services to members free-of-cost; they thrive on building a subscriber base and popularizing the concept of meeting varied people with different lifestyles so that members are able to have a wider choice of meeting dates than the regular introduction at parties/malls/cafes would entail.

After you have posted your profile posting requirement on the online dating site for free, you are ready to plunge into the world of web-relationship management; this includes putting in your personal particulars like name, age, gender and orientation besides languages spoken, vital stats and interests etc. so that potential partners can find you.

Most online dating sites also offer members the use of chat rooms powered by advanced web tools where they have indulge in personal one-to-one conversations with profiles that match their interests or even with more than one person at a time.

One can also send private messages to the personal profile that interests them; thus, online dating websites that are 100% free offer users a host of benefits, besides convenience and quicker match-making as compared to traditional dating experiences.

At times, some online dating sites will also let members sign up with a free software program that will match their interests and potential partner requirements through an automatic search, so the chances of finding someone with similar interests as yours is stronger on the web.

Other benefits of online dating include saving money on outfits for the date, going to eating joints or other scenes as all interaction is limited to the website, which is also in the comfort of your home or office.

### **How To Survive Meeting Her Friends**

This is sound advice given by leading relationship experts to men starting the trend of online dating and finding they have to face up to so many related issues they could never have had to think about had they met differently; one of these is meeting the girlfriend's friends and trying to get to know them.

No matter how long you may have been putting it off, there is going to come a time when meeting your girlfriend's girl pals is no longer avoidable, so it's better that you get it over and done with in order to build on your relationship and make her feel you are interested in the people in her life, too.

Even those who have been dating for some time can feel jittery when it comes to meeting her friends; it is normal for every man to feel he is going to be analyzed and studied under the microscopic vision of his girl's friends who are out to get him – or so it may seem.

For women that depend on their friends for comfort, advice, company and simply being alive, it is vital that her man try and make an effort to get to know them; at times, it can either make or even break a relationship. Therefore, it is of crucial importance that a man give his girlfriend's pals due importance too, so they have a good opinion of him.

You have to work to gain their trust and liking with your behavior when you meet them for the first time especially, then perhaps, build on that initial liking on subsequent meetings.

A lack of interest in her friends may imply you have less than long-term interest in your girlfriend and she may pull away from you thinking you feel less than confident about taking on all aspects of her life, of which friends are a big one.

You may have to take the initiative to meet them yourself; assume a confident pose and casual manner that is friendly, without being flirtatious, because some women may misconstrue this as disrespect of the woman you are supposed to be with – and you don't want to damage the relationship by overdoing the friendly bit.

Do not allow yourself to get intimidated by them and try and be natural in speaking with them, asking them questions about their lives and work and generally letting them feel important by remembering their names. Try and use their names during different times in the conversation so as to make them feel you are giving them importance and you can utilize word-picture association to do so.

Remember above all that conversations are really important to women and your girlfriend's pals are no different when it comes to getting involved in a girly-chat session; much as you'd prefer being on another planet during the times they talk such stuff that bores you, try and take an active part in the conversation to demonstrate you are a good listener. Your woman and her pals too are likely to recognize this effort and appreciate it.

# **Valentine's Day With Someone Special**

Looked upon by many romantic idealists as the most special day in their life, Valentine's Day offers the world of bliss and beauty to those who can be creative, inventive and innovative about making this date a memorable one for the right reasons – of their partner – so that the next level of their relationship can be established at this point.

If you play your cards right, there's no saying where a well-planned, thoughtfully organized and happily executed V-Day plan may take you and your loved one in terms of bonding and re-living the wonderful moments you spend together on this special day for lovers.

That is just what we are here to guide you about; take a look at our practical tips for making V-Day a successful one with your special someone!

- If you can plan a special date to commemorate your beloved and his or her meaning in your life, there's no better day to do that but Valentine's. Considered at par with the importance given to personal anniversaries and life-altering events, V-Day celebrations need to be enjoyable, unique and exciting to be truly remembered for their remarkable quality. So, you need to keep the tastes of your partner in mind when planning your Valentine's Day celebration; surprise him or her, if you will but keep them involved as much as possible, so it doesn't backfire on you.
- Try and spend as much of Valentine's Day together as possible so you get a better
  opportunity to know each other and savor the company of someone you love on a
  special occasion dedicated just to lovers! Do things you both love, plan activities you
  both enjoy and don't waste time in only planning but actually take the time and effort
  out to get in the thick of things and have fun!
- If you are planning to go for a special meal or shared activity at a fun-mall, resort or private space for the day, remember there will many others in the queue, so don't forget to make reservations if that's required and do so much in advance to avoid disappointment! You can opt for a week-end getaway on V-Day with that special someone away from the madding crowds and the dull routine of everyday life that you exchange for a memorable, idealistic romantic setting by the beach or the hills even!
- If you are sure your date loves sports or music, you can pick up tickets to a special game in town (or even the neighboring one) like NBA finals or a concert in New York; for the

outdoorsy kinds, you can plan a camp-out in the welcoming and solitary mountains of Colorado. There's actually no dearth of fun ideas for Valentines, if you only put a little thought into it!

For those that love traditional and are romantics at heart, there is the ever-ready option
of red roses, (long-stemmed ones), sterling silver jewelry and mementoes for V-Day,
crystal, hobby-related tool-kits, planting flower bulbs for the coming season so you can
view your love growing as it will, literally, bloom.

Candlelight meals, piped music and just you two in secluded bliss – there's so much you can do to make his/her dreams come true on V-Day, with just a spin to old dating ideas.

## **How To Fight Fairly**

In any relationship worth having conflict is bound to arise. The true test of the relationship is whether or not you feel that it is worthwhile to resolve these conflicts and if you are able to do so in a fair and objective way. Key elements to fighting fairly include sticking to the issue at hand, being open to listening to the other person, not involving others in the fight, not bringing up old issues and finally being willing to accept responsibility and let it go when the fight is over.

It's important to know what you are fighting over and to stick to that issue in the argument. If you allow things to build up over time and then explode with many grievances at once neither you nor the person you are fighting with will have a clear understanding of what the issue is or why you are fighting. It is important to address each issue as they arise to alleviate resentment and fighting that does not have a clear focus. Sticking to one specific issue in a fight is the fair way to fight and it's also the most successful way to fight. If both parties involved have a clear understanding of why they are fighting you are much more likely to reach a mutually amicable resolution.

Listening is a very important component of fighting fairly. It is imperative to allow the other person to offer their side of the argument. Fighting without listening will not be effective because it does not allow you to be open to the other person's opinions and justifications. The other person may have a very valid reason for their actions but if you are only interested in what you have to say and are unwilling to listen you will not hear their point of view. Another aspect of listening is to really understand what the other person is saying. It's very easy to not hear the intent of a person's message. In a fight you want to actively clarify the other person's statements and give them the opportunity to affirm or negate your interpretation of their argument. Listening attentively and understanding the other person's argument is a very effective and fair way to fight.

Bringing others into a fight is not a fair way to fight. It is important that the fight take place between those directly involved and that neither party elicits the help of friends or family members to validate their position. It doesn't matter how many other people agree with you, that does not necessarily make you right, so don't involve others in your fight. This is not only not fair to your partner but it is also not fair to those who are dragged into the argument. While

you may have many people who agree with you and believe you are right, bringing them into the fight just isn't fair and also isn't effective.

In a fair fight it is also important to not bring up old issues. A fair fight will remain focused and bringing up the past distracts from the current issues and also sends the message that the past has not been forgotten. If you partner feels that you are bringing up old issues, he may begin to feel as if the current fight is not worth fighting because it will not be forgotten. If you convey the message that you are not willing to forgive and forget you are not fighting fairly because your partner will feel as though the argument is no longer worthwhile. Also, bringing up old issues is not fair because they are not relevant to the current fight. A fair fight is clearly focused on a current conflict without dredging up old issues.

Another key tactic for fighting fairly is to be willing to accept responsibilities for your own actions and be willing to reach a resolution and move on from the argument. Those who fight fairly are prepared to concede the fact that they may lose the argument. Losing the argument means either that you admit that you were solely to blame in the situation or that you are unable to convince the other person of your argument. What is important in a fair fight is not who is right or who is wrong but that the couple is able to reach an amicable agreement and that they are both able to progress and leave the fight in the past.

Fighting fairly is crucial in a healthy relationship. Disagreements are natural and resolving them in a fair way is imperative to a thriving relationship. Not fighting fairly is indicative of a relationship that is not healthy. A fair fight however incorporates the key elements of focus, listening and resolution without involving third parties in the fight. A fair fight is also left in the past after resolution. Fair fighting leads to resolution in most cases.

### **Unique Valentine's Day Gifts**

Gifts such as flowers, candy, lingerie, jewelry and other romantic items are pretty common on Valentine's Day. In fact they are so common that many who have been with the same partner for several years may be worried that their partner is growing bored with these typical gifts. However, there are other options for gift ideas on Valentine's Day. It is important to remember that Valentine's Day gifts can be anything you choose. You can give the same types of gifts you would give your partner for Christmas or a birthday. Just because it is Valentine's Day does not mean you have to limit your imagination when it comes to selecting gifts for your partner. Whether you are running out of ideas for Valentine's Day or simply looking for gift ideas that are truly unique this article will provide some useful tips.

Dinner and a movie is one of the most common date ideas for any night of the year and is particularly popular on Valentine's Day. However, there is a way to update this date idea of basically having some form of entertainment combined with sharing a meal together. One way to do this is by renting out a museum after hours. You and your date can spend the evening wandering through the museum and enjoying the exhibits. You can also bring along a picnic dinner for the two of you to enjoy at the museum. This unique Valentine's Day can be expensive but it is also likely to be a gift your date will never forget.

