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Rule number one for girls when trying to let a guy know you like him: don't be subtle, give hints, or play coy. One simple reason: nine times out of ten, he won't get it, let alone even notice. Then you're all frustrated and upset, and he wonders why you're upset. If you don't explain it to him, your friendship might parallel the Titanic. But how, then, do you let a guy

know when you are interested, without sending him running for the hills or making him decide that becoming a monk sounds really good? Here are a few hints and tips. Just know, each situation is different, and

these tips may not work for every case.

1. Be blunt and bold. Now I'm not saying you should walk right up to the guy, tell him you like him, and smack a kiss on him. As entertaining as that might be to a passersby, that probably will send him running. But still show your interest! Make it obvious, even

super-obvious (that might just register on his "obvious" level—it really is different for guys). Then, if he asks you if you like him, tell him straight up.



- **2. Focus.** Spend time with him, sit next to him, talk to him, focus on him. Guys will pay much more attention to girls that pay attention to them.
- **3. Do something special.** Food is a classic, and while most any guy's

stomach loves food, it will get through to his head eventually. Do things that stand out for him. Make him feel special.



4. Do it yourself. Don't ask your roommate or his roommate to do something for you. It's just another version of "the game." Most guys hate "the game." And who knows, he might end up falling for the roommate you send instead of for you.

It's a fine line between successfully letting a guy know you like him and sending him off to a monastery. But it is possible. Be confident. Be patient (guys are known for being dumb and blind, so don't give up if the first try doesn't work). Be determined. And think outside the box.

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