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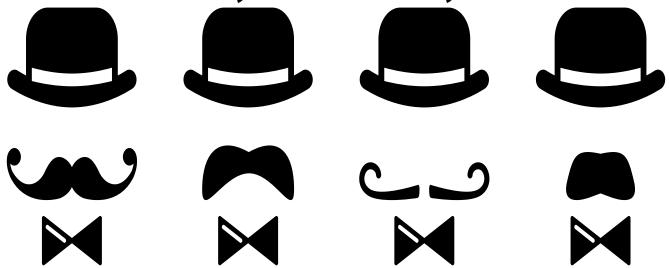
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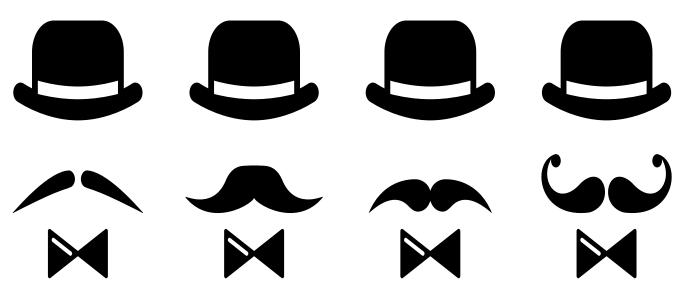
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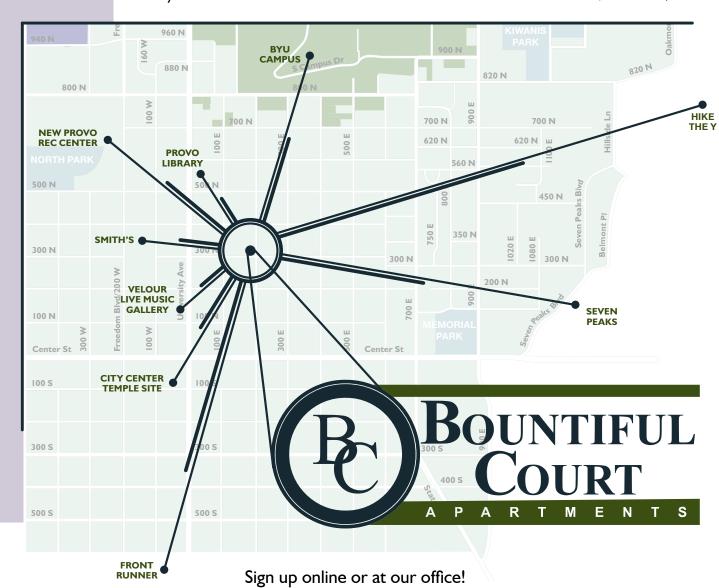
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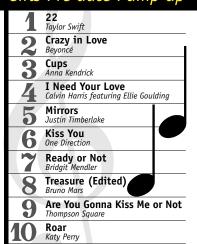
If you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, introduce them to your admirer-not in a bragging way but in a friendly, "this person is important to me I want you to me him/her" manner. If your admirer brings up romance or asks about your feelings, mention the guy or girl you're crushing on to show they occupy your heart.

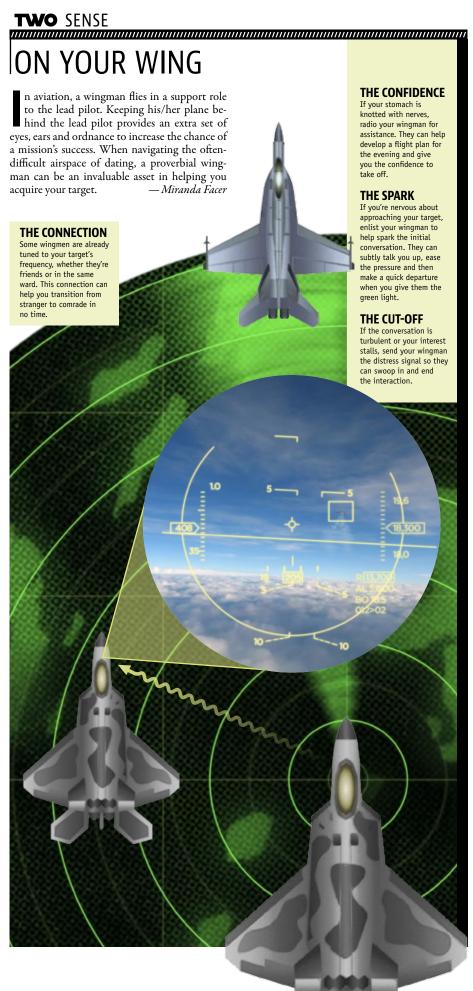
Set houndaries: Show your admirer through your actions that you are not interested in them romantically: refer to him or her as a friend. limit physical affection and don't flirt (with your eyes, body language or

Be Busy: It's OK to not answer the door or the text if you don't want to talk to someone. Limiting your interactions will send a message. Totally ignoring someone can be mean, but if you are genuinely creeped out by someone or feel unsafe. don't talk to them and don't let them in your

Tell It Like It Is: If he or she isn't getting the message, sit your admirer down privately and explain that you are not interested and feel uncomfortable with their advances. This can be hard to do, but honesty is the best policy and it's unfair to string someone along in the name of being nice.

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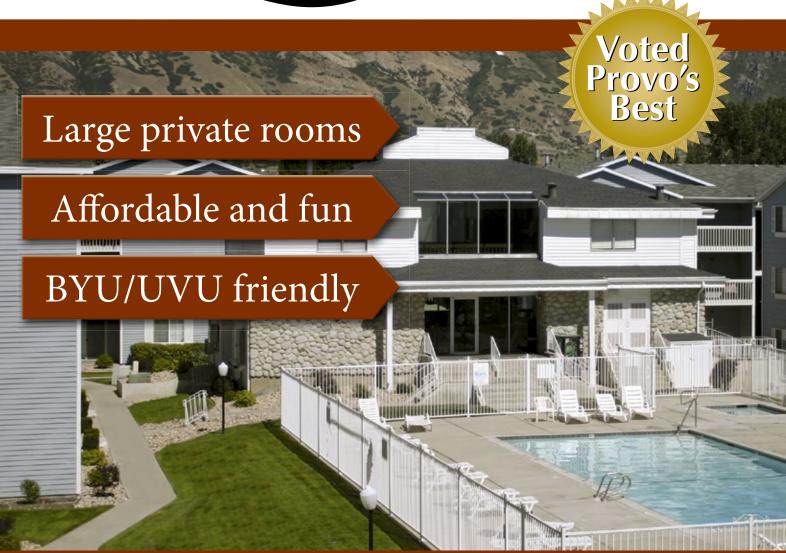




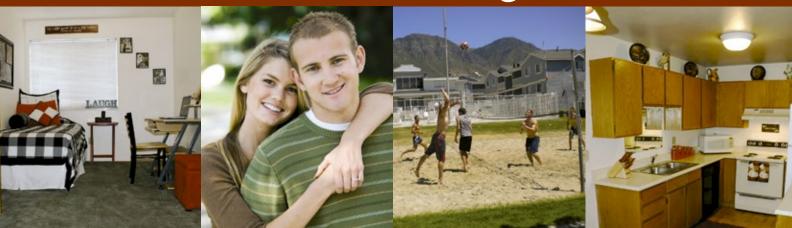


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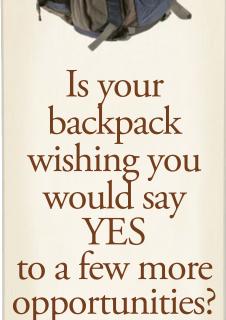
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# DATE SUPPLIES



here's nothing worse than showing up for a date unprepared. Here is a dating survival guide with all the bare necessities you should have.

### **ON ANY DATE**

- GPS or map application
- Easy snack (fresh fruit, animal crackers, granola bars)
- Two chilled water bottles
- Mints or gum
- Floss (not in front of date)
- Lip balm
- Camera

#### **SUMMER OUTDOOR DATE**

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Cooler with frozen wash cloths and cold treats (to cool down)
- Bug spray
- · Zip-top bags for electronics
- Flashlight

### WINTER OUTDOOR DATE

- Thermos with hot cocoa
- Hand and feet warmers Thermals or leggings
- Extra sweater (in case your date isn't warm enough)
- · Layered socks







Nothing makes you more thirsty than discovering you don't have anything to drink. A parched date makes for a bad date.

Chapped lips are uncomfortable for you and can be distracting for your date. Keep a fresh tube or two of lip balm on hand.





Safe is always better than sorry: getting in the habit of periodically popping mints won't hurt anybody.



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t's happening: you're dating that special guy or girl who has occupied your thoughts and they're giving you the look.

The Look Eye contact that is playful, flirtatious and occasionally punctuated by subtle glances at the lips.

### IF SOMEONE IS GIVING YOU THE LOOK AND YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY

Once you two start exchanging the look, move in a little closer. The proximity is subtle - don't rush it and don't invade his or her space. Get close but leave them wanting more.

> The Proximity If you're sitting, gradually shift into the other person and angle your shoulders to them as you talk. If you're standing, step a little closer than you normally would and look into their face during the conversation.

While this cue isn't required, some people feel more comfortable going in for the kiss after seeing how their date would feel about it. Steer the conversation away from last night's NBA game and drop the hint about what's on your mind.

> The Hint Whether it's asking about your date's first kiss or joking about kissing in general, this will tell him or her what you're thinking about.

You don't have to talk about kissing before it happens though - there are physical cues to show your date that you're feeling it.

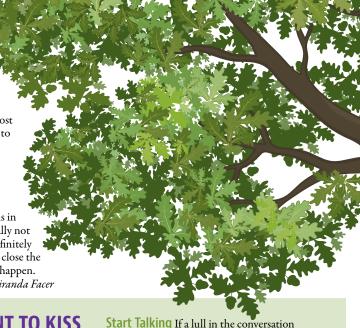
> The Lingering Hug If the goodbye hug leaves you wanting more, don't let go: gaze up/down into your date's face

and if they smile or give you the look, that's your cue to go for it!

The Giggles A woman tends to giggle around the guy she's interested in to boost his confidence. If she seems to laugh a lot around you, it's generally safe to say she's enjoying her time with you and might be receptive to your affection.

The 90/10 If he or she leans in (most of the time it's generally not the full "90 percent," but definitely over "50"), ît's up to you to close the distance a nd make the kiss happen.

— Miranda Facer



## YOU DON'T WANT TO KISS

Whether your date is giving you the look or already leaning in, there are ways to avoid a kiss if you're not feeling it. It's OK to not want to kiss someone. Try to be kind when you reject his or her advances.

Be Honest from the Get Go If you know from the start that you don't want to kiss your date, don't lead them on with flirty body language. "I feel like there are ways to avoid being kissed if you don't want it," said Savanna Rush, a freshman studying exercise science. "Keep your distance from the beginning."

occurs and it looks like your date is moving in for a kiss, start talking before they get too close. "If the guy (or girl) comes in for it and you don't want it, back up or start talking to distract them," said Heather Hansen, a recent graduate of the School of Family Life.

Move Away If your date seems intent on kissing you and doesn't pick up on your subtle clues that you don't feel the same way, be more obvious with your body language. "If you don't want a guy to kiss you, put your head down and pull away," said Taylor Turley, a freshman Jalien March March studying health science.

# **TWO Tones** Setting the Mood

Kiss the Girl Little Mermaid Fall for You Secondhand Serenade I'll Be Edwin McCain Take My Breath Away **Everything I Do** Bryan Adams Thriller Michael Jackson Stolen Dashboard Confessional Songbird I Just Called to Say I Love You If I Saw You in Heaven

Wayne Douglas

# MORE THAN SMALL TALK

involves more than just asking a person out and then going on a date. You need to have some sort of conversation on the date, hopefully with substance and enjoyment.

### Don't Interrupt

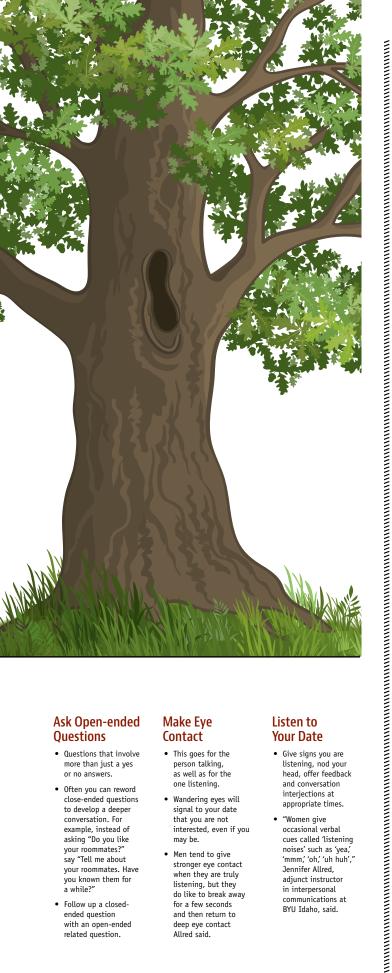
 Let your date finish their thought before interjecting your own. Wait for a pause in the conversation.