Another unique Valentine's Day gift idea is to surprise your date with a trip to a sporting event. However, this type of gift is only likely to be appreciated if your partner is a fan of the event or the team you are going to see. This is a unique gift idea for Valentine's Day because most people assume this type of gift is something which is not appropriate for Valentine's Day because it is not overtly romantic. However, if you know your partner will love this gift there is nothing wrong with giving them this type of gift for Valentine's Day.

Another great gift idea for Valentine's Day is a gift of a scrapbook of your relationship together. You can take photos of the two of you from throughout the relationship and arrange them according to themes or in chronological order. You can decorate each page with other photos, stickers, ribbons or anything that supports the theme of the page. This is a unique gift which will really surprise your partner. It is also a Valentine's Day gift that they are likely to cherish for years to come.

Finally, if you are looking for a truly unique Valentine's Day gift idea, why not consider simply asking your partner what he or she really wants for Valentine's Day. It may not be the most romantic thing to do because it will ruin the element of surprise but it will help to ensure you are giving your partner something he or she truly wants for Valentine's Day. When doing this be sure to let your partner know he or she is free to select any gift they want and does not have to choose something that is traditionally associated with Valentine's Day. This way your date will feel free to truly be honest about what they would like for Valentine's Day.

### Valentine's Day Gifts For Your Girlfriend

Many men become extremely stressed out about shopping for a Valentine's Day gift for their girlfriends. They feel this pressure because they are very concerned about choosing a gift which is appropriate. They may worry that the gift they give may seem too romantic or not romantic enough for the present stage of the relationship. If they have just started dating their girlfriend they may worry that an expensive gift may be inappropriate but at the same time do not want to risk giving a gift which makes their girlfriend think they are not serious about the relationship. All of this self doubt can make buying a gift for your girlfriend on Valentine's Day a very difficult task. This article will provide some tips for men who are struggling to select a gift for their girlfriends on Valentine's Day.

Men who are trying to decide on a Valentine's Day gift for their girlfriends should first carefully consider the present stage of the relationship. This is very important because it will help to dictate the type of gift you give to your girlfriend. If you and your girlfriend have been dating for quite awhile and you are fairly confident you are both strongly committed to each other, you can consider more expensive and extravagant gifts. However, if you have only been dating for a short time and you aren't really sure where the relationship is going, you might want to consider a less elaborate gift. It is important to carefully evaluate your relationship but you should also remember that in doing this you run the risk that you will be interpreting the relationship in a way that is different from your girlfriend. You may feel as though things are going well and the two of you are strongly committed but she may feel as though the relationship is still too new to be thinking about the future or vice versa. This can create a difficult situation so you might consider having a conversation with your girlfriend about your status before shopping for Valentine's Day. This will help to assure the two of you are on the same page.

Flowers are one of the easiest gift ideas for a man to give to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day. This is such an easy gift because it is so widely associated with Valentine's Day that it is not likely to be misinterpreted by the recipient. A gift of one dozen or more red roses is considered to be a romantic gift but it is also very common so your girlfriend is not likely to read too much into this type of gift. However, there are some mistakes a man can make when giving his girlfriend on Valentine's Day. For example, your girlfriend may be hurt and disappointed by a gift of yellow roses because this gift is usually meant to symbolize friendship and not romantic love. This is significant because if you give your girlfriend yellow roses she may feel as though you

don not take the relationship seriously and do not think there is much of a romantic future for the two of you. The one exception to this is if your girlfriend particularly likes yellow roses, or another flower not traditionally associated with Valentine's Day, and you know she will appreciate a gift of this particular flower on Valentine's Day.

Jewelry is an appropriate gift for you to give to your girlfriend on Valentine's Day as long as the cost and type of gift is commensurate with the stage of your current relationship. For example an expensive diamond ring would not be appropriate if you and your girlfriend have only been dating for a short time. However, a gift of a diamond ring may also be inappropriate in a long term relationship if your girlfriend assumes the ring is an engagement ring and you meant the gift to be a token of your love only. In general when giving jewelry to your girlfriend it is a good idea to limit gifts to less expensive items in a new relationship but you can purchase more extravagant gifts for a strong relationship for which you see a definite future.

### **Weekend Romantic Adventure Ideas**

Sometimes a weekend getaway is just what a couple needs to reestablish their relationship and make a new connection. Making this weekend getaway a romantic adventure can further enhance the benefits of the getaway. Engaging in adventurous activity can have the affect of drawing the couple closer together. Try finding an activity that is new to both of you and you will be able to bond while tackling new challenges and adventures. A romantic adventure may include exploring a new location, enjoying the outdoors or taking flight in a hot air balloon or glider. Whatever option you choose, a romantic adventure is sure to rejuvenate your relationship.

Travel can be a romantic and adventurous way for a couple to get away for the weekend and put some spark back into their relationship. Exploring new locations whether they are exotic or domestic allows a couple an opportunity to learn and discover together. If you live relatively close to another country you may have the chance to visit another country for the weekend and learn about different cultures, foods and people. If exploring a new country is not possible, do not be deterred. Exploring a new city can be just as fun. There may be many cities close by that you and your partner have either never visited or visited only briefly. Even spending a day or two in a new city can be an enlightening adventure. If you truly immerse yourself in a nearby city and take the opportunity to visit local restaurants and shops you are bound to notice that although the city may be very near in proximity to your own city, it has its own vibe about it. The culture of a city is driven by its residents so visiting a new area is often a chance for you and your partner to enjoy a new adventure together. Travel, whether it is domestic or international is a wonderful opportunity for a couple to enjoy a romantic weekend adventure.

Enjoying the outdoors is another way for a couple to share a weekend romantic adventure. Taking a backpacking trip is an excellent way for a couple to reconnect. While spending a few nights in isolation in the wilderness without distractions such as televisions and restaurants a couple really has an opportunity to talk and catch up on their relationship. All too often a couple falls into a rut of eating out and then returning home to watch television and go to bed but a backpacking trip may be just what a couple needs to put the spark back in their relationship. Backpacking allows a couple the opportunity to work together to prepare their meals using simplistic equipment and to have only each other to occupy their time is an excellent weekend

romantic adventure idea. While backpacking may be a simple activity, the adventuresome and romantic aspects exist making this activity and excellent weekend getaway activity for a couple.

Doing something completely new to both of you such as a hot air balloon or glider ride can also be an excellent weekend romantic adventure idea for a couple. These activities can often be done right in your own city and give you the opportunity to view your city from a completely different perspective. From a high elevation, you have the opportunity to look down on your city and realize how truly small it is. While you may spend your days running errands and scurrying from place to place, viewing your hometown from such a high elevation gives you a new perspective on things. Additionally, these activities can induce a sense of fear which may bring you and your partner together. While the activity may be completely safe, the fear of the unknown can have the affect of drawing you and your partner closer together. A hot air balloon or glider ride is one way for a couple to enjoy a weekend romantic adventure that doesn't have to take up their entire weekend but will draw them closer together and will give them a new perspective on their approach to life.

There are many weekend romantic adventure ideas that can draw a couple closer together.

The idea of this type of adventure is to find a new activity that both of you will enjoy. The excitement of engaging in a new activity coupled with the closeness that you gain from spending time together is the recipe for a successful weekend romantic adventure idea.

### **Are You Ready For Online Dating?**

The goal of online dating is to eventually meet and go out on that all-important date. However, online dating is very different than dating someone that you meet in the "real" world. There are some tips that you need to know so that your online dating experience is as safe and as positive as possible.

You'll most likely be very nervous and excited when it comes time to meet your online date. The experience can be very thrilling but it's important that you be on the defensive when you meet for the very first time. Always keep in mind that this is someone who you haven't yet met and there will be many things that you don't know about them. There are some things that you can do to make your first date safe and exciting at the same time:

- Always arrange to meet your date somewhere rather than having them pick you up from your home. You don't want to let them know where you live so that they can find you in the future if the date doesn't work out.
- Meet in a public place such as a restaurant or café. You want to be sure that there are
  plenty of people around in case things go seriously wrong. You might want to consider going
  out on a double date or with a group of people so that you aren't alone on your first date. Again,
  this can only add to the safety of your first date.
- Pay for half of the date. If you pay for half of the date you won't feel obligated to return the favor if your date pays your way.
- Try to limit the amount of alcohol that you drink. Alcohol can ease your inhibitions and affect your judgment. If you're going to be drinking on your first date make sure that you keep your drink in view all times so that nothing can be slipped into it. Make sure that you don't get drunk so that you can be in control at all times.
- Make sure that you let someone else know where you're going to be. You might want to consider having someone call you on your cell phone as a check in so they know that you're alright.
- Use your own method of transportation to get to and from the date. You don't want to get into a car on your first date.

Online dating can be a fun and exciting experience. The one thing that you need to remember is that you practice safety and be practical in the decisions that you make about your date.

## **Online Dating: Your Online Profile**

You want your online profile to be a great as possible so that your online dating experience is as positive and successful as it can be. One way that you can improve the communication that you get from potential dates is by stating clearly and precisely what it is that you're looking for. If you'll only date people who are three years older or younger than you, you need to be clear about this condition in your profile. If you say that you "want to meet new people" you'll most likely be flooded with interested people from all around the world. You need to be clear about what it is that you want from a date.

Your subject line should be used as a filter. When you put certain specifics into your subject line you narrow down the type of people who want to respond to your online ad. Be exact about only dating men who have no facial hair if this is important to you. And if you're a man who will only date slim women you should try to include something about this condition in your subject line whether or not it seems shallow or not. Why leave yourself open to dating all types of people if there are some who you're just not interested in?

Let people know what actions you'll take if they are interested in you. For instance, if you want people to email you for further communication make this clear to them when you respond to their introductory email to you. Most online dating sites will have a chat room so that you can "chat" with people who are interested in you before you agree to a real date. When you're communicating with people try to use grammar that is correct and not offensive. Don't start calling someone "sexy" or "baby" since this can leave a bad first impression and never get you that first date. Use their real name that they give you or the name that they use in their profile.

