

# MAKE <sup>The</sup> Impression



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It takes a lot of guts to walk up to a girl and ask her out. My focus is on you guys out there today. Here are some helpful hints of what to do before and on your dates to impress her.

In order to be perfectly clear about my points, I have asked six women to answer a survey containing the following questions:

- What's a good date idea that would leave a good first impression?
- Did you like it when your date opened the door for you?
- Which conversation topics are a big no-no?
- What kind and how much cologne should he wear?
- Are gestures of respect a good first impression?

These women are all different ages but they all seem to have the same answers for each of these questions. Some of these issues are common sense but they are the ones that most men botch. Here are a few of their answers.

## **A good date**

The first date is always hard to plan. A movie is easy and cheap but if you really want to make a good impression take her out dancing, take her to dinner and then go for a walk (weather permitting), do something you know she enjoys, go on a picture scavenger hunt, etc. Do fun things together where you have the opportunity to *talk*. These things will guarantee you a second date. Karinda said, "The best first date I went on was a picture scavenger hunt. Not only did we get to be ourselves around each other, we also got to *talk* to each other. It was refreshing after



taken to the movies twice on first dates. He left a lasting impression on me.”

### What girls like

When getting ready for your first date be careful what you choose to wear and what type of cologne you use. Cologne's like Acqua di Gio (my favorite) only need one spray at the top of your shirt and bottom of your neck. Two or three squirts can make a girl sick and your date will end before it even begins. Be sure to put on deodorant before you leave your house. Body odor is not attractive and will not ensure any other dates.

Women like it when you open their door. A few girls that I interviewed said they like it when you open the car door as well as any other door for them. Vera Colin said, “It made me feel important when they opened the door for me.” Open the doors you come to and let her walk in front of you. While she does this, do not check her out. She'll know if you did. Remember what Vera said; make the girl you're out with feel *important*.

### Conversation

Make a good first impression with her by focusing all your attention on her. Big conversation “no-no's” as Sue put it are: “Girl problems/other girls, body functions, criticism of people, off color stories or jokes, anything crude, rude or unrefined, underwear, etc.” When beginning a conversation focus on

her. The girl will be responsive if you are genuinely interested in getting to know her. Amy said she wants to feel “... that [she is] the most important person to him and that he wants to hear all about [her].” She further explains, “first dates are to get to know each other. I will ask questions back, too. I also think that he needs to be ‘in’ the date. Meaning, don't be thinking about something else.” Amy's date went sour when her date was too distracted thinking about his homework instead of her.

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Now, get out there and ask a girl out on a date. She will be delightfully impressed when you take her on a scavenger hunt, out to feed the ducks at the pond, or on a tour of a historical landmark. You may even get a second date out of it.



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