### Don't Hijack the Conversation

· In other words don't try to "one up" your date. For example, if your date is venting about their crazy roommates, don't interrupt by saying, "Well you think that's bad, my roommates do this and this."

### Don't Be Negative

- · Few things are more of a turn off than being negative about the activity or life in general.
- Venting about a hard time in your life with someone you have built a relationship with is okay, but it shouldn't become a habit to vent to your date on the first few dates.



### Ask Open-ended **Ouestions**

- · Questions that involve more than just a yes or no answers.
- · Often you can reword close-ended questions to develop a deeper conversation. For example, instead of asking "Do you like say "Tell me about your roommates. Have you known them for a while?
- · Follow up a closedended question with an open-ended related question.

### Make Eye Contact

- · This goes for the person talking, as well as for the one listening.
- Wandering eves will signal to your date that you are not interested, even if you mav be.
- Men tend to give stronger eye contact when they are truly listening, but they do like to break away for a few seconds and then return to deep eye contact Allred said.

### Listen to Your Date

- · Give signs you are listening, nod you head, offer feedback and conversation interjections at appropriate times.
- "Women give occasional verbal cues called 'listening noises' such as 'yea,' 'mmm,' 'oh,' 'uh ȟuh'," Jennifer Allred. adjunct instructor in interpersonal communications at BYU Idaho, said.



erfumes, colognes, eau de toilettes and many other names cover the scents that men and women spray on their bodies to smell good and appeal to the opposite sex. Darlene Jensen, a 20-year veteran in the fragrance industry, has many tips about fragrances. Jensen uses four criteria that should be considered when choosing a fragrance: season, climate, occupation and occasion.



**Season** During fall and winter fragrances are warm, spicy and often have chocolate as an ingredient. For spring and summer, scents are light, fresh and citrusy.



Climate A rainy day may make you feel colder than usual, so wearing richer body fragrances may be what you wear to

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**Occupation** If you were to work in a healthcare setting you would want to wear clean and fresh scents, to maintain a professional appearance.



**Occasion** Different occasions change how you may dress and dress changes what fragrances you would wear. For a night out you may want to wear warmer fragrances. But season and climate most often should be taken into account with occasion.

#### Scents She Likes on You

Many men assume women prefer woodsy, musky scents, but that's not necessarily true. There aren't specific scents men and women like on each other. Jensen says a person's mood can change how a fragrance smells, so depending on your personality, the scent may alter to fit you. Because of this, a scent she may like in the bottle may smell completely different on your skin. Try sample size colognes and let her smell them on you before making a purchase.

### Scents that Go Well with You

Your body chemistry should be considered as well. Fragrances may also smell differently from one person to another. To ensure you purchase a scent that suits you, spray a sample on your forearm then let it sit for a few minutes - move away from the fragrance counter then smell it. This will give the scent long enough to settle and you won't be bombarded by the other options.

### Where to Apply Fragrance

Pulse points are the most important places to apply fragrances because they emanate heat. Some pulse points are on your neck, wrists and even the back of the knee. "Never spray it in the air and let it just fall on you," Jensen said. "That's just expensive room freshener." Fragrances should not be rubbed because the movement changes their components. Jensen suggests letting your body "marinate" in your fragrance before putting on clothes to avoid staining them. Fragrances do not last, as long in higher, dryer climates, so in climates like Provo you may need to reapply more often. If an individual has oily skin or lives in a more humid climate their fragrances will last longer. — Britania Busath

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# CRUISING CONTROL





WENT ON A DATE with my roommate's friend last fall. I'd met him once briefly and he seemed harmless enough. We had a lovely time on the date - we played with his dog and had dinner together. Then he tried to kiss me on the first date! I'd known him for two days and suddenly he thought I wanted his tongue in my throat! I told him I wasn't going to kiss him on a first date. He spent the remainder of the date telling me about how that was my conditioned response, I had been corrupted/brainwashed by society and I was being ridiculous. I finally had to demand that he take me home.

-Morgan, Junior



# FIVE MINUTE MAID SERVICE

t's the night before you bring your love interest back to your apartment for the first time. You survey the pile of dirty dishes, a hole in the love sac and an assortment of food wrappers littered around the common area with panic. There's no need to fear, however. In a manner of minutes you can transform your space from bachelor pad grunge to responsible male charm with a few quick fixes.

### **WHAT TO CLEAN**

The Dishes. The leftover easy mac chilling in the pot on your stove has got to go before she arrives. Make sure to clean any dishes or utensils as well so your counters and sink are clear. This will save you the embarrassment of having to fish your only clean glass, aka your crusty Gatorade bottle, from the back of the cupboard when she asks for a drink

The Floor. This is especially important in the warmer months when she might not be wearing socks. Getting crushed Cheerios in between her toes or stepping on a sticky spot of tile is not what you want. A quick sweep of the kitchen and vacuum of the carpet won't take long but will make a big impact to her.

# YOU CAN INVEST IN

Scents. Women have very adept noses. Purchasing a candle or an air freshener will disguise any lingering odors you don't want her to notice. The scent doesn't need to be feminine or flowery - look for options like mahogany teakwood, sandalwood or seasonal like pumpkin or fresh grass.

Alone Time. If you happen to slip your roommates some cash for the latest dollar movie, you can reserve an empty apartment for a few hours of uninterrupted quality time.

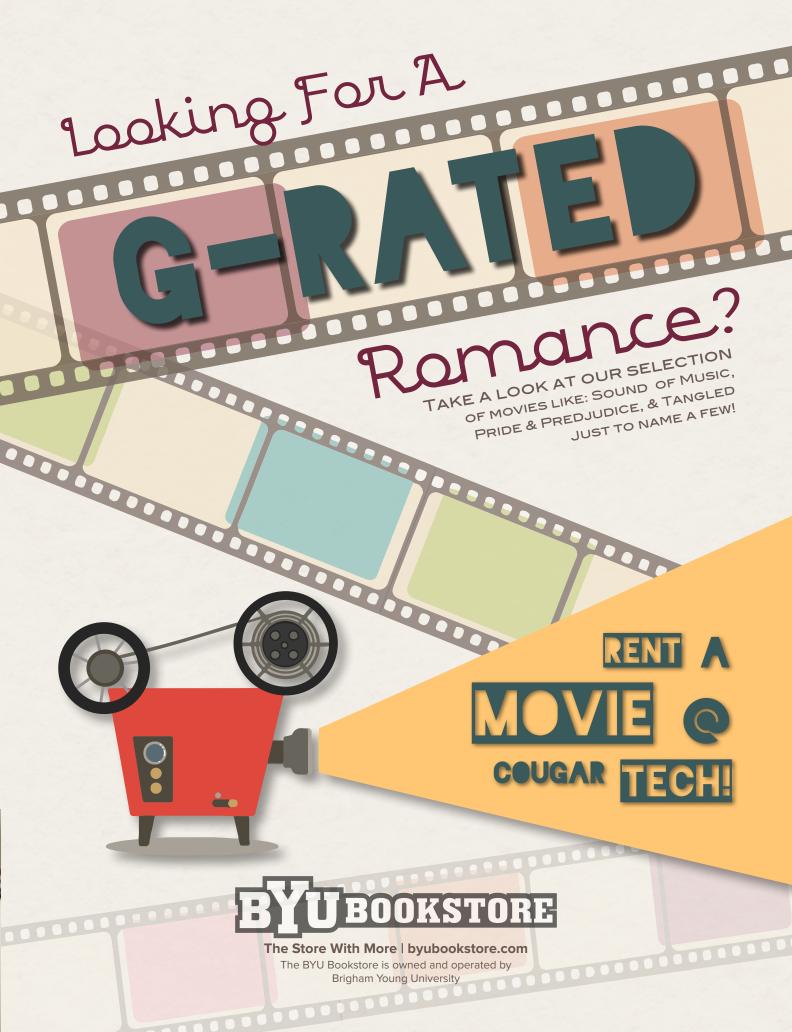




Holes/Tears. If your love sac, couch, armchair, etc. has any unsightly tears or rips, drape a blanket over the offending spot to hide the damage. Cheap throws and blankets can be found at local bedding or discount stores. Be sure to choose a darker color if your apartment is prone to spills.

Clutter. If your roommate's laundry basket has taken up permanent residence in the living room, ask him if he can keep it in his room for the night. The same applies for gym bags, shoes, random papers and textbooks. Things like this can be shoved in a cabinet or in your room for the evening to give an appearance of cleanliness.





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# THE CHECKLIST FOR YOUR BEST YOU

### GIRIS

Smooth Legs: While shaving should be a regular personal practice, be sure to take care of your legs before going out. Use shaving cream for a smoother finish than soap and then hydrate after your shower with lotion or body butter.

Smart Clothes and Shoes: Hopefully he informed you of his plans for the date so you have an idea of what to wear. If you're in the dark, either ask him for clarification or opt for a neutral look like jeans, a nice shirt and cute flats. There's nothing worse than feeling like you're over-or-underdressed or have the wrong shoes for a date, so plan a look that fits the occasion.

Blended Scents: Most beauty products have a distinct scent. Be aware of the different smells you wear to avoid smelling like a chemical concoction. When shopping, purchase products that fall indu a similar scent family (like citrus, floral, etc.) for easy blending: see page 15 for more details

### **BOTH**

Clean Mouth: Brush and floss your teeth before leaving your apartment. If you have chapped lips, get in the habit of applying lip balm to relieve your skin.

Fresh Breath: Keep breath mints or gum on hand to ward off bad breath. Also, if your date offers you either option, take it. No exceptions.

### GUYS

Subtle Cologne: Only someone who is close to you should be able to catch a whiff of your cologne, not a stranger ten feet away. A little goes a long way, and she'll appreciate the effort. For more about scents, see page 15.

Date Attire: While your style is your own, show your date that you took time to look nice for your time together. For example, baggy shorts and athletic shoes are generally not an appropriate choice unless you are playing basketball or at the gym. See pages 58 and 59 to learn how to painlessly distinguish your look on a date from an everyday outfit.

Thoughtful Facial Hair: Some men look better clean-shaven, while others can rock stubble. Decide what look you're going for and then put it together. If you're shaving, take time to get close and moisturize your face afterwards. If you're embracing your stubble, trim up any areas that look unkempt.

# **MAKING UP**

Looking nice for a date doesn't need to take two hours and a gallon of foundation.

Set your base: moisturizer, face primer and/or eyelid primer.

Apply a foundation that's formulated best for your skin type, i.e. look for brands that label for oily, dry or sensitive skin.

Apply your bronzer or blush; bronzer should be applied to the areas on your face where the sun would naturally hit, like the cheekbones, forehead, chin and nose. Don't apply it everywhere, otherwise it may look like you had a spray tan go wrong. Blush should be applied only to the cheekbones, smile big and apply to the apples of your cheeks.

Use translucent top powder to set everything in place.

Apply a shimmer eye base, especially in the tear duct area and under the brow.

6 Next apply a shadow that is not over-powering and complements your eye color and your skin tone. The backs of eye shadow palettes often specify which shades work best for your eye color.

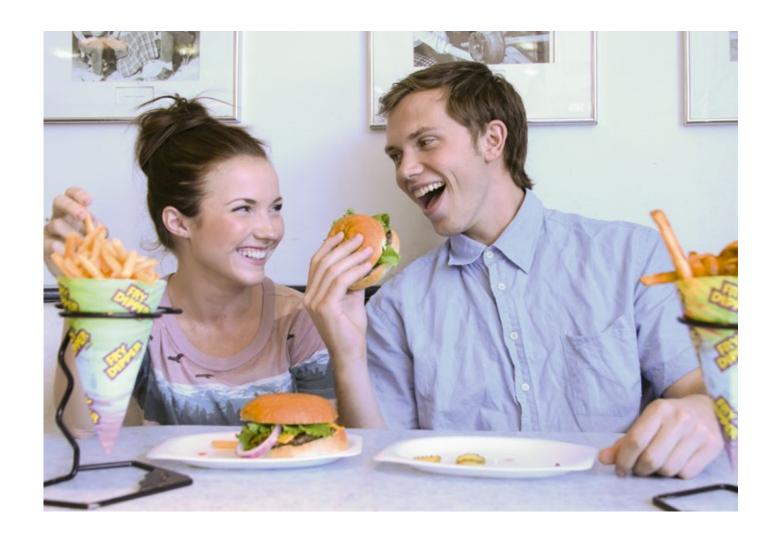
Apply eyeliner to define your eyes and give the illusion of having longer eyelashes. Eyeliner can be applied to the inside of the eyelid or right above the eyelashes.