Always be respectful of anyone you meet online whether you're meeting in real life or communicating with them online. Don't fall into the trap of thinking that since this is an online thing that you can lose this respect through anonymity. Remember that anyone who shows an interest in you is a potential date that could lead to a long term relationship.

### **Building Your Online Dating Profile**

When it comes to online dating the competition is fierce and intense. Some people will do whatever it takes to get those dates including lying on their profile and including photos that are outdated. It's important that you be honest with yourself both in your profile and with the pictures that you upload for others to see. Attracting dates using false pretences can only lead to trouble in the future.

There are some important things that you need to focus on when you're building your online profile. You want your profile to be as honest as possible and say as much about you as it can. The following are specific aspects that you can focus on to get the ideal profile for your online dating adventures.

Try to avoid being negative. Negative talk about your job, your life, or your past dates is a big turnoff to future dates. You want to be positive and upbeat about whom you are without lying or embellishing. In the world of online taking being positive is like a magnet. Everyone wants to find that special someone who is positive and exciting. Negativity will get you few dates, and the ones that you do get will be just as negative as you are. Let potential dates know that you want to meet "winners". This will encourage only upbeat and successful people to respond to your profile.

Try to be as unique as you can in the way you write your profile. Don't just let people know that you like music and walks along the beach. Be specific about the music that you enjoy listening and the types of beaches that you've walked along. Use descriptive words that are different such as "a sizzling hot day on the beach" rather than "a hot day at the beach". You want to make your profile as un-ordinary as you can without sounding like a complete flake.

When you write your profile you don't just want to get as many responses as you can. You want to get the right responses from the type of people who you are attracted to. Filter the responses that you get by being specific about what you're looking for. Make sure that you list the age requirements of potential dates so that you don't end up with responses from people of all ages. Remember that this is your profile and you're the one who is in charge of who you date. Update your profile at least once every two weeks if you're not getting the responses that you want.

### **Online Dating: The Perfect Picture**

One question that many people ask about online dating is what colors they should wear in their photo that will get them the most attention. Your online profile is the only way that people are going to filter you out from the rest of the people who are looking for the perfect date. You need to make sure that you stand out from the rest in any way that you can without lying about who you are. One of the ways that you can make sure that you get noticed is to have an online photo that is as flattering as it can be. And to do this there are certain colors that you should wear for maximum impact.

Appearance matters both in the real world and online. A good photo is going to enhance your online profile in a positive way. Try to wear clothing that you like and that you feel comfortable in. This will project a positive and upbeat image to anyone searching through the profiles of an online dating site. Wear colors that make you feel attractive and confident. These feelings will come across loud and clear in your photo.

The number one choice when it comes to colors is blue. Blue is a color that is associated with peacefulness and tranquility. You'll look relaxed and calm when you're wearing an outfit that is blue in color. Blue is also associated with loyalty and will convey a message to people that you are someone who they can trust.

Green is the second choice for colors to wear in your online photo. Make sure that you can wear green since there are many people who don't have the right skin tone for this color. For men, dark green is a color that is equated with masculinity and wealth. Green is easy on the eyes and will leave a good impression with people who are looking for a confident date.

Red is a color that is usually associated with lust and sexuality. You might want to stay away from this color unless you want to attract a lot of attention from casual daters. Black is also considered to be a sensual color that is very alluring. If you're trying to look a bit thinner, black is a good choice for you. White and yellow should be your last choice of colors to wear in an online photo. These colors will give you a washed out and pasty look, leaving you with an aura that is on the depressing side.

## **Online Dating Tips For Men**

Online dating can be just as difficult for men as it can be for women. One thing that men need to keep in mind is that you never get a second chance to leave a good impression. It's often a one time deal and you need to make the most of that first impression. Before you panic there are some things that you can do to make your online dating experience a success.

Perhaps the most important thing to do is be on time for the date. If you arrive late you'll be sending out the message that you don't really care enough about the date to be there on time. Lateness is good indication to women that you're not reliable and that you can't be counted on. Try to arrive a few minutes early so that you look as though you're eager for the date to begin.

Take some time to prep for your date and focus on your grooming. You don't want to arrive to your first date looking unshaven and unkempt. Women enjoy a date that takes care of himself. Do everything that you would do if this first date were a second or third date and you really want to leave a good impression. If your appearance is in question the woman won't be able to see past your looks to the person you are inside.

Consider arriving with a small gift. Women love the thoughtfulness of a date that arrives with a little something such as flowers or a box of chocolates. You don't want to go overboard but you do want to let the woman know that you're appreciative of the chance to go out with her. You want to be a gentleman whenever possible and this means holding doors, pulling out chairs, and letting her walk through doors before you. Women enjoy the feeling of being pampered and respected. And just think, it might lead to a second date!

Practice good listening skills on your first date. No woman wants to spend time with a man who spends the whole time talking about himself. The goal of a first date is to get to know each other so that you can decide if you have enough in common and enough attraction to go out on a second date. Women are attracted to men who are interested in what they have to say.

Use your intuition when it comes to that first date. Be honest about what you're thinking and feeling at the end of it. Don't promise that you'll call if you have no intention of contacting her again. Women appreciate honesty even if it hurts.

### Online Dating Ideas For The First Date

When you're finally ready to meet someone on a first date who you've met online, you'll want to have a great first date idea in mind. First dates can sometimes be a bit difficult to work out since there are many things that you want to take into consideration. Your final choice for a first date idea will depend on how much you want to spend, whether it's a day time or night time date, and the interests that the two of you share. Since you met online you've probably each shared your likes, dislikes, and interests, so narrowing down something to do on your first date should be easy.

You might want to choose an inexpensive date for the first time around so that you can each pay your own way and not feel obligated to pay for a second date. Some good inexpensive date ideas include:

- The movies. Going to the movies is always a good choice since it breaks the ice while allowing both of you to get a feel for the other person. Let your date choose which film you're going to see. Don't plan for coffee afterwards; make the decision for coffee or a drink after the movie is over since you don't want to assume that you'll want to spend time together after the film has finished.
- A picnic. If this is a day time date consider going on a picnic if the weather permits. Take along a basket of food and wine and enjoy the day just relaxing in the sun as you get to know each other.
- *Museum or art gallery:* If you know that you both enjoy art or history this is a great first date idea. You can spend a couple of hours doing something that you both enjoy so there will be less tension and stress

If you're feeling a bit more extravagant there are some expensive dates that you can go on. Keep in mind that you want to be sure that your date is comfortable with these types of dates since they require a bit more planning and consideration:

- **Concert:** Take your date to a concert. This type of date will need planning ahead of time so that you can make sure that you have the tickets in hand. You'll also want to make sure that your date is interested in the concert that you've chosen.
- **Dinner:** An expensive dinner is a nice way to celebrate a first date but should be reserved

for someone you feel particularly attracted to. Expensive dinners can often send a message to your date that they are worth it but might also convey the feeling that there is another date in the future.

• *Theater:* Tickets to the theater are perfect if you and your date share the same enthusiasm for the stage.

### **Online Dating: Creating The Perfect Profile Header**

Most online dating websites will encourage you to have a short profile header line that is used with your username. This profile header line is usually used in searches that other members do to find appropriate matches for what they are looking for in someone they want to meet. Don't make the mistake of putting just anything into your profile header since this will leave you with responses to your online dating ad that you don't want. You want to have a profile header line that gets you immediate attention. This includes lines that are funny, cute, or philosophical. You want to encourage the right people to click on your profile and find out more about you.

There are some aspects of the profile header line that you should focus on so that you get the most mileage out of these few short words. Avoid using headers that hundreds of other people use and that by now are becoming very boring. Overused headers are those such as "I'm the one you're looking for" or "want to meet new people". You don't want to be part of the rest of the crowd who is looking for an online date. You want to stand out from the rest with a description of who you are.

Take a look at other profile headers before you start writing your own. Choose headers that interest you and try to come with a similar slant. Determine what it is about those headers that you like and why. Some successful header ideas are "Sharp spark wants to ignite similar paths" or "Here I am...do you have any other wishes". The insight of other profile headers can guide you in being creative with your own.

Your profile header is one way that you can filter out your potential online dates from those that aren't even in the running. If you want to increase the number of people who are interested in you for the right reasons you can include some specifics in your header line such as "Looking for 24-30 year old man who loves to golf" or "You need to be at least 5'9" to get on this ride".

Change your profile header every once in a while so that you get more responses to your online ad. Come up with a cute new header every week so that you're attracting different kinds of people. You might want to think about changing your photo just as often so there is a fresh angle on you each week for new members to find.

### Online Dating: First Date Do's And Don'ts

Any first date can be extremely tense and stressful whether it's a date that you've set up online or offline. Many times you'll act too shy or insecure to even be considered for that second date. This can be devastating at the best of times but even more so if you were really hoping for that second date with someone you liked. There are some things that you can do to make sure that you leave a good impression and get a second chance.

Make your date feel as comfortable as possible. Relax and realize that you're just there to have a good time so there should be no pressure to be overly cute or funny. The most important that you can remember is to be yourself. Be as interesting as you can without coming across as overbearing. The worse thing that you can do is sit there with nothing to say or add to the conversation. Be a good listener and make sure that you ask your date questions so that you learn more about them and so that they know you are interested and paying attention.

If your date has a sense of humor, try to laugh at some of their jokes. Hopefully they won't bore you with too many jokes but keep in mind that if they do it could be a sign of their nervousness. Try to keep the conversation going at all times since long moments of silence can be awkward and leave your date wondering if you'd rather not be there. Have a list of questions in your head that you can pull out when there is too much silence. The more interest that you show in the date the more fun you'll have and the more chance there will be for future dates.