8 Curl eyelashes and apply mascara.

To complete your look, apply a lipstick or lip gloss that compliments your skin tone.



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# WHAT TO DO AND NOT DO

## Men

- Let her know what you're doing to a certain extent so she can dress to the occasion
- · Pick her up and drop her off at her door
- Open doors for your date
- · Let your date order before you
- · If walking on a sidewalk, walk closest to the street
- · Walk beside, not behind or in front of, your date, especially if she is in

### Women

• Dress to the occasion, i.e. don't wear heels to

- a baseball game or yoga pants to a sit down dinner
- Allow the man to be a gentleman, like pull out your chair, pay for the check etc.
- If you asked him on a date, be willing to pay
- Re considerate of his money, don't expect a Bachelorette date
- Thank him

### Both

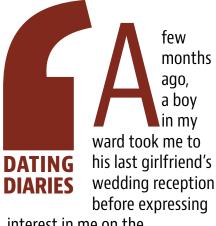
- Have manners eat with your mouth closed and wait for your date to get their dinner before you start eating yours
- · Make eye contact
- Be yourself
- Have fun

- · Assume you know what your date likes and dislikes: let them speak for themselves
- Text or call on the date: it makes you appear uninterested in your date
- Ogle at another member of the opposite sex, talk about past dates or past relationships
- · Bring up controversial topics
- Criticize your date
- Treat your date like a child
- Assume since he asked you on a date that he wants to marry you
- Ditch vour date



# **TWO Tones** Guys Pre-Date Pump-Up

- You Make My Dreams Hall and Oats
- Party in the U.S.A. Miley Cyrus
- Walking on Sunshine Katrina & The Waves
- The Middle
- Eye of the Tiger Survivor
- I Want It That Way Backstreet Boys
- **Best Song Ever** One Direction
- On Top of the World
- **Twist and Shout**
- I'll Make a Man Out of You



interest in me on the drive home! I couldn't tell if I was considered a downgrade or not.

-Erin, sophomore

trying to determine when you should end a date, look for cues from your partner that show he or she is ready to be done.

### Conversation

If your date mentions sentiments similar to one of these examples, consider calling it a night and taking them home:

"I'm feeling kind of tired."

"Wow, it's getting really late...'

"I have a lot of studying to do before class tomorrow.'



## Technology

If your date frequently takes out their phone to text or check Facebook, their attention is probably wavering and you should begin to wrap

### Time

- First dates shouldn't last more than two or three hours. You should specify whether there will be food during that
- Avoid having marathon first dates; make them excited to see you again, not eager to get away from you.
- Every date, like every person, is different.
- Use common sense, pay attention to your date and be willing to adapt as the situation demands.



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# 'I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FAMILY'

BE YOURSELF. Your boyfriend or girlfriend has fallen for who you really are, and that person is who they want their family to meet. While it's healthy to feel nervous and want to impress the people who are closest to vour significant other, don't let those feelings alter your behavior. Focus on accentuating the best parts of your personality instead of feeling self-conscious about your flaws or trying to be someone you're not.

GET TO KNOW THEM. While the emphasis during the first meeting tends to be on you, don't forget to ask the family members about themselves and look for common interests. This will take some of the pressure off of you and help the meeting feel like a conversation instead of an interview.

> SPEAK WELL OF YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER. During your time with the family, demonstrate your genuine love for your boyfriend or

girlfriend. Speak well of him or her and share some of your best experiences as a couple with the family. Remember, everything you say should be authentic and not forced. Families want to feel assured that you care about their child/sister/ brother and recognize how wonderful they are.

PARTICIPATE. If your boyfriend or girlfriend's family are ping-pong enthusiasts or love to cook meals together, find a way to incorporate yourself into their traditions. Even if you've never played kickball before, don't be afraid to take a turn and participate. His or her family will appreciate your willingness to try new things and be a part of the group.

BE RESPECTFUL. This may seem like a no-brainer, but it's a good tip to keep in the back of your mind. If his or her family tells you to treat their house like home, you should take that to mean make yourself comfortable, not act like it's your apartment. Clean up after yourself, offer to help with chores and follow family rules.

IF THE FIRST IMPRESSION DIDN'T GO WELL ... Unless you broke the heirloom vase while passing the carrots, stepped on the cat and scraped Aunt Martha's car while backing out. things probably didn't go that bad. If you really think the first meeting didn't go well, there are ways to recover.

First, remember everyone understands you were nervous so they will automatically cut you some slack. Second, talk to your significant other about how they think it went. He or she can give you tips on how to fit in with the family and make a better impression. Finally, give the family a call or write a brief note expressing your appreciation for the opportunity to meet them and to date their son or daughter.

Miranda Facei



# **DATING WHILE ENGAGED**

Keep fun in the relationship while planning a wedding.

>> Plan an actual activity. This doesn't need to be an extravagant event. Sometimes all you need is a Redbox and a bowl of popcorn to take your mind off the many tasks you have ahead.

>> Don't always talk about the wedding. Forget about the venue you are trying to book, how expensive the flowers are and if your in-laws are going to accept you or not. Take

time away from planning and focus on something less stressful.

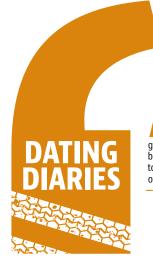


Include other couples or friends. Often you can get so consumed in wedding planning you forget about your other friends and the outside world altogether. Plan a group date or activity with your fiance and friends you haven't really seen in awhile.

If you have wedding-related tasks to do, make them something both of you can enjoy. Try turning the task into a minidate like going to dinner or seeing a movie after.

>> Being engaged doesn't mean there isn't room for fun in your relationship; actually it's quite the opposite. Just remember to push the stress aside and have some fun, couple time

— Britania Busby



FTER EATING LUNCH with a guy I had just started dating, I dropped him off at his apartment. He got out of the car and I leaned over the passenger seat to kiss him goodbye. Flustered at my inability to stop blushing, I forgot to put the car into park, took my foot off the brake and almost ran over his feet!

–Erin, sophomore





You Can't Hurry Love Jessie's Girl Rick Springfield

Whitney Houston

Summer of '69
Bryan Adams

I Want to Hold Your Hand I Will Always Love You

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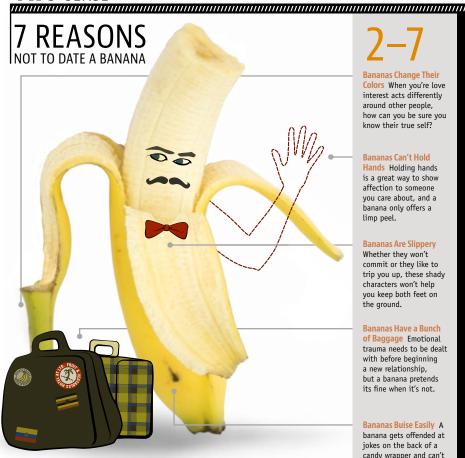
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TWO SENSE



Bananas G0 Rotten

Nobody is perfect, but someone who doesn't respect you should be tossed in the trash

Colors When you're love interest acts differently around other people, how can you be sure you know their true self?

#### **Bananas Can't Hold**

Hands Holding hands is a great way to show affection to someone you care about, and a banana only offers a limp peel.

#### **Bananas Are Slippery**

Whether they won't commit or they like to trip you up, these shady characters won't help you keep both feet on the ground.

**Bananas Have a Bunch** of Baggage Emotional trauma needs to be dealt with before beginning a new relationship, but a banana pretends its fine when it's not.

Bananas Buise Fasily A banana gets offended at jokes on the back of a candy wrapper and can't

take a little teasing.

**Bananas Get Mushy** Too Fast Sharing your emotions makes your relationship stronger, but coming on too strong too soon may frighten

your partner.

### **WO** Tones Breakup Helpers

Sara Bareilles

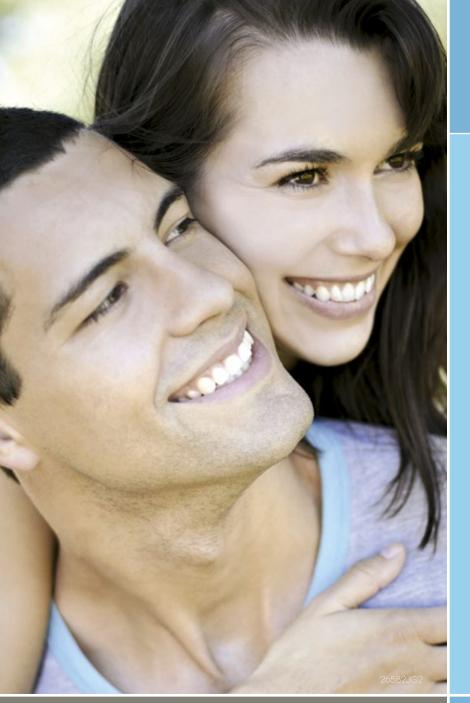
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v friend and I thought it would be fun to put a double date together and go ice skating. He asked his girlfriend, and I asked one of his friends. When we arrived at the rink we were the only ones there, so we split up into couples and began skating around and basically just enjoying our free reign of the ice. After a few minutes she asked me if she could complain about something for a minute. When I said yes, she told me that she liked my friend (who was ice skating with us). She said she knew they would be together if his girlfriend wasn't in the picture and then talked about how annoying she found his girlfriend to be in general. She then hugged me and told me

that I was a much better listener than most people. After that I was her go-to for talking about guy problems. She gets married next week.

— Brogan, junior



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# YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS GRAZYI

WARNING A SIGNS

A The significant other acts differently around you than they do around your roommate.

▲ The significant other says bad things about their relationship or your roommate behind your roommate's back.

▲ The significant other frequently participates in activities that are inappropriate or would suggest problems in the future.

A Your roommate doesn't seem happy when they are around their significant other. They may mention that they are only sticking with their significant other because they want to "help them" or because they think it's "the right thing to do."

A Things seem to be mov ing so fast that they could be married by tomorrow when they met vesterday.

A The relationship has caused your roommate to make changes in their life that are not for the better.

hat's it; you can't take it anymore. It's undeniable: your roommate is dating a crazy person.

Some of you have been here before. You may have heard the significant other say something demeaning or cruel and see it as a sign of terrible things to come. You may simply just get the "heebie jeebies" or other creepy feelings when you are around them.

Either way, from what you've observed, you think your friend is going out with Mr. Hyde. Naturally, you want to do something about it.

So how do you approach the situation? You can't just come right out and tell your roommate you think they're dating someone from the asylum. That would just cause drama.

The first step is to let your roommate know you are merely sharing observations because you care about them. Tell them you honestly want to avoid any drama and emphasize that you are only trying to help. Share your observations only as observations – avoid giving too much of your opinion because it isn't your relationship. Finish by telling them you're worried about them and this relationship, but you respect their opinion and decision.

Before you go that far, you may want to look for more concrete evidence that your roommate's significant other isn't a good fit. Make absolutely sure your roommate's significant other is as bad as you think he or she is and try to see their relationship from another perspective. Try to remove as much bias from the situation as possible.

If that doesn't work, the list to the left has some pretty straightforward signs that your concern is warranted.

However, this is an inconclusive list and there are other signs that something could be fundamentally wrong with the relationship – consult with a trusted friend, relative or counselor for further help.

On the other hand, if there aren't any clear signs like these, you might not want to get involved. It might be difficult, but perhaps the best thing you can do is stay out of it and let things take their natural course. If your roommate and their significant other truly aren't a good fit, then the natural forces of relationships and catalyst events in their lives will help them realize it eventually.

The reality is you don't know the whole situation. If your roommate asks you to remove yourself from the situation, respect their decision and move on.

### TWO SENSE

## UNDERSTANDING BODY HINTS

our date's body language can give you insight on how he or she really feels about you. Jennifer Allred, adjunct instructor in Interpersonal Communications at BYU–Idaho, suggests these as common nonverbal cues.

PEye contact (they hold your glance longer than typical)

Dilated pupils (the pupil of the eye enlarges) this can be hard to discern, especially in low-light conditions, where eyes naturally dilate.

PSelf-grooming gestures (Re-adjusting their clothes or touching and fixing their hair)

†Touch (touching your arm or elbow, legs when seated or the small of the back or shoulders)

Your date's stance can also subconsciously show they're interested. An open stance (which is keeping your arms unfolded, legs parallel or uncrossed and keeping relaxed eye contact.) portrays they are relaxed and, in turn, often makes the other person feel more comfortable.

You may notice that your date is mirroring your actions, gestures and mood. This is not their attempt to annoy you or make fun, it's a sign of affection and them paying attention. Keep it natural.



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# No Need to Shake It

# Tips on how to ask someone out

By Miranda Facer



sking someone out sounds great in theory, but can be difficult when the moment arrives.

# Situation 1: You can't tell if she is interested.

"I think girls need to show if they are interested in guys," Brian Parkinson said. "Guys won't likely ask girls out who show no emotion toward them."

Ladies, it's hard enough for the guys to work up the courage to ask you out – don't make it more difficult by acting indifferent or detached around them. If you like the guy, show him.

Guys, one way to avoid this problem is to specify that you are taking the girl on an actual date. Girls often feel confused if the guy invites them to "hang out" or come along on a group activity; should they act like they came with you or should they just act like a friend?

It's hard for girls to show emotion if they don't know if the guy is interested, just like it's hard for the guys to ask a girl out if they don't know if she'll say yes.

**Solution:** Act how you feel! If you like someone, show them. If you don't like someone, tell them.



### Situation 2: You want to get to know that cute guy or girl you see around campus but don't know how to introduce yourself.

The key here is to make sure you come across as friendly, not creepy. If it seems like the other person notices you too, introduce yourself the next time you see them and invite them to get a Jamba Juice or study together sometime. If your first real interaction goes well, proceed with asking them on a real date.

However, if the other person avoids eye contact, seems to be in a hurry, is with another person or looks worried when you approach, abort the mission.

**Solution:** Introduce yourself, but respect the other person and read their body language. If they seem uninterested, gracefully end the conversation and move on.

### U want 2 see a movie 2nite?

That's not a suitable alternative to picking up the phone and taking the three minutes for a call. Extend me the courtesy of a call and you will earn bonus points before you even pick me up.

# Situation 3: You don't know which method to use to ask someone on a date.

The unanimous response to an informal survey of BYU females found they prefer to be asked on a date in person.

"Every girl wants a guy who makes them feel wanted," Jessica Alessi said. She went on to explain that when guys ask girls out in person it makes them feel appreciated and special.

If you need pointers on what to say, see situation four.

If you're uncomfortable asking someone out in person, the next best option is over the phone. By calling. NOT TEXTING.

Facebook, Gchat, Twitter, etc. are not preferable outlets for asking someone out. It takes courage to ask someone out using your own voice, but it's always better to hear from you than the impassive silence of technology.

**Solution:** Ask someone out in person if you can, and if you can't call them on the phone.

# Situation 4: You're asking someone out in person but don't know what to say.

When you ask someone out face-to-face, don't feel like you have to go up and ask him or her on the date then walk away. There are ways to bring up going out without making it awkward or putting either of you on the spot too much.

### Solutions:

Ways to ask them out:

**A.** Find a way to do something alone after a group activity:

"Do you want to grab a milkshake after the football game on Saturday?"

B. Follow his or her lead:

"Oh you like MGMT too? We should go to the Twilight Concert Series next week!"

C. Invite him or her to a school event:

"Hey I've got this extra credit lecture I have to go to but I don't know anybody who will be there—do you want to come with me?"

**D.** Look for interesting activities:

"Did you see the poster for the Dating Game activity this week? We should go!"

# the impression that asking someone out needs to be an extravagant spectacle.

No. This is not prom; this is real life. Please do not feel like you need to make a big deal out of asking someone on a date.

All this will do is put pressure on both of you, which will make it difficult to really get to know your date.

When you ask him or her on the date, don't try to be someone you're not. Don't think you need to buy dozens of flowers, ask them to a super expensive restaurant or write their name in glitter on the front porch.

You want the person you ask on the date to say "yes" because they like you, not because they feel like they have to go because you asked them in such an elaborate way.

**Solution:** Show the person you are asking out that you are interested, but don't make them uncomfortable when you go about the asking.

# Situation 6: You believe girls can't ask guys out.

Ladies, most guys we surveyed said they love it when girls ask them out. Sometimes they don't know if you are interested, but when you ask them out they know.

"I asked a guy on a date a while back and it was really fun and I would do it again, but I'd plan better," Brittany Hiatt said.

Some guys may not like it if you ask them out, but you won't know until you try. At the worst they say no, at the best you have a wonderful time together because you took a chance.

Solution: Go for it!



Hey, girl hey! Hey good lookin', what's cookin? Wanna hang out? ;) :)

These are all text messages that you may have received or may even sent out. But what does 'wanna hang out' really mean? And are emoticons really that important? Let me break it down for you. In a questionnaire conducted over multiple days at the Cougareat, we were able to find out what people really think about texting.

"It's all a game," said sophomore Tommy Higham. "If your going to text be careful, but then you have to play the game." Tommy, his friends Tanner Olson and Jordan Rogers, all agreed there is a texting game. If you get a text message you have to wait a little while before responding, otherwise you look too needy and too eager. Rogers notes that "playing the game" should not last into the relationship; it should stop once two people are together.

The consensus for texting in general is girls overthink text messages far more than guys. They analyze each syllable, emoticon, punctuation or lack thereof. While some guys admittedly said they overanalyze text messages, they said women are more likely to.



### **Emoticons:**

Just by the name, emoticons are used to show emotion. They are used to show friendliness and flirtation. However, this is a tricky sign to read. Some girls add emoticons after every sentence, which the men explained could be very distracting to the text in the message. Some girls don't use them at all. Rachel Fisher, a senior studying Biophysics, said she would never consciously put emoticons, but then one of her friends reprimanded her, so she now uses them.

The majority of the men we questioned said they don't send emoticons to their male friends. Some even thought sending them to girls is too feminine, but receiving emoticons is always good.

All students we asked about emoticons said they are a good sign, and that they typically mean that he or she is trying to flirt and not be so serious. One thing to take into consideration is the person's personality. They may just be perpetual flirters, you need to watch more than just;):) or :P, see how they act face-to-face.



### Wanna hang out?

Girls that have voiced their concern that this statement can be confusing. Does this mean it's going to be the two of you or a whole group? Is it a date or not? Surveys said a date should not be initiated over a text message. But if you are going to ask someone out through text message, use words that let the other know it is a date, like saying "Do you want to go out Saturday night?" or "Do you want to go on a date?"

If this statement is sent past 10 at night it implies more than just playing Apples to Apples. The person that sent that text message is probably implying they want to play a game of tonsil hockey. They do not want a date in this situation, more of a casual make out session. When asking people about this late night text message, many of them said, unsolicited, that if someone texts them "Do you want to watch a movie?" they're implying they want to have a NCMO (non-committal make out).

### Honey, sugar, baby, handsome, beautiful

When is it OK to use pet names in text messages? Most guys said they would only use pet names if they were already in the relationship with the girl. But if they aren't in a relationship with you they are just trying to be flirty. Some of the girls believed it didn't really mean anything. If you're going to use pet names you have to at least know the person better than just a first date.

### Pet peeves

- ► Hang out: Fisher said she hates when boys send her, "Wanna hang out?" text messages. She thinks it's a gray area; they should just use their words and ask the girl out!
- ▶ Ooops, ya, k, haha: Business junior, Torey Ellis, said his biggest pet peeve when it comes to text messaging is the one word answers, he believes they are stupid and pointless. He also finds it annoying when girls ask a question he already answered a few texts ago.
- ► Conversation: Sam Rockwood, from Diamond Bar, Calif., doesn't like the pointless conversation and the play-by-plays. One of the reasons for this is because when he actually sees the girl he won't have anything to talk about because they have already texted about everything.



While texting can be fun and flirty, don't depend solely on it for your conversation. Face-to-face interaction is always preferred. Games don't have to be played when you are engaging in real conversation, because you can see the person's body language and emotion. Being authentic is best!













# OH MY OMELETS

Yields 2 omelets

4 eggs
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
4 tablespoons milk
½ cup bacon, crumbled
½ cup green onions, chopped
½ cup yellow onion, chopped

Start by bringing the frying pan up to temperature on medium heat.

Using a fork, combine 2 eggs in a bowl until the yolks have broken and the mixture is a pale yellow. Add 2 tablespoons milk and use a whisk to beat the eggs and milk until the liquid has lots of bubbles (use your muscles – you want the omelet to be light and airy)

Grease the pan with butter or cooking spray and pour the mixture into the pan.

When the eggs start to solidify, gently tilt the pan so the excess liquid runs onto the pan. Add the cheese, onions and peppers. Use a spatula to help direct the liquid and form a circle in the pan. Once the omelet is reasonably solid, let it sit in the pan for a few seconds then flip it onto a plate.

Top omlet with extra cheese and vegetables if desired. Serve immediately. Repeat process.



# CINNAMON ROLL PANCAKES

Yields 18 pancakes

### **CINNAMON FILLING**

1 stick softened butter 1 cup packed brown sugar 2 tablespoons cinnamon

In a large bowl, using a hand mixer, mix butter, brown sugar and cinnamon until smooth.

Use a rubber spatula to scrape the sides and pour this mixture into a large pastry bag. Put the bag in a tall tumbler to support it while you fill it. A large zip-top bag would work too.

## **CREAM CHEESE ICING**

2 cups powdered sugar 2 ounces cream cheese 1 teaspoon vanilla 4 tablespoons milk

In a bowl, mix powdered sugar, cream cheese, vanilla and of milk, using the hand mixer.

When smooth, pour into a second pastry bag using the same method as the cinnamon filling.

### **PANCAKES**

2 cups pancake mix 3 eggs ¼ cup canola or vegetable oil 1 tablespoon powdered sugar 1¼ cup milk

Mix together in a bowl the pancake mix, eggs, oil, powdered sugar, and milk. Blend until smooth.

Ladel pancake mix onto a large non-stick skillet, over medium to medium-low heat, using a ½-cup dry measuring cup. Snip the tip off the pastry bag containing the cinnamon filling so that the opening is ½-inch wide. Swirl filling onto cooking pancakes in a spiral. Continue to cook the pancakes until bubbles form evenly through each cake. Gently flip each pancake and cook for 30-45 seconds more. Remove to a serving platter. Drizzle with icing before serving.

Recipe courtesy Robin Sue at BigRedKitchen.com



Find the recipes for these meals on page 40



# **STEAK**

Yields 2 steaks

Large cast iron skillet 2 steaks (we used t-bone) Salt

Pepper

Vegetable or canola oil

Place your cast-iron skillet in a cold oven and preheat to 500 degrees F. This will allow the skillet to get warm with the oven and it will create that steakhouse steak sear on your meat.

While the oven is pre-heating, remove the meat from the refrigerator and bring it to room temperature. This allows for even cooking.

Once the meat is at room temperature rub both sides with oil. You need oil, like vegetable or canola, that can sustain high temperatures. Olive oil is not an option because high heat will change the flavor complex of the oil and make it very bitter.

Next, season your meat with salt and pepper.

Once the oven is pre-heated, remove the skillet from the oven and place it on the stove onto a burner turned to high heat. Let it sit on the burner for 4-5 minutes. You want the skillet screaming hot.

Now, place the meat in the middle of the hot, dry skillet.

DO NOT TOUCH THE MEAT. Let it sear – untouched, for three minutes. After three minutes turn the steak over. Let the steaks sear on the other side for another three minutes – you are looking for a nice brown crust. Once your meat is seared, put the skillet back into the oven.

This is where you cook the steaks to your degree of doneness. For medium-rare to medium it takes 4 minutes on each side.

If you like rare, bump the time down two minutes. If you like well-done, bump the time up by a minute or two (more like 5–6 minutes on each side).

Once your meat is cooked to your preferred temperature, remove the skillet from the oven. Place the steaks on a platter and tent with foil

Let the meat rest for at least 5 minutes. If the meat doesn't rest, the juices will pour out – and the steak will become tough and less juicy. Resting allows the juices to distribute throughout the meat so you get the perfect bite every time.

Recipe courtesy Ali at OurSavoryLife.com



# TERRIFIC TURKEY SANDWICHES

Yields about 8 sandwiches

Loaf of bread 9 ounces deli sliced turkey 8 slices provolone cheese Mustard Large tomato Small bag of fresh spinach

Lay out 16 slices of bread. Place slices of turkey on eight of them, followed by a slice of cheese and squirt of mustard. Layer spinach and a tomato slice to finish each sandwich, add the second slice of bread to each sandwich and serve.

# SLOW COOKER PULLED PORK

Yields about 12 sandwiches

2 pounds pork tenderloin 12 ounces root beer 18 ounces BBQ sauce Whole wheat buns

Place pork in a slow cooker and pour root beer over the top. Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours. Drain well, shred with a fork and mix in BBQ sauce.

Serve on toasted buns with a little extra BBQ sauce. Add coleslaw for a real down-home take on this meal.

Recipe courtesy Corey at TheHinzAdventures.com

# RAY'S CHICKEN TACOS

Yields 12 tacos

1 pound shredded chicken (use a precooked rotisserie chicken)
3 bell peppers, chopped
1 yellow onion, chopped
1 bunch cilantro, minced
Monterrey Jack cheese
Sriracha sauce
1 packet taco seasoning
12 flour tortillas
Sour cream
2–3 cups water
3 limes

Heat tortillas in a frying pan, leaving each side on the heat for a few seconds until crisp. Wrap in aluminum foil and set aside.