Try to plan your date around something fun. A first date doesn't need to revolve around the movies or dinner. If you and your date are both interested in the arts you might want to suggest a trip to the art gallery. This will be a good ice breaker for the two of you and can let you both relax in an environment that you enjoy. Be confident in your ability to have a good time while being yourself. If you have to pretend that you're someone you're not there will be little point to the first date or any other dates. First dates don't have to be intimidating and stressful if you take some time to plan for them and go prepared.

## **Online Dating: Breaking Up**

Online dating is just like dating someone that you meet offline: there is always that question about what to do if it's time to break up. Whether it's you or the other person who decides that it's time to end the relationship it's never easy to do. Perhaps when it comes to online dating there are always more break-ups as people find out more and more about each other over a period of time. And let's face it...if one relationship isn't working out, there is always another online date out there for you.

If you're on the first date and you know that it just isn't going to work you should be honest with your date so that you don't give them the impression that you want to see them again. Although this may be brutally honest it will save you a lot of heartache in the future. Be honest about your feelings without hurting the other person. Rather than tell them what you think is wrong with them try to put the focus back on yourself. Tell them that you just don't feel as though there is any connection for you. Thank them for the date but make it clear that you won't be going out again.

Many people think that if the dating and romance part of the date didn't work out that there may be a chance of friendship. Be honest with yourself. If you're doing the online dating thing you're probably not looking for new friends but want romance instead. If you've been dating someone you met online for a while the break up will be harder. Make sure that you give the other person a chance to talk about their feelings so that you end the relationship on a good note with both of you feeling as though you have reached a good level of closure.

Don't break up with someone in a public place. You don't want to humiliate them if things don't go smoothly. Online dating comes all of the same issues as dating someone that you meet offline. Whether you end up dating long term, or call it quits after one date, you'll still be making the same decisions about your relationship that you would if had met offline. The thing to keep in mind is that you're in control of who you date and for how long you want to continue seeing them.

## Online Dating: Tips For The Chat Room

Online dating is a great way to meet new people without having to face the bar scene. Chat rooms are one way that you can talk to someone new and exciting so that you can determine if you want to date them in the real world. You can enjoy some good conversation in a chat room without having to worry about dressing up to make a good first impression. You first impression will rely totally on how you present yourself online through the words that you type. There are, however, some things that you need to know so that you stay safe in the chat room and don't start agreeing to meet the wrong type of people in the real world.

You need to protect your identity at all times. If you're going to provide an email address for further contact with someone make sure that you don't give them your personal or work email address. Set up an email account that you use only for chatting online such as Hotmail, Yahoo, or Gmail. If you're going to put personal information in your online profile make sure that you only include information that people can use to learn enough about you to be interested in more conversation. This can include your age, your gender, and your interests. Never include information about where you live.

Try to be honest when you're chatting with people online. This is particularly true if you're chatting online to find a potential date. If you start to lie about how you look, what you do, your interests, or any other personal information, you'll be setting yourself up for a fall if you decide to meet this person offline. You expect honesty from those people you're talking to so give them the same courtesy.

Don't expect too much from the people you meet in a chat room. You have no idea what they are really like so it's best not to arrange an offline date after the first chat. Agree to meet online a few more times for online internet chatting before you agree to meet in a public place. If you're going to be exchanging photos with someone that you meet online try to use a current photo so that the other person has a good idea of what you really look like. It's important to be as honest as you can so that if do meet this person offline there are no surprises for either of you.

## Flirting Tips: First Steps

Ever notice someone that you would like to get to know better? Ever look over and see someone looking back at you? Are you afraid of letting someone know how you feel because you are afraid they might not be interested? Well you're not alone. Nearly all of us at some point in our lives have felt this way. If you really want to get that person's attention, and find out if they could be interested in you then learn to flirt.

Flirting is a great way to seek out the information that you want. It also does not have to be very emotional. If the other person doesn't respond then you can move on to someone or something else. Knowing how to flirt effectively is they key to getting them interested and keeping them that way. In this article we will look at way people do flirt and offer some tips on how to do it effectively.

One of the first rules of flirting is to never do it for the sake of it. Although flirting is relatively harmless, you are playing with another's emotions. Flirting with someone your not interested in just isn't nice. The next rule of flirting is not to worry about what you say as much as how you look and what you are doing. When someone sees you, they give slightly over half of their attention to how you look. Make sure you look nice and are dressed for the occasion. You just want to be noticed, not to shock people.

The next item of importance is your body language. About one third of their attention will go to this. Watch what you do. Make sure you not doing anything embarrassing with your hands or moving about to much. Stand up straight, don't slouch and look confident.

Finally, a small part of flirting does go to what is said. Try to stay calm. If you are naturally funny or charming then use this to your advantage, If not then the less said the better. Try to engage in a friendly conversation.

To find out if that special someone is interested in you then try flirting. By flirting, you will draw attention and hopefully attract the one that you want. By paying attention to how you look, what you do and what you say to a degree, you could be well on your way to finding that special soul mate.

### Flirting Tips: How To Be Interesting

Believe it or not you likely have a lot of interesting and unique things about you. Perhaps you like to dress a certain way or wear you hair in a particular manner. Anything like this can help you to flirt and be attractive to others. Uniqueness attracts attention and once that happens, the flirting can begin. In this article we will discuss how to attract and flirt by being unique and interesting.

Something you need to do is to let that person know you are interested. Many people make the mistake of shying away when they see someone they find interesting or attractive. If you see someone that you find attractive, don't turn away and take every effort not to notice them. Try smiling and even saying hello. Some fear looking too obvious but this is exactly what you want. If this person doesn't know you like them then you could loose your opportunity.

Something that you should try is to be interesting by acting interested. When you meet someone and start talking, let them have the majority of they conversation. You don't have to just sit there and be talked at by allow them to have about 60 percent of the floor. Your showing them you interested in what they say which is a very attractive quality.

Finally, find something unique about yourself and show it off. If you like colorful clothing than wear it. If you like certain books then be seen carrying and reading them. This will attract those that have similar tastes to you. Whatever you do, don't put up a front. Don't be seen with classic novels just because the one you know the one you're interested in likes them. This needs to be a genuine interest not a made up one. These plans always backfire.

Flirting can be quite fun and not as difficult as many think. They key to attracting people to you is using your uniqueness. Get yourself noticed with your interests and soon you will find people coming to you. In turn, be interested in others and you'll soon find many of great people to flirt with and get to know better.

### Flirting Tips: Safety In Numbers

When was the last time that you went out with your girlfriends? You most likely had a great time chatting away and the time probably passed quickly. If you go out to meet members of the opposite sex in this way, you may start to notice that not many approach your pack. In fact, don't be surprised if not a single man approaches you all night. This seems bizarre but quite often happens. The reason is simple, men are afraid.

Men are fearful of this situation for several reasons and many times choose to avoid it. Believe it or not large groups of women intimidate men. One of the first reasons is down to simple convenience. If a man is interested in just one person, he doesn't want to wade through 4 or 5 others to get to the one he wants. He wants to go straight for his target and try is luck.

Men also avoid this situation because of their egos. Flirting with someone is difficult enough. Things could go well or you could crash and burn. When it comes to crashing and burning, a man would rather do it without an audience.

Finally, men fear crowds of women for fear of what they might do. If a man decides to flirt with their friends and does it badly, he may have to not only deal with the one he insulted but all of her friends as well. This could prove to be a highly stressful and volatile situation.

Women do frequently go out together, sometimes for safety and others just for companionship. If you are with friends try separating frequently. This will give the poor man an opportunity to approach and try his luck. You may also want to refrain from talking to your friends for a bit. Some men find it rude to interrupt. If you take a breather then they may approach when the opportunity presents itself.

Flirting can be both fun and a challenge. Some find it hard to believe that men find it just as hard, if not harder than women. If you're with your friends, perhaps separate or stop your conversation. You may notice someone who has noticed you.

## Flirting Tips: Overcoming Fears

Flirting should be fun, not torture. However, everyday, millions of us let opportunities go by due to a fear of flirting. A fear of flirting is quite common even among the most confident of people. There are those that can run multinational corporations, get up in front of thousands of people and talk, but when it comes to flirting with a possible love interest, that confidence goes completely out the window.

The fear of flirting comes from the fear of crashing and burning. If one attempts to flirt and bombs badly, this is a total self confidence killer. It doesn't matter what type of high powered person you are, getting the shove from a possible love interest shatters your self image. To get past this, try ignoring that little voice in your head. Think of all your successes and go for it.

The fear of flirting can also stem from lack of experience. Some people don't know how to flirt or flirt very badly. Again, this can lead to potentially crashing and killing your self confidence. To get over this, try practicing on a friend. They will likely tell you if you're likely to succeed or make a complete fool out of yourself.

The fear of flirting can also come from, not knowing the appropriate time or occasion. Many are reluctant to approach women in bars or night clubs because of their connotations. Flirting at work can also present problems. There really isn't a right or wrong place to flirt. Just be aware of where you are and make sure your technique is good.

Finally, some fear flirting because of what it could bring. They fear approaching a person, successfully chatting and then finding out that they are horrible. What to do in those occasions sends people into a panic. If you do start to flirt with someone and you realize that this isn't the person for you, be polite. Excuse yourself and go. Don't be rude or try to sneak out of the place covertly.

Flirting is nothing to be afraid of and is mastered through doing. Get used to the idea that we all crash and burn at some point in our lives so flirting isn't going to be any different. If you live in fear of the flirting consequences then you're likely never to meet anyone.

### Flirting Tips: When It Goes Bad

This has likely happened to all of us. Were sitting on our own or with a friend when suddenly we are approached by a stranger. This person obviously has an interest. They introduce themselves but from that point the whole experience takes a nose dive. Within about 10 minutes you just want to get up and run but you don't want to appear rude. This person isn't vile or evil but definitely not your choice of dates. In this article we will look briefly at what you can do when flirting goes horribly wrong.