Pour the water into a large pot (start with two cups and add more if the chicken seems dry). Add half of the pack of taco seasoning and a few squirts of Sriracha (if you do not like spicy food, use caution). Stir and let simmer. Once the sauce bubbles, slowly add the shredded chicken and stir until the chicken absorbs the sauce. Let simmer on low heat for five minutes.

Once the chicken is cooked, start assembling the tacos. Line a tortilla with sour cream and Sriracha, add a heaping spoonful of chicken down the middle of the tortilla and sprinkle with cheese. Add some onions, peppers and cilantro then finish with a squeeze of lime.





# SUGAR COOKIES

Yields 48 cookies

2¾ cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda ½ teaspoon baking powder 1 cup butter, softened 1½ cups white sugar 1 egg 1 teaspoon vanilla extract Assorted sprinkles

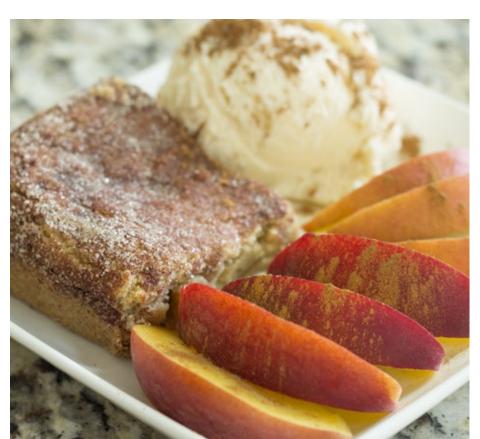
In a bowl, sift together flour, baking soda and baking powder. Set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream butter for about 3 minutes. Add sugar and cream together butter and sugar for about 5 minutes more. Add vanilla and egg and stir together. Add flour mixture a ½ cup at a time until combined.

Scoop out about 1 teaspoon of dough per cookie and roll into a ball. Place on cookie sheet about 1–2 inches apart. Bake 8–10 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven and let cook for 1–2 minutes.

Place on a wire rack and sprinkle with sprinkles if desired while cookies are warm.

Recipe courtesy Amanda at HighHeelsToHotwheels.com



# OATMEAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Yields 30 lowfat cookies

1 cup all purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature

½ cup sugar

½ cup unpacked brown sugar

1 large egg

1/4 cup unsweetened apple sauce

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups quick oats

34 cup dark chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. In a large bowl, cream together with a mixer the butter and the sugars on medium speed.

Add the egg, followed by the applesauce and vanilla extract to the butter and sugar mixture.

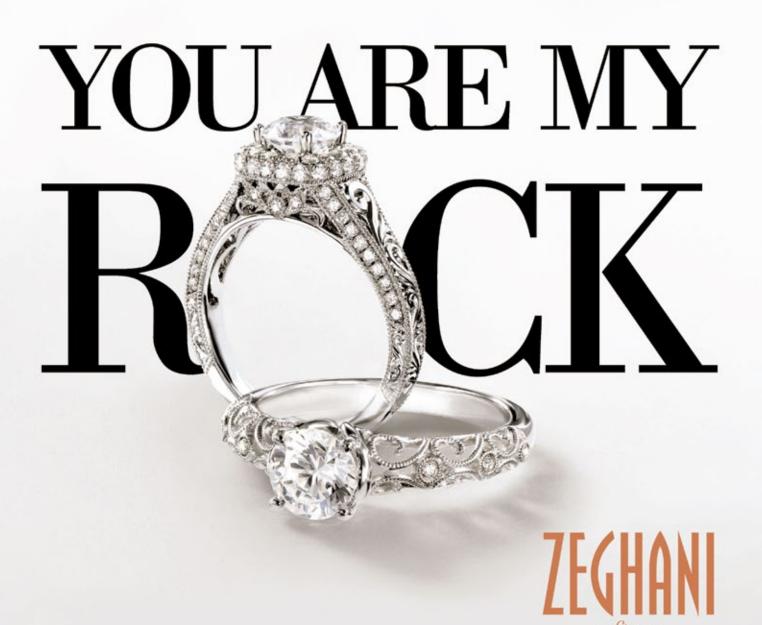
Working by hand, stir in the flour mixture and the oats until just combined and no streaks of flour remain; stir in the chocolate chips.

Drop heaping tablespoonfuls (approximately 1 tablespoon each) of the dough onto prepared baking sheets, flattening each cookie slightly. Bake for about 10–12 minutes, or until cookies become light brown at the edges.

Let cool on baking sheet for 3–4 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe courtesy Gina at SkinnyTaste.com

See page 83 for recipes for Snickerdoodle Blondies and Peanut Butter Cookies.





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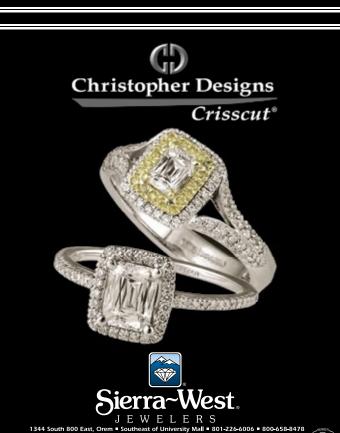
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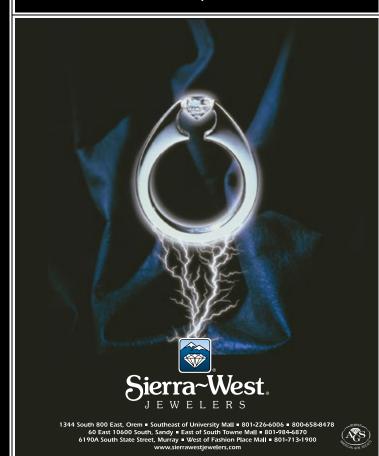
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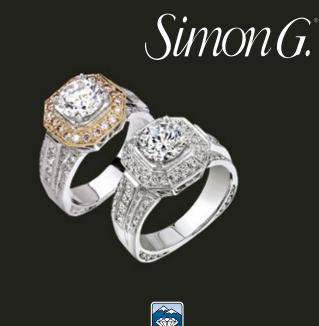
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# Where Is Our Relationship

By Britania Busath

s you are dating you should ask questions and learn about the other person, not necessarily just for marriage, but to continue in the pursuit of the person you are interested in. You don't want to wait six months into the relationship to ask questions about topics that are important to you. What are those questions that should be discussed?

# **ARE WE EVEN COMPATIBLE?**

Dean Busby, Director of School and Family Life,

said it's a common misconception to say you're compatible with someone. He said there are four things that bring two people together: where you live, your social networks, your values and your lifestyles. "Those are compatible and draw people together, not the things that keep them together and keep them happy, that's more of a personality issue," Busby said.

Compatibility implies that you match a person up with someone similar, so would you want to match someone who is neurotic with

someone else who is also neurotic, no. Personality quality, not compatibility, determines satisfaction in a relationship. Busby said the goal in dating is to determine if the person is easy for you to get along with, not necessarily if you are compatible.

then you may want to rethink the relationship

# WILL WE **GET ALONG** LONG TERM?

all comes down to the bottom line for you. If something is core to your life, and your partner does not feel the same way,

Busby said it really

or evaluate how important that aspect of your life is. For example, if one of your core values or ways of living is to not eat any junk food, and you're dating someone that loves chips and candy, your "cores" do not align. This can cause disagreements and even unhappiness. It's subjective in what you think is important.

There are a few aspects that everyone should take into consideration, like if the person is controlling or you can't be yourself around the other. You can also determine what is important to your partner and if it is in agreement to your values by just watching the way they act and speak.

# **SOME TOPICS** COUPLES **SHOULD CONSIDER**

If the answers to these questions do not arise naturally, and your relationship is moving towards long-term commitment, you may want to bring up these topics.



# Finances

- Who is going to handle finances?
- · Who will be the main breadwinner in the family?
- · Do you want individual or
- shared bank accounts?
- · When does he or she pay tithina?



# Church

- · Does church come before work or vice versa?
- · Family home evenings, family prayer and scripture study
- Couple prayer
- Does he or she look at pornography?



# Family and Friends

• Do you both get along with each other's family and friends?

Busby notes that if a guy's friends do not like the girl it will not have an effect on the relationship. but if the girl's friends do not like the guy it's a pretty good indicator of whether the relationship will work out in the long run. The same goes for the female's parents, especially the mother. "It's probably because females

pick up on relational issues and relational dynamics more than males," he said.

- · Does he or she want children? If so, how many?
- · Does your partner talk badly about their family or friends?
- What traditions will you take from each family?
- Do you have family vacations? How many a year, what kind and is everything planned or a free for all?



# Recreation

- If a form a recreation is important to you, is it OK that your significant other does not enjoy the same interest?
- Are you OK with doing the interest by yourself? Or are you willing to join your significant other in their hobby even if it's not vour favorite?





- Education
- Mission
- Career

# Miscellaneous

- Does your partner embarrass you, frequently?Does your partner act
- Does your partner act one way around you and then another way around others?
- Has he or she been able to hold a job?

# **ENGAGEMENT?**

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answers to all your burning questions and you've decided this might be the person you want to spend eternity with, but when is the right time to get engaged? You ask some friends and they say a year, people who are not submersed in the LDS culture say five years and that includes living with each other. But what is the right answer?

"It depends on the dating period," Busby said. If an engagement occurred early in a relationship, than you would want to be engaged longer than a couple who dated for a long time before engagement. He does emphasize that if an engagement occurs early in a relationship then the engagement period should be viewed as a testing period, it doesn't mean everything is set in stone and you cannot get out of the relationship, which is the way it is often viewed in this culture. Busby said

that from meeting, dating and engagement it should span out between six months to a year, and even six months is early. Different variables should be taken into account, age, maturity and how well you know yourself and your partner.

What it all comes down to is knowing what is important to you and finding out how your partner feels about it. Finding this information does not need to take a formal sit down question and answer session, just listen and watch your partner. If you still don't know what the person thinks, be willing to ask.

# I Wish He Knew

# WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

"I notice if he's conceited. A lot of times guys will try to sell themselves and confidence is attractive, but being conceited is not."

Jessica Wall, senior, English teaching

"If they don't have a plan for their life, that's a warning sign. If they don't have a direction, I might not be interested as much."

Kaelene Fenn, junior, psychology

# **MAKEUP**

"Makeup looks good and helps you look professional."

Jessica Staples, senior, communication disorders

"I choose to wear makeup for myself. I feel confident when I have mascara on."

Kaelene Fenn, junior, psychology

# **HIGH HEELS**

"High heels hurt! They make your calves look really good though.... I think it also depends on your guy. If he's tall, it's fine, but if he's not it can be awkward."

Jessica Wall, senior, English teaching

# **CHIVALRY**

"I expect chivalry because that's the way my dad treated me. My dad opened doors for my mom and I and that's what I look for."

Kaelene Fenn, junior, psychology

"Sometimes I get annoyed by chivalry. Some guys can pull it off but occasionally it's annoying. I feel like sometimes it's overblown and it feels like it's for the wrong reason; like they do it because they feel like they're supposed to not because they want to."

Jessica Staples, senior, communication disorders

# ASKING FOR A DATE

"I feel like freshman boys are all afraid to ask girls on dates because they're getting ready to go on a mission but I wish they'd ask so we can be friends. I think you can be friends and go on dates."

Carli Cramer, freshman, undecided major

# WHEN SHOULD HE CONTACT YOU AFTER THE DATE?

"I don't care how long it takes a guy to call, but it's good when it's not longer than a week."

Jessica Staples, senior, communication disorders

# LITTLE EXTRAS

"Guys think they have to spend a lot of money on you so they don't date, but some of the most fun dates are free because girls like to go on dates. It gets annoying to hang out with the same group of guys and not go out."

Hailey Beckstrand, junior, public relations

"I've had a lot of issues with timing. I get asked out when I'm stressed or during finals week and it's stressful to go out during a completely hectic week. You don't want to say no but it's hard to add more when you're already busy."

Nikki Barney, junior, molecular biology

"I think the big thing to remember is the little stuff matters. (Guys) don't have to spend a lot of money, just a little bit of effort. It goes a long way."

Kaelene Fenn, junior, psychology



# I Wish The Knew



# WHAT I'M **LOOKING FOR**

"A girl that's confident. They're OK with who they are, they're content and they don't come across as someone who is gonna be clingy. They show they're fine without you but they like you."

Justin Madsen, Senior, ISYS

"I think absolute honesty is important. I admired a girl who had been on a few dates with my roommate for her courage to be honest. She didn't like him and she told him but didn't say it in a mean way. She was up front and it meant he didn't have to keep investing in a relationship in that wasn't going the way he wanted. They're still friends."

Derek Gurr, graduate, public relations

# **MAKEUP**

"I'm not a big fan of girls who wear a lot of makeup. I like a natural look more."

Justin Madsen, senior, ISYS

"I don't feel makeup is necessary but if it makes the girl feel better, it makes them more attractive."

Galeen Card, junior, exercise science

# HIGH HEELS

"Why do women wear high heels? I don't know why anyone would do that to themselves. The few inches aren't helping."

Alexander Cranney, junior, Mechanical Engineering

# **ASKING FOR A DATE**

"I wish girls knew they can show more initiative. If they like a guy they can ask him out. I was more than flattered when girls asked me out."

Joseph Naylor, graduate, geography

# **CHIVALRY**

"I'm all for chivalry. I still open the door for my wife and protect her honor: it should be the same in dating because the way you treat the girls is the way you will treat your wife."

Joseph Naylor, graduate, geography

"Chivalry shows you're being polite and you respect your date. I see guys who go on dates and do nothing and it's annoying."

Bridger West, sophomore, molecular biology

# **CONTACT HER AFTER THE DATE?**

"I would say that it depends on how well the first date went. If there was chemistry there you can ask her on the actual first date. My wife and I kind of just knew we wanted to ask each other out again so we did before the night was over."

Derek Gurr, graduate, public relations

# LITTLE EXTRAS

"When girls assume things it makes us assume things."

Sam Rockwood, junior, business

"If you both like each other, it's OK for the girl to ask you to do something."

Jordan Rogers, junior, business

"(When I was dating), I looked for someone who could talk and carry on a conversation. It wasn't a big deal if we had the same interests, more that she could vary the conversation."

Joseph Naylor, senior, geography

"Guys are weird. We do strange things to get girls' attention. A lot of times we make a fool of ourselves to get them to notice us. Don't judge us right off the bat because we're trying to impress you."

Bridger West, sophomore, molecular biology



BY SHELBY HINTZE

# IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY, THERE IS A STORY ABOUT

soul mates. Zeus feared how powerful humans would be so he split them in two, forcing them to roam the Earth until they found their "other half." In the story of Cinderella, the Prince loved the glamorous version of Cinderella. She feared that he wouldn't love the real her, even though she was the same kind person he met at the ball, but with uglier clothes. In Grease, Sandy and Danny both changed the way they acted and dressed to please each other, when in reality, they liked the person they met on the beach at the beginning of summer. Summer loving had them a blast. (Stuck in your head yet?)



Becoming the best person you can be is going to get you a lot further in life than "becoming the person you want to marry." When you really examine yourself, your personality, your strengths and weaknesses, you are able to better understand yourself and then extend that understanding to others.

Girls, you are not a princess that needs to be res-

cued. Guys, you are not a punk that needs a woman to reform you. You are you.

# Why is selfimprovement important?

Self-improvement is not just a buzzword created to sell books. Self-improvement and reflection are a vital part of becoming happy and comfortable with yourself. When you work to improve yourself, you can have higher self-esteem.

Aimee Heffernan, a licensed marriage and fam-

ily therapist, describes self-esteem as having a warm regard towards yourself. It's not thinking you are perfect and great at everything. Rather it is being able to recognize your weaknesses but still believing you are a good person and are of worth. Sure, you may need to work on your gossiping problem (who doesn't?) but that does not mean you are a bad person who deserves to be unhappy. But self-esteem does a lot more for us then just giving us good feelings.

"When you have self-esteem you make better choices," Heffernan said. "In order for you to be happy, married or not married, you need to have selfesteem so that you make good choices no matter what. I see that on so many levels, every day, all the time."

Without self-esteem, people often look outward to gain the recognition and worth they crave. This can often put them in danger of having dependent, abusive and generally unhealthy relationships, accord-

ing to Kristin Hodson, a therapist specializing in sex and intimacy therapy at The Healing Group in Salt Lake City.

Another reason to work on self, echoed by many, is that when it comes to dating, you are the only person you can control. You cannot control other people's thoughts, feelings or even who you

Marty Erickson, a counselor in BYU's Counseling and Psychological Services, said, "So much energy goes into being angry or frustrated about not being in a

relationship. Put that energy into becoming a better

Josh Weed, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, echoed that sentiment. "We can definitely fine tune ourselves and our own spirituality and our own sense of self," he said, "so that when we do encounter that person that feels right and it feels comfortable and it's working, we're able to recognize it for what it is.

By becoming your true and best self, you put yourself in a better place to meet someone. And whether

"So much energy goes into being angry or frustrated about not being in a relationship. Put that energy into becoming a better person."

Marty Erickson
BYU Counseling and Psychological Services

you get married or not, you will be happy and comfortable with yourself.

# Check yourself before you wreck yourself

Popular culture often tells us that you need to change to get the girl or have a happily ever after but according to Weed, changing yourself just because you want to get married is not going to help you in the long run.

"When I see people that are trying to improve themselves in order to achieve a relationship or something having to do with interactions with others I find that self improvement work is less genuine and it's not really them improving themselves," Weed said. "It's not them taking an assessment of their own personalities and traits and trying to improve those things. Instead it's usually someone trying to fit a mold or somebody else's expectations. That can work for a little while but it's bound to crumble over time."

People often say that they need to be worthy of the person they want to marry. But Erickson said, not only does that perfect person not exist; it's going to be incredibly difficult to live up to that person.

Heffernan also explained that we undermine our personalities and ourselves when we act a certain way because we think we are supposed to as opposed to because we want to.

"If you fake it and you put on a facade, you're doing yourself no favors at all because then you are married and you realize, this person doesn't love the true me," she said. "And it's a really painful place to be. You have to show up 100% yourself, imperfections and all. You have to realize that your spouse will have imperfections too."

# Just do it

The best way to begin the process is to hold an honest inventory of yourself. What are my strengths and weaknesses? What makes me happy? What makes me uncomfortable? Am I surrounding myself with good people?

While this can be done on your own, it will be more productive with a little help. Of course, prayer is really important.

"Heavenly Father is amazing in that He helps you see your strengths while showing us our weaknesses so that you're not discouraged but you're able to want to improve and want to become your best self," Weed said.

He also said that listening to feedback from those that you love and that love you will help you see strengths and weaknesses. Most people will see a pattern in the feedback and that's what we need to

# Ask the therapists; they can help you

If you don't feel comfortable talking about it with friends and family, you can also see a counselor. Counseling is not just for people who are depressed or have a mental illness. Just like you go to a medical doctor just to check up on your physical health, you can go to a counselor to check up on your mental health. It can be very beneficial to anyone who genuinely wants to start this process. A counselor can help you with the process of self-discovery. Any full-time BYU student can receive free counseling services through the Counseling and Psychological Services office in the Wilkinson Center.

# A few things to remember

No one is perfect. You have weaknesses and that's ok. By accepting your weaknesses, you will become more comfortable accepting weakness in other people. On the flip side, when you see your worth, you are more likely to see worth in others. You will also be more comfortable accepting when you are wrong in a situation, instead of placing blame on the other person, according to Hodson.

There are parts you won't be able to fix. Some things are just part of your personality. When you do a self-inventory, you will be able to find these areas. However, according to Weed, no matter the problem, you can always find "negotiation corners." If you are sarcastic, your "negotiation corner" may be to not use sarcasm to belittle others.

It takes time. I once heard someone say he wanted to find a girl just like his mom because she is just perfect. He did not realize though that his mom had been working on becoming that way for 50 years. Neither you nor your partner is going to be and remain "perfect" when you turn 24. Weed said self-improvement is not something that should only be a priority while single but also while dating, engaged and married. It is a continual process as people and situations change and grow. And remember, things will change.

Expectations. All us girls have those lists we made at sleepovers of the traits we want in a husband. Throw

those lists away. While we should have a basic set of values we want (kindness, spirituality, respect etc.) things like "well-dressed" or "intellectual" are not as important. We should be focused on values, not behaviors.

"The marriages that I see work are marriages that are people that are pleasantly surprised with who they ended up with," Weed said.

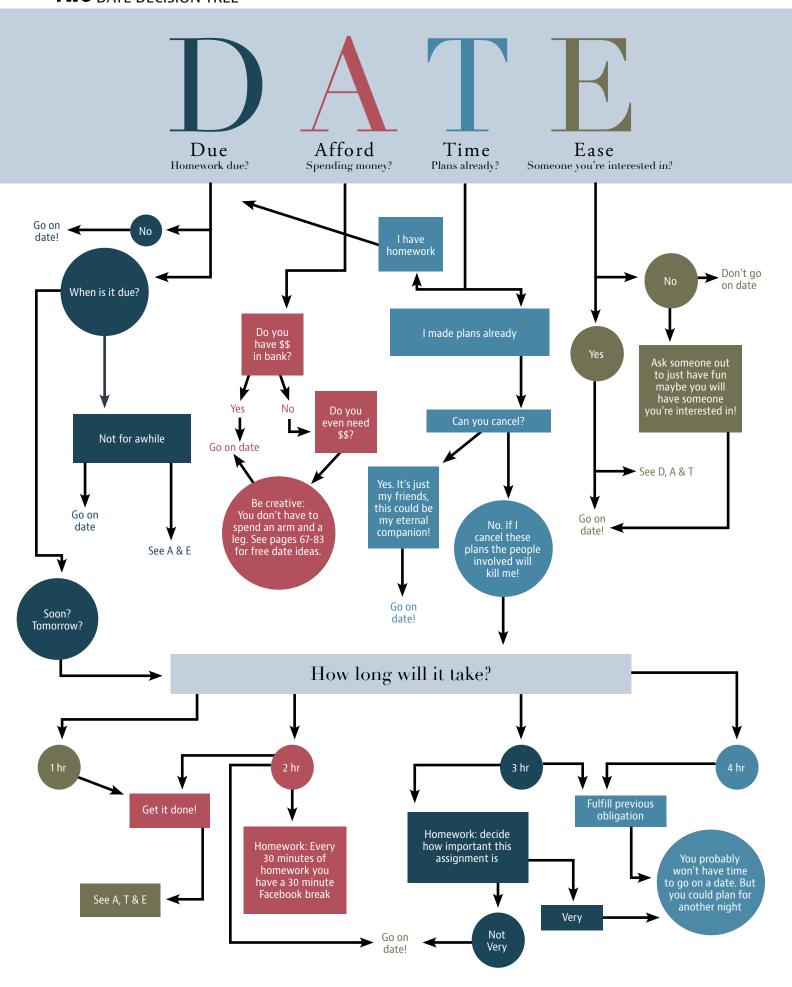
Whitney Lawter, a BYU graduate living in Kansas City, Missouri remembers getting ready to start the next chapter in her life and meeting the right person.

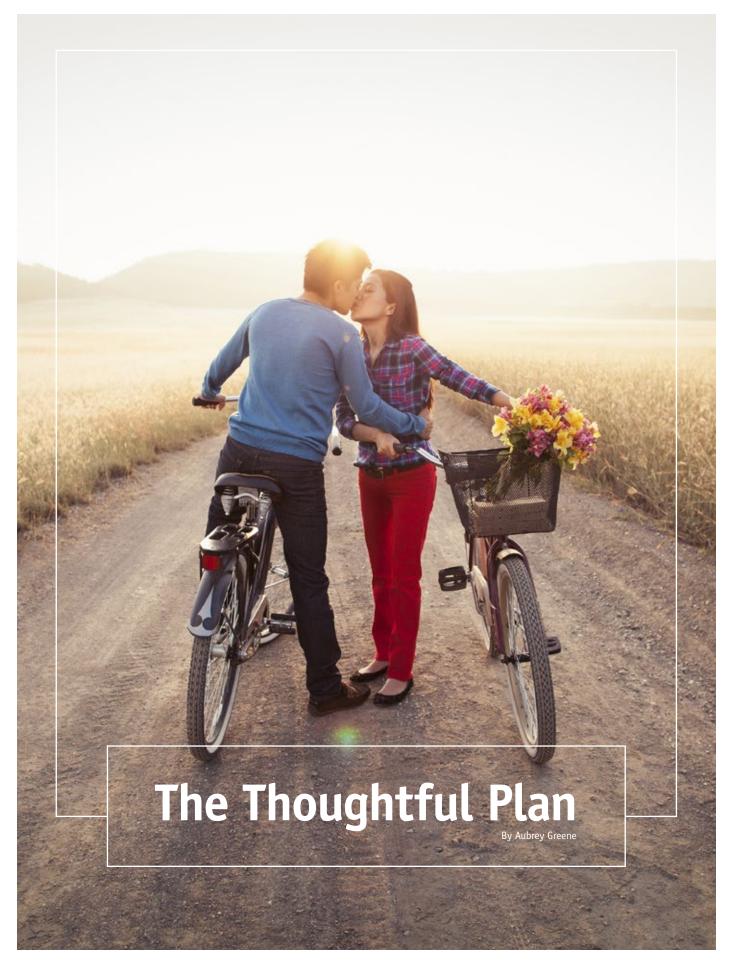
"After thinking about it *way* too much, I decided to give up," she said. "I actually wrote in my journal 'I'm just going to focus on my goals, be the best Whitney I can be, and let the Lord take care of the rest."