The first thing you need to do is decide if you would like this person under ordinary circumstances. If they are friendly but just horrible at flirting, you could take over the conversation. It could be that this person is just not good at flirting due to lack of experience. It would be a shame to loose a good opportunity due to this.

If the person isn't someone you'd be interested in no matter how good they were at flirting, then you must remember to be polite. Even if this person is giving you the worst and most outdated pick up lines in history remember, they have feelings too. Tossing an insult back at them could hurt their feelings and shatter their confidence. Ask yourself, how would I feel if that were done to me?

Sometimes bad flirts don't go away the first time. If they are bad at flirting, they may be just as bad at taking subtle hints. In this case you may have no choice but to be assertive. Just plainly tell them that you're not interested. It doesn't require you to be rude or mean just straight and direct.

If you are unfortunate enough to have an obnoxious flirt that won't leave you in peace you can start to chirp back. People like this need to be taken down a peg or two because sometimes their behavior borders on being obnoxious. You could ask them if they have read the Professional guide to Flirting. If they haven't tell them they need a copy and to go and practice on someone else.

We have all likely been the victim of bad flirts. Sometimes it is due to people being inexperienced and sometimes being obnoxious. One doesn't usually have to be rude to get rid of a bad flirt. By being direct most of the time they will leave.

# **Flirting Tips: Things To Try**

There is no sure fire way to flirt. People flirt in different ways and how they feel comfortable. Some of us like to be subtle and give small signals while others can be more assertive and direct. Your success will depend highly on the person you're flirting with and your own style. For those that have very little flirting experience there are a few things that you can try to get the attention of that special someone. In this article, we will look at some simple things anyone can do in order to flirt.

Something you can do that is fairly harmless is to glace over at the one your interested at frequent intervals. You don't want to start them down just occasionally look over. It is okay to make eye contact with them and then smile. What ever you do, don't look away the second they notice you glancing. This will make both of you quite uncomfortable.

If you are in a public place, like a bar or restaurant, you could try making trips near the person your interested in. You could go to the restroom and plan a simple detour around where your target is sitting. If you're feeling brave enough, smile as you pass by. This can be interpreted as flirting or friendliness.

If you finally approach the person and engage them in conversation, compliments always are nice. You don't want to overdo it or make them obvious. See if something arises in the conversation. For example, if the person says something about their profession, you could show interest and tell them how much you admire it. It is imperative that you sound genuine otherwise it sounds like cheap pick up lines.

Laughing at jokes is always nice. People like to know that they have a good sense of humor. Try to laugh only if you find it funny. If the joke is really bad just ignore it.

Finally, inquiring about hobbies and pastimes is a great way to flirt. It serves two purposes. You are getting to know the person and laying the groundwork for possible future date possibilities.

All of these tips are fun harmless things that can help the flirting process. They are things that nearly everyone can do despite their level of comfort. By practicing these tips you may well on your way to a first date in the near future.

## Flirting Tips: Flirting At Work

When you're out on a Friday or Saturday night, many think this presents the best opportunities for flirting and meeting people. It is a good place to start but why limit yourself to the bar and night club scene. One of the best places available to meet people is the workplace. Relationships created by meeting at work tend to materialize and last longer than those on the social scene.

Work is a great place to meet people. These are people that you see on a daily basis and know. It presents great flirting opportunities, but you need to follow a few guidelines. If you like a work college, you should check to make sure there are no ruled against employees dating. Some companies have put these in place resulting in people loosing their positions. If they do have such a policy then you may want to think again. Is this person really worth being unemployed.

If your company has no such policy you still however need to remain professional. You should still try to be discreet. Make sure your behavior doesn't make other co-workers uncomfortable. Also when it comes to the actually flirting, make sure it is done on your own time. Use your breaks or lunches, using company time can result in disciplinary actions.

Finally, try to avoid flirting with those senior to you. This can create a tense atmosphere in the workplace. Others may think you're getting preferred treatment if you end up dating the boss. If you and someone senior end up dating then you need to be as professional as possible. Be discreet and do what you can to avoid confrontation with others. Those in senior positions should think twice before flirting with someone below them. Things start of well but many sexual harassment cases have been filed as the result of a failed work relationship.

Work provides for some excellent flirting opportunities, but you need to be careful. If your actions are misinterpreted then they could result in some serious consequences.

### Flirting Tips: Flirting At Bars And Night Clubs

Heading out on the weekend with friends presents some of the best flirting opportunities available. If your in a bar or night club, there are usually hundreds of potential flirtation opportunities. Flirting at a bar or night club can be lots of fun but it can lead to other things. Some good, some not so good. In this article we will look at some of the precautions one should take when flirting at Bars and nightclubs.

Something that we all need to remember when we flirt with someone in this setting is the effect of alcohol. After 2 or 3 drinks suddenly everyone looks more attractive and appears more interesting. You inhibitions will also be relaxed so things you didn't consider doing before you arrived my suddenly seems all the more likely. No one is saying don't drink at all, just keep in mind what alcohol can do.

If you spot someone that you like and they seem to like you, keep in mind you don't know anything about this person. By all means, speak to them, get to know what you can but be cautious on how far you want to take things. This person could be anyone, not necessarily who they say they are. If you are flirting and things seem to be going a bit too well then stop immediately. Be clear about how far you're willing to take things. A little embarrassment and now can save a lot of heartache later.

Finally, have someone with you. There is safety in numbers. You all don't have to be together at all moments of the night but check on each other from time to time. It is much safer and those with less than good intentions are less likely to try it on when they know you are part of a group. Make sure you have a way home as well.

There is nothing wrong with flirting at bars and nightclubs, provided some safety measures are taken. Keep in mind what alcohol can do and its effects. This person may not look and seem so great once the effect of the drinks wears off. Keep in mind this person is a complete stranger and be clear how far you're willing to take things. Finally, have people near you. Have a safe way home planned and check on each other. By following these tips you can flirt away and do it safely.

## Flirting Tips: What To Say

Flirting can be a delicate balance. You want to say the right things but you don't want to over do it. You also want to be witty and charming but you don't want to sound insincere. You want to impress that other person but you don't want to make a complete fool out of yourself. In this article we will look at some things you can say to impress and give you the best results when flirting.

The truth be told, the flirting process starts long before you utter a word. Usually how someone looks is what first attracts. After that, they body language. By the time you say something about 80 percent of the person's attention is used up. The last thing you want is to allow that last 20 percent to mess it up for you. It can happen.

To prevent this from happening, avoid the traditional pick up lines. Even if they are meant in jest stay away from them. They are as transparent as plastic wrap and will not impress. You have a much greater chance of getting a drink in your face then engaging this person in any conversation. You may want to start with a nice friendly hello and move from there.

Once you start talking, be careful not to come on too strong. Sometimes people do this if they are nervous. It can be misinterpreted and before you know it you have your wearing your drink. Take things easy and slow. Flirting is about getting people to like you not scaring them off.

Avoid taking any kind of action too quickly. Don't try to be cool and walk over with a drink. You might end up wearing it. Simply talk, be friendly and then offer a drink if they want one. Making assumptions can end in disaster.

Finally, some great flirting advice is to give compliments. However, be careful not to overdue it. Getting hit with compliments is going to either make you look desperate or just plain foolish. Sound genuine with your compliments and things will go much better.

Flirting can be a bit trick at times. Overdoing it can make look very bad and you won't succeed. Just take it easy and be genuine. Don't come on too strong and things should go fine.

## Flirting Tips: Finding Opportunities

Today many people moan about how hard it is to meet people. They either say there is no one out there for them or all of the good ones are taken. Well nothing is farther from the truth. There are plenty of great men and women out there to be met, you just have to get out and find them.

One of the main problems is that people have become very sedentary. Their lives revolve around work. Once that is finished, they come home and sit down in front of the television or computer. IT is very unlikely that the perfect someone is going to burst through your door and start flirting with you. You need to make some effort.

Another problem is that many who don't frequent bars and night clubs think these are their only opportunities. While it is true that these are great gathering places, there are many other great places to flirt.

You may be surprised but you can quite often kill two birds with one stone when you look for flirting opportunities. For example, if you have ever considered, getting into shape perhaps joining a local gym would help. Gyms will help you shed the pounds but are also great places to meet people. If you're interested in working out then, you'll meet people with similar interests to yours.

If your want to increase your knowledge then courses are a good route. As well as gaining credits toward a degree or other qualification, you can also meet people. Try asking classmates over for study dates or meeting up somewhere afterward. These again provide excellent flirting and meeting opportunities.

Finally, work is an ideal place to practice flirting. Make sure your company has nothing to prohibit employee dating first. However, many people meet their future life partners at work. These are people you know and see everyday. Take advantage of the opportunity.

To flirt and meet people, you need to get out there in the world. The chances are very slim that the special someone is going to come crashing through your roof. Look at your local opportunities and get chatting. It is easier than you think.

# **How To Catch A Cheating Partner**

Being in a relationship is something that can be an incredible thing, but the possibility of your partner cheating is unfortunately never zero. Many people suspect their loves ones might not be fully into the relationship as they are. This raises an amazing amount of suspicion and the cheating partner, and how you can be your own personal investigator in the matter.

Relationships are one of the best things any one person can have, however there are moments when the faithfulness of a significant other does come into speculation. In cases of when cheating is suspected, then there are a few methods available to you in which would assist your quest to find out if this is really or actually a figment of your imagination. One of the first methods is to hire a private investigator. This, obviously, will cost money and, if the truth is not discovered quickly, it can cost you a lot of money. This is not one of the more desirable methods, however it is an affective method.

Another method is to conduct your own investigation and this only costs you time and emotional distress. Yes, by asking this question you must be prepared to find any answer. As long as you are willing to hear any answer, then you will be able to pursue this quest of finding the truth behind the suspicious behavior of your significant other.