Two weeks later, she met the man she eventually married. So while it probably won't happen that fast for you, when you are working on yourself and trusting in the Lord, good things happen.

"Heavenly Father is amazing in that He helps you see your strengths while showing us our weaknesses so that you're not discouraged but you're able to want to improve and want to become your best self."

Marty Erickson
BYU Counseling and Psychological Services





s Marilyn Brodeur became absorbed in "The Soloist," a movie about a homeless man who had a passion for playing the cello, tears slowly streamed down her face. Brodeur had played in symphonies most of her life, but three years ago her cello cracked down the back and she hadn't played since.

"Grad school kept me really busy and I didn't have time to get my cello fixed," Brodeur said. "Playing the cello had always been a part of my life since I was in fourth grade. The movie caused a flood of memories to come back and made me a little emotional."

Her husband noticed her damp cheek and knew why she was crying. A few days later, he went out and researched cello repairers and found a good company. He had her cello fixed for a surprise gift on her birthday. Brodeur was completely surprised and felt cared for; in turn, she cared for her husband more. She said it meant a lot to her because he paid attention and made her feel like her talents were important.

Everyone has different preferences on what they would appreciate most as an act of service, but almost everyone will appreciate any thoughtful action that shows they are understood and cared for. As shown in Brodeur's situation, her husband knew to fix her cello because he paid attention to her and knew her talents. There are four main questions to consider when choosing how to be thoughtful:

- 1. When is it appropriate?
- 2. Why are you doing it?
- 3. What would make them happy?
- 4. How are you going to carry it out?

### WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE?

Depending on where you are in a relationship determines how extravagant your thoughtfulness should go.

For someone you are interested in and haven't gone out with yet, just getting to know them and giving them your undivided attention is the first step, said Marty Erickson, a Marriage and Family therapist and BYU professor. You can also do nice little things for them like helping with homework.



After you have been on a few dates with someone and you notice there is mutual interest, (see page 28) being thoughtful to your crush may increase the chance of forming a relationship. Listening and being observant are the main keys to learning what the person would appreciate.

Erickson explained a few tips for someone of interest. "Talk to them about them, be cautious and don't assume too much, be interested in them for who they are, and not who you want them to be."

After talking to them and you realize they love tennis, take them on a date to play tennis. If you find out they love chocolate chip cookies, make some together. But offering things like foot massages when they don't feel comfortable around you yet is probably not a good idea.

If there is mutual interest, find out if they appreciate creative dates, small gifts, hand written notes, hugs, etc. You will find these things out the more you talk and spend time together.

When in an exclusive relationship, many of the same concepts apply as when you weren't dating yet. Really get to know the person and apply what you have noticed they enjoy.

A great time to do something for someone is when you recognize they are going through, or about to go through, something hard. Here are a few examples of people who experienced the thoughtful acts of their significant other during a difficult circumstance:

"In the nursing program, we have clinical once or twice a week at a hospital in Salt Lake very early in the morning, so we have to leave Provo by 5 a.m. Very disappointingly, we had an all day clinical scheduled on Valentine's Day this year. My boyfriend at the time surprised me that morning by showing up in my kitchen and having a huge hot breakfast all prepared for me at 4 a.m. I ate while he rubbed my feet, and I got to see him before I left for my long day at the hospital."

—Jannette Perry, BYU nursing student

"My boyfriend and I had to be apart for about a week and a half after the semester ended because I was leaving on a vacation, so he made me a little gift. He took one of those week-long medicine containers and filled each day with candy and a cute little note for each day we were apart. It was so cute and helped the time go by faster because each day I got to look forward to reading another note and each one said something cute or talked about a funny moment we had together."

-Alaura Berg, BYU student

# WHY ARE YOU DOING IT?

There are many occasions to do something thoughtful for someone, but you really don't need an actual reason to be nice. The main reason people do thoughtful things is because they care for the person they are doing it for and want them to be happy.

"The key to being thoughtful is to really be interested in the person," Erickson said. "By being interested and digesting the information you learn, it is easy to be truly thoughtful."

If you are doing it to make yourself look good or to make the other person do nice things for you, you may want to reconsider your priorities.

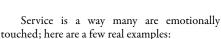
Now that you know you want to be thoughtful, how do you go about making your special someone feel cared for?

### WHAT WOULD MAKE THEM HAPPY?

After getting to know the person you're interested in, it's time to get creative. What are their favorite things? In the beginning of this article, Brodeur's husband knew she missed her cello so he had it fixed for her. What could you do that would make your significant someone smile?

Service encompasses almost all acts of thoughtfulness. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines services as a contribution to the welfare of others.





"When Eric and I first started going on dates, I had to go study for a big test and couldn't hang out with him. I told him I had no idea how I was going to get everything done plus laundry (I didn't have quarters). After spending hours in the library I came home to a bag of quarters and a gallon of my favorite chocolate milk. After that I really liked him." (Meg and Eric are now married, so it worked for him!)

—Meg Mena, BYU-Idaho alumna

"I had gone to my boyfriend's house (who was just a friend at the time) to hang out one winter night, but we decided to leave to get food and then go to my house down the street. We ended up taking his car to get the food, so mine was left at his house. I didn't bother getting my car that evening. So the next morning when I walked over to go get my car at his house I saw he had cleared all the snow off my windshield and windows. It was very sweet."

—Kayla Abilez, BYU alumna

There are many self-help books that give different suggestions about how to know what your significant other will most appreciate. One



Consider taking the free love language test at www.5lovelanguages.com with your significant other to find out about their preferences then adapt the way you show love to them accordingly.

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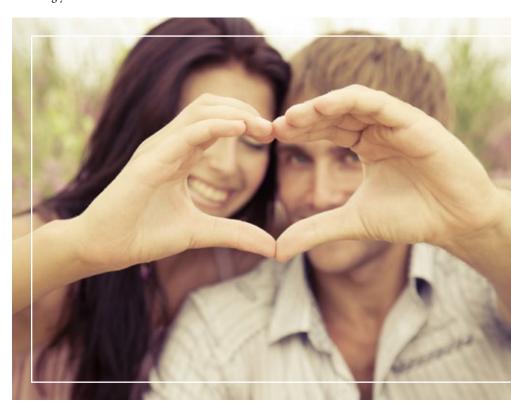
a primary love language of touch, gifts, acts of

service, words of affirmation or quality time.

### **HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CARRY IT OUT?**

Just go for it! Try to make sure your act of thoughtfulness will be something they will enjoy. If you are doing something extravagant, check with one of his/her friends to see if that is something they would appreciate. Also if you need help you might want to ask some of them to be in on it.

It is important to know you don't have to do something outrageous to be thoughtful. Being helpful (doing the dishes, looking up the movie schedule, etc.), giving a hug or taking time to actively listen to the person you care about are all great ways to show your love.







Your shoe closet should include more than black Sunday shoes and athletic sneakers - branch out with boat shoes, loafers and suede options.



# How to Handle a Bad Break Up

You were in a relationship for a few months, thought you were going to marry your significant other and then out of the blue he/she breaks up with you. What went wrong and could you have fixed the situation before the break up?

By Britania Busath



ometimes coping with a relationship ending may lead you down the path of the five grieving stages: denial and isolation, depression, anger, bargaining and acceptance.

### **DENIAL AND ISOLATION**

In this area of grieving you probably are more likely to be in the isolation mode. Isolation statistically seems more common with men than women, in the sense that they don't want to talk about the situation. In a study published in the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, researchers found young men's mental health is more affected when an ongoing relationship ends. Often men's partners are their main source of intimacy, where as women have intimate relationship with friends and family. This could lead to men becoming more isolated because they

will not talk about the relationship with their friends, whereas women will.

To come out of isolation, hang out with those friends

that you may have disconnected yourself with while you were in your relationship. If you're not

one to talk about your feelings then you don't have to, just go out and have fun so you won't slip into depression. Everyone should look over

his or her relationships to see where you can improve. Maybe what she said about you being rude is actually true and it might help in your next relationship to change your ways a little.

### **DEPRESSION**

It can literally feel like someone close to you has passed away because you are no longer seeing him or her. You don't have any communication together, seeing pictures

of your ex just brings backs the times you had together and even going to restaurants that you used to eat at makes you want to

curl up in a ball and cry.

Breaking out a tub of ice cream and chick flicks will only make you feel worse about what just happened. A study done by the International Journal of Obesity found eating those fatty foods will

make you feel worse because it releases cortisol, a stress hormone. It's a cycle: when you feel de-

pressed it will make you want to overeat which makes you feel worse and more depressed.

Instead of eating junk foods while watching

TV, try exercising. Exercising boosts your mood because of the release of endorphins. A breakup can lower your self-esteem, but exercising heightens both your self-esteem and confidence. This will help you get back in the saddle to date.

#### **ANGER**

Let's face it – breaking up can be a situation that puts you in a bitter and negative mood. This chain of events probably leads you to being alone

which isn't very good when you're "grieving" a relationship.

You become mad not only at the person who broke up with you, but at others and yourself. You think that you ruined the relationship. Your anger may even stay with you a few months after the break up and you find yourself, lurking on facebook and telling all your friends, "He/she really downgraded, their girlfriend/boyfriend is not half as cute as me, look at that hair, face, body etc." It's not uncommon to have these emotions and actions, but there are better ways

# **DEPRESSION**

"I put off telling people about for a while because whenever I talked about it I would break down crying. Also, at night, I would take my convertible and drive fast down lonely country roads while blasting and singing angry break up songs at the top of my lungs. Keep in mind, this was in the wintertime and the cold air did me a lot of good."

— Devon M.



I left the country for six months. — Molly M.



to address anger.

Don't blame anyone, unless he or she cheated on you are harmed you in some way, then you can definitely blame him or her. The most common situation is you and your significant other were just not right for the other, and that's okay. You are not a failure in the relationship. Dean Busby, Director of

School of Family Life, has heard many times that BYU college students feel like they are failures after a significant relationship ends. As human beings we want relationships so badly and at BYU it's magnified because of the emphasis on marriage. He says that a common response is to feel like a lost cause and like you will never get married. This isn't how a break up should be

viewed; it should be viewed as a way to reflect on the past relationship and see what went wrong and what can be fixed, if anything.

Another way to get the anger out is to not focus on yourself so much.

You've been taught time and time again the best way to feel good about your situation is to

### **BARGAINING**

"When I started dating my boyfriend my ex got jealous and said he would change to be like my current boyfriend: he got a new car, a new job, and said he would move closer to me."

— Becky W.

**ANGER** 

"I dropped the clay vases he made me out my seventh story window. I made a mix  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CD}}$ 

of the sappiest breakup songs I could find,

pizza, and watched movies with lots of explosions in them. I felt better the next day."

— Marilyn B.

help those who have it worse than you. It's hard yes, but it really could be worse. Help others and do things to get your mind off the person who broke your heart.

### **BARGAINING**

Sure, maybe you should have shown more affection to your significant other so he or she would have known you care about her, but crawling

back to your ex shouldn't be the go-to option. In a study done at Kansas State University by associate professor Amber Veenum,

she found that those who are cyclical couples

(couples who break up and get back together) have less satisfaction with their relationships, because they have worse communication and have a higher uncertainty to the future of their relationship.

Before you go back to your ex, think about the reason you broke up in the first place, would this person really make you happy or are you just lonely? Do your personalities go together, did you get along? In a nutshell, don't make any rash decisions!

### **ACCEPTANCE... FINALLY**

After going through all, or even just one of these steps you will eventually hit the point where you accept what has happened. Everyone copes with a break up differently; you may not feel any of these steps, or they may just be a fleeting thought. It's okay if you don't bounce back from a breakup in a week, or even a month. "If you re-

ally were in love, or even engaged and it broke, that's going to be about a three month process before you aren't

so tangled up in what was that you mess up what is," Busby said. "Emotionally you do need this much time, and some people need much longer, three months is on the minimal side, to figure out what happened." He said this time is good for you to step away from the relationship and really interpret why it didn't work out, "you may learn some important things about yourself." As harsh as it sounds, pain is how we grow, and instead of fighting it, work through it.

# ACCEPTANCE

"Running, exercise and counting my blessings."
— Caitlyn M.



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great pair of jeans should be a staple in your wardrobe because they work for almost any college occasion. Whether you're hitting the books, going to a movie or out to impress a date, dark wash skinny jeans have your back. Avoid the typical tee and jeans uniform and branch out with unique tops to transform one pair of pants into many different looks.