Of course, if cheating is going on behind your back, then there must be a trail that could lead any prying eyes to the truth. One of the many ways to track this truth down is by checking on the balances of all credit and debit cards. This is easy if you both have a joint account, however if this is not the case, you can look at the many statements that are undoubtedly filed from their monthly mailings. Just the fact that you are spying on your loved one in order to find out whether or not that loved one is loving another person is already stressful. This process is something that might cause a significant amount of stress and pain, so take it slow. Look for any suspicious hotel fees or restaurant bills. Look at the dates and keep a log of when you and your significant other went out. Keep track of the receipts and their totals, as to make sure that the listing on the statements are, in fact, totals that did not involve you. Of course, the next possible things to look for are unfamiliar phone numbers on the cell or land line bill. This can be a number from a family member that changed their digits without your knowing, so be careful. This might end up just being a series of conversations between your significant other and your father! Be careful not to judge prematurely. Take a close look at these statements and then

assess if these are evidence of something outside of your knowing, or just simply something that you were present to witness.

In a rapidly growing world, it is becoming more and more difficult to do anything without a significant amount of travel. This can work to your advantage. Every time your love leaves to go somewhere extensively, ask where they are going. Then write it down and mark down next to this note the current mileage of the car, the numbers you took note of earlier that morning. This would be an incredible method to catching your love in a lie as they tell you one thing and the mileage says something completely different. Be sure to be accurate with your mileage count and do your research while they are gone on the distance from your home to the site they say they are visiting. Be sure to also account for the round trip mileage, in order to avoid the embarrassing argument that reveals you forgot one important fact.

And then there are the more simplistic methods of catching people in their lies. One of them is to ask detailed questions as to where they are planning on going. After they leave, drive out there to see if their car is present. This may seem like elementary, however most people do not expect the people they have lied to check on them so quickly, leaving them without an alibi. It is good to give them some time in order to make room for a possible gas stop or a swing to a sandwich shop. These are the small things that might catch you in making a big mistake with the one you love. Leave them a five to ten minute window, and take note. Let this become a habit before you approach with your accusation.

With all this in mind, keep close attention on all of the little subtleties of their conversations with you. Take note of the things that do not make any sense to you, and try to compare situations when these things were brought up to you. By keeping note and trying to figure out what is going on based on their actions and reactions, this might give you a great advantage to find the truth behind this mystery.

Having said all of this, please understand that this is a very sad and painful experience, as you probably do not need me to tell you. Asking questions and seeking the answers can only lead to the unknown conclusion you desire, and that conclusion is sometimes something that you never wanted to hear. So bravo on asking the hard questions and be careful in your investigation! Do not cause a scene that could destroy a great thing between you and another person, who, as far as you know, is actually innocent

## **Lonely? Try Online Dating Services**

The advent of the internet changed our lives forever, and this also includes the realm of dating. This article explores the many benefits of using the online dating service.

We live in an entirely new era than we did even 20 years ago. It was almost 20 years ago that computers were unheard of in the common house hold. Now everyone that has a job of any kind has the ability to own a personal computer. This is why the invention of the internet has been such an incredible thing, as it has advanced so many people in their career, relationships and personal life. This is where online dating comes in, as it also has been taking this generation on by storm, eliminating the uncomfortable stage of meeting people off the street. These online services might sound strange to use, however it is simply a database of people who are lonely and wanting to meet people that also desire to meet new people. These sites are great for filtering those who do not wish to be bothered. In short, these sites are mainly used for introductions and provide means of communication and, if you both wish, to meet in person.

These online dating sites are very helpful in getting to know if you truly desire to meet in person the one you have been communicating with. This is done through your constant exposure to their profile and talking over the phone. This is an excellent method for anyone wishing to meet that perfect someone, as this process cuts down on the long, drawn out process of meeting and convincing the other person to go out on your first date. As much as it may seem like it, this service is not designed to provide you with a blind date. No. This service is provided so that awkward situations like what occur on blind dates can be avoided. In fact, it was for that very purpose that these services began to begin with! You might say, "Well, it seems like the same concept to me." Although this may be true, blind dating does not offer a listing of personality traits, habits and hobbies. These sites offer personal information, even match you with similar people, before you are even able to communicate. This cuts off the awkward phase that blind dates tend to settle in.

With the internet expanding on a daily basis, the available means of communication given through these new online dating sites are likewise expanding. For example, some of these sites actually offer fun games that you can play with the potential partner, even chartrooms where you can talk to each other while playing a game of pool. There are also webcam features where

you can speak "in person". These are very popular, as they provide the means to see one another, allowing your first meeting to be a lot less awkward. This is a feature that is never offered through blind dating or the traditional means of meeting new people. Being able to see and experience the other person before meeting them in person is a revolutionary concept and only available through these new online dating systems.

Setting up your online profile and maintaining it is as simple to logging onto your yahoo account. After you register on these sites, you are given a profile designed for you to place all of the information you desire the public to see. This gives those seeking out significant others a glimpse into who you are as a person and what you are passionate about. This is why it is always an excellent idea to be truthful on these. These sites also provide you with the ability to edit your profile at any time. Yes. So if you decide you no longer want to pursue a certain career and you want to put that on your profile, then by logging on to your profile, you can click edit and change all your information so you can be represented as accurately as possible.

However, like anything else in this fallen world, there might be a few people who join in order to lie to the general public. If there are any signs of this being the case, then there are certain lines of communication given to you to the site's administrator. Please take this seriously, as it is necessary to remove the imposters as soon as possible. This is only in place so that honest people can enjoy this fantastic service.

So if you are sitting at home with nothing to do and no one to visit, then log on and get rid of your loneliness by finding the special someone. By using this service you are not only saving time, but you are saving yourself a world of awkward headache and hurt.

# **Dating Software**

Dating is something that has been going on since the human race started looking at each other. This article reveals one of the more modern methods in approaching this age old desire... through the internet.

Life is a game of matchmaking. This can be seen in our lives, our relationships, even our choices of food and fun activities. Many of these matches, such as Milk and Chocolate for example, have been recognizable since our

However, there are some matches that are usually never foreseen, such as the matches made by two human beings. This is something that always shocks and only makes sense after the connection takes place. Other matches, such as government parties and other cultural differences with their generational inhabitants exist as well. Truly, if life is to be summed into one thought, you could suggest that life is a game of match making, and, when this is not the case, they are merely opposites, yet even opposites have matching opposites to be matched with.

In the matching of two human beings, there are many things to consider. If you are a match maker, then you might need to really sit down and consider the individual characteristics on both sides of this transaction. The personality is so unique that it might be a pain wreathed process before you can create the first solid match. This is especially the case with those that are really different in desires and personality traits. Having a connection like this is not something that you can be born with, as it takes work and a will that has already chosen that they desire for it to work.

Making lists of those among your friends who are eligible is only natural. This happens all the time, as we assess our friends' individual qualities and personal characteristics. This happens especially when in search of the perfect mate. Of course, actually ending up with the perfect match is never a certain thing, like the Milk and Chocolate match I mentioned earlier. Sometimes you just have to try to make a match through trail and error.

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Finding the ideal match has always been difficult and has caused a ton of pain over the centuries. This is why the invention of the internet is such a life savior, as is the advent of the online dating software. This new technology has replaced the painful rejections and the awkward conversations with the ability to access other people's profiles, learning about other's interests and connecting with them if they match your own.

Using the fundamentals of personality traits and other personal characteristics, the online dating software has been excellent at matching thousands of people with their life long partners. This is, of course, considering that there are no surprises. This is a natural part of the process of matching with a significant other, yet it can also be the most fun. As pain may result from these unforetold surprises, the joys that come from meeting someone and discovering their individuality is all part of the relationship process.

Now that the internet can be accessed in almost every country on Earth, using it to find a mate is no longer impractical. In fact, this might be one of the best things you have ever done! Computers are becoming easier to use with each generation, and the same is true wit online dating software. As their services increase in number, some of the best services they offer are online chatting rooms, as well as personal profiles where people can write about themselves and look up other similar people.

As technology increases and the ability to assess a person's likes and dislikes based on their personality, the online dating services are also able to offer gift ideas and possible date locations that might be of interest with your match. This is almost eliminating the awkward feeling out that takes place at the beginning of any personal relationship. They also offer speed dating for the younger crown... those that do not wish to meet their life long partner yet.

These services are assessing your potential with other individuals while you are simply living out your life considering other things that might require your attention. This is what we call, Online Dating Autopilot, something that we all could most likely use.

If technology is something that you breath and eat every morning, if you are simply the best resource of tech knowledge that you know, then there are ways that can increase your site's abilities in assessing personalities, as well as other great upgrades. This is where the perspective of the masses may come in handy. After providing services to those who needed

only little matching work done, begin to think on how this service can be expanded into something more permanent, something that is designed not only for a quick match, but one that is designed to bring together those who would be compatible, thus, giving a higher success rating.

If you still think the traditional way is better, then go for it! When the pains of trail and error begin to pile up, reconsider using the online dating software, and help you avoid those painful experiences.

# **Managing The Relationship Matrix**

In all online dating sites, there is something called the relationship matrix. This is simply a data base that lists your interests, hobbies and communication styles into categories in order to appropriately match one person with another. This is also true in our everyday evaluation of one another.

Have you ever asked how these online sites have been able to match you with what seems to be the perfect person? This is not a magical method of match making, but it is a new technology that matches all of the similar traits and interests, as well as financial goals. This new technology is called the Relationship Matrix, as it is a database of listings compiled by those who sign onto their site. These listings hold the interests and personality answers to your opening profile questions, as these are used to locate a compatible mate, offering a nice balance to your strengths and weaknesses.

For example, the Relationship Matrix deals a ton with the communication styles of its participants. This may seem slightly strange, but once you read the simple breakdown and the two natural extremes of conversationalist, then it will all become clear. In the world, there are two types of communication: emotional and logical. Since these are the only two methods of communicating with each other, we find people who are purely emotional and purely logical and all of the in-between. Some of the main characteristics of the logical style of communication are thinking a long time before speaking, assessing the situation and saying the solution, etc. These types of people rarely speak but when they do they are ready with a very involved answer to any question they have been asked. These people are usually the last ones that people hear, but they are also very powerful with their words, rendering them the ones that most people give more authority to in their lives. The second, emotional style of communication also has many desirable characteristics. These include being able to speak passionately, to respond quickly and to say what is on their heart to say. It is no wonder that by placing these two types of communicators together that they would balance each other out. This balancing would bring the two extremes to a desirable middle, bring home to swinging pangolin. While one learns to speak more often, the other learns to use their intellect to figure through their emotions.

Another major part of the Relationship Matrix is hobbies and interests. This can make or break any relationship, as it has always been important to be able to share your passions with your

significant other. Remember, in order to maintain a long lasting relationship, it is important to have at least a few things that you and your loved one can laugh about, cry about, and even enjoy together. This comes from having the same interests or even, sometimes, the same hobbies. Think about the last relationship you were in that you did not have anything similar in interest. Didn't go well, did it? One of the major problems that people can run into if living together with someone who does not hold the same hobbies or interests is the feeling unappreciated. This can happen easily if an enjoyment is not shared between two persons and, in fact, a sense of rejection of the other person's interests. The opposite can happen if you share too many interests, through the feeling of being smothered. See, there is a delicate balance to be maintained.

Now we come to one of the major issues when it comes to match making. The Matrix also factors in the financial goals of each person, as well as their career goals. This is very sensitive, as it is usually resting in either extreme in each person. One person is strong headed and is goal focused, never allowing their finances to go unchecked. These people of the conservatives, the logical thinkers. Then you have those who poor people love for their generosity. They themselves are actually very liberal in nature, moving and living off of emotion. These are always in direct conflict with the more conservatives. By placing the two of these types of thinkers together, you would have a stew of conflict in the realms of money. This is not always a bad thing, as it allows for the same balancing out that takes place in their communication styles. Although this has been known to really hurt those involved. Money is never an easy issue to have an issue with, so this part must be taken very carefully. Some of the major conflicts take place in the use of money through their everyday lives. The more emotional tend to spend their money more often, as the more conservative, logical thinker spends it by placing it into savings. These are two very different styles of living and both have its rewards.

Having said all of that, the key to everything dealing with life and love is balance. This can be achieved through the selflessness that can be given if love is present in any relationship. Do the best you can to maintain a healthy balance in communication, finances and interests, while never completely shutting out your passions and desires. This is important, as a relationship is simply two people learning how to relate to one another.

# Nice Guys – Do They Really Finish Last?

Myths make up over half of everything we were taught as children. One of the major myths that have been ingrained in us since the beginning is the cliché "Nice Guys Finish Last." What a load of garbage! Some of the people referenced as "Nice" carry the characteristic of shyness, making them the outer rim of the target for beautiful women and "cool" friends. This, like with everything else, flees in time, and not always because they stop being shy. Sometimes it takes longer for people to realize that the "Nice" runs deeper than any other characteristic and can make them a real target in their future.

If you have been labeled as one of those "nice" guys, don't listen to this myth! In fact, this article is dedicated to you and the breaking down of this great misconception. Here we will explore the many truths about Nice Guys and how they do not finish last, that is, they actually have a rather sharp edge that most do not even know how to posses.

One of the major concerns for those who have been labeled "Nice" is their lack of ability to build relationships. This is also concerning the ever desirable life partner relationship, and the ability to seem as a potential candidate. This is what this article truly addresses, as well as the little, intricate details that can assist the "Nice" crowd in this endeavor.

With women being born more frequently than men, it is no wonder that Nice Guys now have the ability to finish first more than any other period in history. Yes, this is not one of the most desirable answers; however it also proves that it is not a hopeless cause, and that building a meaningful relationship is not far in your incredible future.

Statistically speaking, most women spend their twenties focusing on their lives and living for the moment, and it is not until they reach their thirties that they begin to consider marriage and having children. This is not a bad thing, as it is a very affective filter. Consider the usual state of men at that age: career focused, womanizers, drug users, different sexual orientation, and the list goes on. In fact, one of the only groups remaining intact during this phase of life is the "Nice" crowd.

With all of this in play, the world becomes a better place for those good, old fashioned nice folk. Women begin to look for the man that will be able to encourage them, to help them reach their

potential. This new outlook on their criteria for men comes with maturity and a broader perspective given through the course of life.

All of this is grand and great to think about, but never take only being nice as the key to an excellent future. Never make this mistake, because by the age of maturity for woman, they rightfully desire someone who either has their life in order or is on their way to order. Make sure that you are taking care of yourself and where you are heading. If all of you focusing on are getting into a relationship with a beautiful woman, then you may want to reconsider your position as on of the Nice Guys who will Finish First.

# **Romantic Valentine's Day Gifts**

Valentine's Day is always a holiday that couples look forward to. This is a day that is designed to offer remembrance of the many benefits offered by that special someone. This article mere mentions just a few ideas for gifts that you can give to your life love.

Ah, Valentine's Day! One of the most looked forward to holiday by all couples. If you are one of those romantic types, one of your greatest wishes is to provide the most romantic gift possible for your loved one, the one you have chosen to be with and to hold. This day is designed to be that reminder of the great benefit that special someone has brought to your life. This is why a gift is commonly given during this day, in order to show the much deserved appreciation to the one who has given you that special edge. This article gives only a few of the great multitude of gift ideas, as well as what to keep in mind as you seek out that perfect token of your affection.

Sometimes the gifts that make the most impact are the ones that are created from the heart, and homemade. This stands true in almost any culture on the Earth at this point. Of course, there are many different things that can be done on your own, but on of the most affective, as well as one of the most traditional methods, is the candlelight dinner concept. Take your love out for the evening, call in advance and let them know that you desire special music to be playing in the background with lit candles on your table. This is one of the most romantic things that you can do, as it shows you as being considerate of the other person's desires, appreciating them for everything that they do. Amazing as it sounds, but something this small that would only take a few minutes to set up, can make someone feel like they mean the world to you.

What if you are the type that likes to skip over the mundane and jump straight into the extreme? If this is the case, then perhaps the candle lighting idea might not fly for you. For you, you might find a more enticing gift for that special someone through a hot air balloon ride. This is a great way to show all the sites that your special someone wants to see, as well as to spend some quality alone time with your love. This very well could be one of the most romantic ideas anyone has ever come up with, as it truly is more original than most gifts.

Considering the lifestyle of your partner, perhaps taking that special someone and receiving massage lessons would be an excellent idea for a Valentine's Day gift. Imagine being trained to

assist your love in relaxing after a stressful day at work, or after a long day at home. After receiving training, you can help your loved one to relax every week while utilizing your newly acquired skill. This might be one of the more ongoing romantic ideas that your special partner will love you for.

Of course, nothing beats tradition. Remember the old days when the most romantic gift was simply taking your partner out for a nice meal that you prepared? This might still be a great resource, since the old picnic idea might just do the trick. With the holiday being what it is, the restaurants will already be over booked or over crowded. However, if you were to pack your own food and go to a park or a secret place that only the two of you know about, perhaps you back yard or the fields that your partner grew up around, you can provide your love with a fashionable meal and a romantic time alone with the love of their life.

These are just a few ideas that you can take home. Consider them, and consider what your partner enjoys. Happy Valentine's!

# Is It Love Or Lust?

The differences between love and lust are not as subtle as one might think. Learn the many different characteristics of love based and lust based relationships, and how they affect you as a person.

Sometimes our definition of love becomes askew with our emotions. Yes, I said it...emotions. Ever since we were young, both boys and girls have experienced love and lust throughout our daily lives. This is because they are so intertwined. It is possible to have a loving, lustful relationship, that is, you are with someone that you deeply care for and continuously desire that person. This is a healthy combination of love and lust; however, since they do come hand and hand, it is especially easy to get the two confused, specifically within those who are astringed from love. With this in mind, there are also relationships that are based on either love or lust, and not having them both coexisting can be hazardous.

Love is a magnificent thing to have; indeed, it can change your entire life. Loving goes beyond any one person's emotions, it runs deep into the very fabric of the will. It is a choice to cherish and to think of the other person above anything else. This is why it is so important to experience this in our lives. It creates a better, more complete you, and this goes well beyond the cliché. Through considering your partner's life higher in importance than you're own, and all of this by choice and not on emotion, you receive the major benefits of having someone to rely on, to care for you unconditionally. This requires a certain measure of respect, a measure that would not be given to anyone outside of this relationship. Your life becomes theirs, and theirs, yours.

Even though loving someone is a choice of self sacrifice, there are always the times where compromise is a must. Yes, it is the combination of both partner's pleasures and dislikes that create the solutions to the everyday issues, such as where to go over the weekend, how to spend the leisure money, where to go out to eat, and the list goes on. This is the unique nature of a love focused relationship, that both parties are, in fact, more focused on how the other person feels and tries to work out any situation so it benefits everyone involved. What an amazing thing! It is actually possible for two people to combine the wants, desires, and passions through the art of love-induced compromise! This is what the marriage process is all about, and why we take those vows: that we have made a decision that it was best for us to be

connected to another being, and to live according to both them and their partner's wishes. This is what it means when we repeat "to cherish and to hold, forever."

Of course, to every positive, there is a negative. To every method, there must be a path leading in an opposite direction, and this is what happens with Love and Lust. Think of all the characteristics of a loving relationship and reverse them. After flipping around the flows of a loving relationship, you will find the image of a lustful endeavor. Unlike the pleasures of a loving relationship, a lustful relationship doesn't have the combination of two passions, desires, or wishes... it has a general self-focus, with both persons seeking after their individual desires and passions. Imagine a lifestyle where you and your partner always fight over what movie to watch, where to go out to eat, when making love is acceptable. All of these are major issues for those who have gotten together for the sole purpose of fulfilling their lustful desires. Of course, there are moments when affection does, in fact, take over and the passion rests on a choice to love. This, unfortunately, is usually the result of the other partner complying with the desires of the other, giving them a sense of submission to the other's passion. This is how many abusive relationships begin, or the relationships that only last a total of months, if not weeks. As long as lust remains the center point of any relationship, that relationship is doomed to be temporary. and never given the proper life force to stay alive. Eventually, everything the two in a relationship has worked towards will crumble under the weight of uncompromised, and the missing supports of emotional and loving connection will quickly be felt.

However, with the connection of love and lust, you now have a selfless relationship where both partners passionately desire each other, and desire to be active and do things together, making way for each one to take turns in deciding which activities to do. The characteristics of a loving relationship remain the key signifier of which type of relationship you are in, and lust can enter into the relationship as each member of the relationship begins to slowly and surely desire more and more their life-chosen partner. Love, on the other hand, rarely enters into the lust-based relationship, as the main characteristic of lust is selfishness, and love is anything but that. By placing love into the middle of a lust based relationship, you might get someone who loves unconditionally and received all the attention from on side of the partnership; however it may never be reciprocated. This is, again, one of the major signs of abusive relationships, where one loves to the point of receiving verbal, emotional, and, sadly, physical abuse. Lust is one of the many flaws of the human race, an ancestry of our more animal past.

Now you might be re-evaluating your current relationship and asking the question "What is my relationship truly based on?" This can be answered like any other question regarding the basis, or the value of anything in life... checking the fruit. By looking at the fruit of your relationship, you can see if it is truly an unconditional source of emotional and loving support. If there is constant arguing and struggling as to which person would get a say in the current decision making process, then you might want to reconsider the nature of your relationship. Remember, if your relationship is based on love and both parties; although never void of irritation and argumentation, constantly try to consider the other person's feelings and emotional state

# **Small Talk: The Beginning Of Something Big**

Small talking has been the central skill in many successful people, giving them the ability to network with those around them and to maximize their opportunities that pass by. This article explores this fundamental skill and how the many benefits that come from it can advance your career, your professional life and even your personal life.

You walk into a room that is full of people you do not know. Normally you would shy away from conversation, but you determined to give it a shot. It is in situations like this that small talk is an invaluable resource that can be used to eliminate the tension between you and someone you barely know. Small talk, when practiced, can offer an incredible source of confidence and boldness when approaching those you have little to no acquaintance. This provides an excellent stage in order to conduct professional networking. By making simple small talk, you are able to listen and understand the other person(s) interests and professional endeavors, while mentally connecting their interests with your own.

Interestingly enough, being fluent in small talk also means mastering your body language. It is quick ends to any conversation if you feel, even slightly, a little overwhelmed or shy by the situation. If you wish to label yourself as awkward in a hurry, walk up to someone while you are feeling unsure and lacking confidence in yourself. We may call it small talk, but this connection between you and those around you may be the very catalyst that will assist your career and/or social life in a big way. Remember, as best you can, try to remain calm and collected, remain cool and speak with a confident voice. Be the initiator and be sure to show the people you are talking to that you care about what they are saying.

In life, there will always be little things, such as small talk, that can be devices of great success for you. Having a lack of confidence is one of those things that can cause you to stumble in majestic ways, robbing you of the possible blessing in disguise. Even though a lack of confidence is something that can cause tension and awkwardness between you and a potential connect, it is always important to dive into the conversation. A part of defeating the lack of confidence is to dive into a conversation that you would not normally enter into. This shows that you have boldness and a direct personality, which may greatly help you when trying to network with business connections, or even a potential date.

Another simple method to defeat that awkward feeling you might have when trying to make small talk is knowledge. By filling your mind with current events and interesting new discoveries, even the current weather patterns, you will be able to bring up any topic that might be of interest in your potential connection. This is a very helpful tip, as it might be a huge catalyst for relationship and finding common ground with strangers. Imagine you walked over to a person you never before seen and, after considering the atmosphere and the current subject of the majority in the room, you bring up an interesting point on the overall subject, showing yourself off as being not only educated, but interesting to talk to. This is what can happen to those that spend a mere ten to twenty minutes a day diving into current events and keeping updated. As this is a powerful tool, your network of connections, be it in business or personal life, will begin to grow exponentially and, over time, you would have turned into one of those people that everyone knows.

Of course, whenever people think of small talk, they immediately think about talking. This is obvious, as many people wish to be the initiators in any conversation; however, one of the most powerful approaches in conducting small talk is not talking... its listening. Yes, listening is always better than talking in any situation. In fact, if we would listen more often than speaking what is on our minds, many arguments held between friends and loved ones may well be avoided, that is, as individuals, we would gather a perspective that we did not originally hold due to the listening of another's point of view. Imagine being a part of a conversation where the other person is doing the majority of the talking. This can be very annoying for you, because, even though the other person is asking you questions, you feel as if he is only listening to you in order to form his next response. This is what happens in conversations where both persons are unwilling to listen to each other. In small talk, listening can mean life or death, understanding or misunderstanding, moving from one topic to the next with ease. The ability to obtain the skill of small talk comes with the willingness to listen without a personal agenda.

With every good thing, an end must come. This is not a bad thing! Actually, it could be the very key that will lead those you are speaking to admire your knack for punctuality. Most often, small talk is simply that... small talk. There are also times when a longer conversation might emerge from the short introductions that take place. A true master at small talk would be able to distinguish between the open door for a longer conversation and the time to end the small talk and part ways. This, along with listening, might be one of the more valuable abilities to acquire.

So there you go! You now know that small talk is not only a fun thing to engage in, but it is how most professionals receive their connections, sign their contracts, hire and promote within their organization, and many other networking benefits. In short, small talk is a long since proven method of networking, and all it takes is a leap of faith in you to do it. This incredible skill of connecting with strangers on a personal, professional level has been the corner stone to many success people throughout the years. Be confident, be courageous, be yourself and get to know the fellow man around you.

# **Valentine's Day Date Ideas**

Finally, the day you have been waiting for is here. You have been thinking about the perfect Valentine's day for months now. Your wife is putting the kids to bed and the eve of this great holiday is just starting. She comes downstairs, seemingly unaware of the careful planning you have placed into this event. She sits down on the couch with her steaming cup of tea and opens her book. Huh, she won't make it through the first chapter after she finds out what you have been planning! She peeks over the spine of her novel, and witnesses you holding a rose, chocolates, and tickets to a great getaway island somewhere in the south Pacific. This is the perfect day... and it is sad that it usually never goes like this.

If you are going to take your love out on the town for the night of her life, you are going to need to think more practical. In fact, it is very expensive to live out the perfect date mentioned in the beginning of this article. In order to remain in your budget and still impress the love of your life, you do not need to spend an exuberant amount of money. A simple candlelit dinner with classical music playing in the background might just be an age old idea that might do the trick. Sometimes in romance, tradition is the best. Why this is, no one really knows.

Ah, dancing... one of the most romantic things possible to do with your loved one. This is also an age old tradition, dating back to the ancient Greeks and their fascination with romance. This is not a missing tradition with any current roots. With only a little effort, you can find a local club of which dedicates one to two nights a week minimum to dancing and other romantic events for couples. Go out and find these forums and romance your love, show her a good time, a different time away from the every day mundane. There are many different types of dancing; benefiting the current mood you both are in. Only to name a few dance possibilities, there is country dancing, salsa dancing, slow dancing. Dancing is one of the ever chosen for new and old couples.

Of course, it might not be as hard as all that. Since there are countless films that have been made in the romantic genre, it may not be a bad idea to simply rent a movie or series to watch with that special someone. Be romantic with this. When the part comes when the main character gives a rose to his love, hand your love a rose that you have previously hidden behind the couch. This is only one way you can make your movie / series night with your partner a

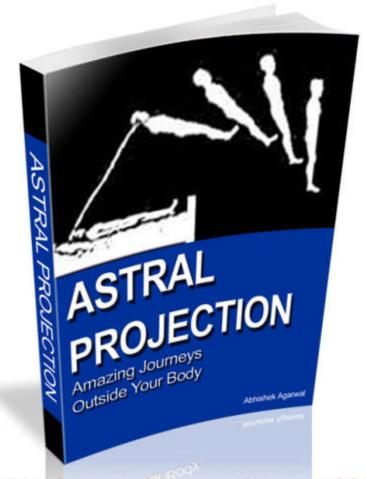
personal. Given any amount of time, you will surly be able to devise a way to create a romantic atmosphere while watching movies.

If you are more on the adventurous side, something a little more elevated might do the trick. You have seen people take their loved ones on balloon rides, but taking your love on a helicopter ride might tip the scales of originality. Yes, this might be a little pricey; however, by simply spending the money on the ride and offer her hand in a cup of coffee afterwards might just keep the cost down to a manageable limit. What an amazing gift this could be! This would give you both a sharable experience that would make your conversations for years to come. This might be the best idea you have come up with since your proposal.

Now you need to really think about the likes and dislikes of your significant other before you commit to any date ideas. For example, before you take your partner on that helicopter ride of out for a candlelight dinner, you might want to consider if she would like something else. Another popular tradition is going to something more cultural, like a museum or the opera. These activities are very artistic and might be the very thing that your partner would love to be a part of. This is the amazing thing about love relationships - that any date that the two of you take will be as meaningful as the relationship itself. Knowing each other's personality is the trick to knowing which date idea to choose, and also how to carry it out.



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