# MOA Café

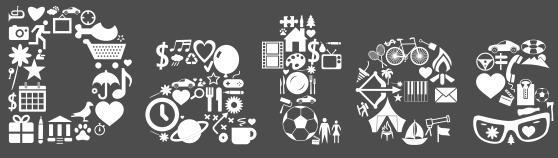
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# Need an idea for your next date?

Do you ever let the opportunity to ask someone out pass you by because you don't have a good date idea? Look no further: we have assembled hundreds of dates for every budget, stage of dating and interest. The ideas are organized a generic verb: attend, eat, exercise, explore, learn, make, perform, play, serve, shop visit and watch. In addition, we've compiled lists of other activities, events and venues nearby. Explore and let an idea spark your own ideas for a great date.

# attend

1 **Go to a BYU basketball game** Cheer on your cougars! byucougars.com

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Go to a city council meeting

Be informed about what's happening in your neighborhood. provo.org

See a show at Comedy Sports

Take part in this interactive improv experience. Tickets are \$8 online or \$10 at the door. comedysportzutah.com

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4 Go to a concert at Muse or Velour

Downtown Provo has a great concert scene. Venues like Muse and Velour have concerts throughout the week for reasonable prices (\$3 to \$7). musemusiccafe.com, velourlive.com

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See a concert at the Ragan Theater

Get tickets to a concert from UVU's Sorensen Student Center. Find more information online. uvu.edu/ragan

6 Attend Divine Comedy

Tickets are \$5 each. For an even cheaper date, go to a Divine Comedy tech show. It's free! byudivinecomedy.wordpress.com

7 Go to a BYU football game

Show her that your blood bleeds blue, and root for your team. byucougars.com

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Schedule a live animal show

Courtesy of the L. Bean Museum, you can schedule a live animal show for \$35. But plan ahead, because an event requires scheduling two weeks in advance. mlbean.byu.edu

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See a student recital at the Madsen Recital Hall

In the evenings, the School of Music holds student and faculty recitals including solos, small ensembles and chamber music. Often the recitals are in the Madsen Recital Hall in the HFAC. At noon, other small groups perform in the main gallery space of the HFAC arts.byu.edu

♥ free/\$

10 Go to a BYU's Mens Chorus concert

> Go so see the largest collegiate men's choir in America. choirs.byu.edu

11 See a show at the Nelke Experimental Theatre

> The HFAC's Nelke Experimental Theatre is designed for playwrights and directors to create new theatre experiences. A performance here would be unforgetable. arts.byu.edu

12 Go to Open Mic Night at the Wall

Play an instrument or like to sing? The Wall provides an open stage every Tuesday night. thewall.byu.edu

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Go to a rodeo

There are many rodeos in the Utah Valley that are fun to attend.

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14 See a student show at the HFAC

Shows are always on display in the HFAC. Enjoy the artwork on all three floors and find your inner art critic. cfac.byu.edu

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See the Utah Symphony

Get tickets to a memorable performance. Concert venues include Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake, Deer Valley and the de Jong Concert Hall. utahsymphony.org

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Go to the Utah Valley Renaissance Faire

> Located at Thanksgiving Point, the Renaissance Faire is held Sept 27 and 28. Tickets can be purchased online. utahvalleyrenaissancefaire.com

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See a Vocal Point performance

Enjoy a evening of a capella music. byuvocalpoint.com

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¥ Winter

• Fall

Summer

Spring

# 18 Have a picnic in your apartment

Set up a picnic on the floor in your apartment. This is a great idea for a rainy day.

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### Have a barbecue for two

Grill chicken or burgers outside and enjoy a sunny day in the spring or summer

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## 20 Make breakfast

No need to go out to eat, and no need to do dinner. Try breakfast. Make pancakes or crepes, and enjoy an early meal together.

Have a chocolate tasting night

Sample a variety of rich, creamy chocolates. The BYU bookstore has a good variety.

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#### 22 Cook with a dutch oven

Find a dutch oven (available for rent at Outdoors Unlimited) and enjoy meat, potatoes or even apple crisp.

23 Have a fancy fast food night

Set up a tablecloth and candles and eat your favorite fast food as if you were at a five-star restaraunt.

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# 24 Cook your favorite childhood recipes

Share meals from your childhood that remind you both of what it was like to be a kid.

# 25 Cuddle by a fireplace with hot chocolate

This is perfect for a snowy day.

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## 26 Make fondue

Have a fondue night and make cheese fondue to dip bread and apples. For dessert, make chocolate fondue and dip strawberries and bananas.

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## Visit Hatch's Chocolates

This chocolate shop located in Salt Lake City has many handmade chocolates and a famous Hatch's hot chocolate that is made using a blend of melted solid chocolate. hatchfamilychocolates.com

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# 28 Cook and bake in your kitchen

Instead of going out to eat, find some good recipes and make dinner and dessert together.

#### **Roast marshmallows** 29

Make a fire in an approved location in Provo Canyon, at a city park, or roast marshmallows over your stove and make smores.

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# 30 Cook mission food

Show her a piece of your mission's culture. If she served a mission, make a course that is from where she served.

# 31 Plan a potluck picnic

Have every couple bring something to a group date.

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## 32 Plan a progressive dinner

Get three or four couples together and jump from apartment to apartment for each course of the meal.

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# Have a picnic in Provo Canyon

Don't forget a blanket and picnic basket!

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# 34 Have a picnic on the roof

Add a twist to your typical picnic.

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# 35 Have dinner on a median/roundabout

Set up a table and have a nice dinner in the middle of the street.

# 36 Make chocolate-covered strawberries

This rich dessert is a romantic finish to an ejoyable evening.

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# Make taffy or honey candy

Enjoy making as well as eating this sweet treat.

# 38 Host a tea party

Make sandwiches and fruit punch. Dress up and enjoy a sophisticated brunch.

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#### Make a tinfoil dinner

Pretend you're camping and make tinfoil dinners.



# exercise

### 40 Go for a bike ride

Pack a picnic for when you reach your destination. Bikes are available at BYU's Outdoors Unlimited. outdoors.byu.edu



### 41 Hike Bridal Veil Falls

Bridal Veil Falls is a short scenic hike, and it makes for a scenic day date.



# 42 Go ice skating

Ice skating is the perfect excuse to accidently grab her hand as you lose balance on the ice. Or become her hero when you save her from a fall. classicfuncenterorem.com



## 43 Go kayaking

Rent kayaks from Outdoors Unlimited and spend a day on the water. outdoors.byu.edu



# 44 Go rockclimbing

The Quarry is a popular indoor rock climbing facility in Provo. Just the two of you can go, or you can bring a group. quarryclimbing.com



#### 45 Ski

Get cheap rates for rentals at BYU's Outdoors Unlimited. outdoors.byu.edu



## 46 Hike at sunrise

Get up early and hike to the top of a mountain to watch the sunrise from an incredible view.



### 47 Rent a tandem bike

Go for a ride with your sweetheart. Rent bikes from BYU's Outdoors Unlimited for \$7 per hour or \$25 for the day. outdoors.byu.edu



### 48 Play tennis

Team up for doubles against another couple or go head-to-head in singles.

🛡 free 🚖

### 49 Hike the Y

Hiking the Y is a BYU tradition. Make sure to wear good shoes and bring water.



# 50 Train for a run together

Sign up for a race that is coming up, and train together. Working towards a goal together will make your



# **Nearby Ski Resorts**

# 1 Alta Ski Area

Highway 210 Little Cottonwood Canyon Alta 84092 801-359-1078 alta.com

# 2 Brighton Ski Resort

Big Cottonwood Canyon 8302 S Brighton Loop Rd Brighton 84121 801-532-4731 brightonresort.com

# **3 Canyons Resort**

4000 Canyons Resort Dr Park City 84098 435-649-5400 canyonsresort.com

### 4 Deer Valley Resort

2250 Deer Valley Dr S Park City 84060 deervalley.com

# 5 Park City Mountain Resort

1345 Lowell Ave Park City, 84060 parkcitymountain.com

# 6 Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort

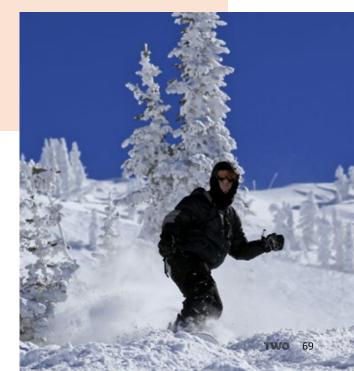
Highway 210 Little Cottonwood Canyon Snowbird, 84092 800-232-9542 snowbird.com

### **7 Solitude Mountain Resort**

12000 Big Cottonwood Canyon Solitude, 84121 801-534-1400 skisolitude.com

### 8 Sundance Resort

8841 N Alpine Loop Rd Sundance, 84604 866-259-7468 sundanceresort.com



relationship stronger. Find local races online. utahrunning.com

### 51 Try Zumba

Combine exercise and dancing and have a blast.



# explore

52 Play the alphabet game at the MOA

> Look for objects that start with each letter of the alphabet.

♥ free 🖊

53 Drive the Alpine Loop

Check out the scenic Uinta National Forest on this 20 mile loop.

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54 Go to an art walk

Galleries in downtown Provo are open late every first Friday of the month for the Downtown Provo Art Stroll.

♥♥ free 🚎

55 Drive around town looking at **Christmas lights** 

> Get into the Christmas spirit and stay warm. ♥ free 📾 🛞

56 Go through a corn maze

Try the 12-acre corn maze at Cornbelly's, located at Thanksgiving Point. cornbellys.com

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Go to the farmers market

The Provo Farmers Market is full of fresh foods and crafts. It is open through October from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday at Pioneer

Park. The LaVell Edwards Stadium Farmers Market runs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or dusk (whichever is earlier) in the south stadium parking lot, Thursdays from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31. unvr.se/byufarmers

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58 Go geocaching

Grab a GPS and seek out various locations, geocaching.com



BYU has an extensive lineup of performances you can enjoy at prices that fit in a student's budget. Purchase tickets ahead of time to ensure you have seats. arts.byu.edu

1 The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer Jan. 23-25

Nelke Theatre, HFAC

**2 American Piano Quartet** Nov. 23

Madsen Recital Hall, HFAC

3 Ballet Showcase

Nov. 22 Dance Studio Theatre, RB **Ballroom in Concert** Apr. 11, 12 Marriott Center

**BFA New York Showcase** Apr. 10, 11

Nelke Theatre, HFAC

**Broadway Revue** 

Feb. 21, 22 Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

**BYU Philharmonic with** Marc-André Hamelin Feb. 13

de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

**BYU Singers & Concert Choir** Nov. 15, 16 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

BYU Spectacular! with **Nathan Pacheco** 

Oct. 10 Marriott Center

BYU Symphony Orchestra Oct. 30

de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC **BYU Wind Symphony** 

Nov. 9 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

**Celebration of Christmas** Dec. 6, 7 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

Choir Showcase Sept. 26

Marriott Center

de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

**Christmas Around the World** Dec. 6, 7

15 Cymbeline Jan. 31-Feb. 7 Margetts Theatre, HFAC

**Dance in Concert** Feb. 13-15

Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

Dancensemble Nov. 15 Dance Studio Theatre, RB

18 Die Fledermaus Oct. 19 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

**Evening of Percussion** Nov. 20, Apr. 12 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

20 Final Cut Film Festival Apr. 10-12 Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

21 John Lithgow: Stories By Heart Feb. 28 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

22 **Joshua Bell** Nov. 14 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

23 The Light in the Piazza Nov. 15-Dec. 7 Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

24 Living Legends Feb. 21-22 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

25 A Man for All Seasons Mar. 7-22 Margetts Theatre, HFAC

**26 Microburst Theatre Festival** Oct 23-26 Nelke Theatre, HFAC



Violinist Joshua Bell

#### 59 Go-kart

Race to the finish and see who is faster behind the wheel.

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#### 60 Ride the Heber Creeper

Go on a scenic train ride. Themed rides are offered for certain holidays. Tickets can be purchased online. hebervalleyrr.org

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#### 61 Go horseback riding

Become a cowboy and cowgirl for the day. High Country Adventure offers online registration for rides in Provo. There are also other horseback riding services in the Utah Valley area. highcountryrafting.com 62 Go to the hot springs

Go at a cool time of the year or at night during the summer.

♥♥♥ free 🚎 🛚 🌞

#### 63 Go to the lake

As the sun sets each night, the lake turns into a romantic moment.

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#### 64 Take a mini road trip

A short road trip to nowhere creates the perfect atmosphere for spending time and talking with your significant other. And who knows what you'll discover in the outskirts of Utah.

♥♥♥ free 😂 🛚

#### 65 Do a ropes course

Try the CLAS Ropes Course in Provo. clasropes.com

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#### 66 See the Christmas lights on Temple Square

During the Christmas season, drive to Salt Lake City and enjoy the lights while walking around Temple Square.

♥♥ free 😂 🛠

#### 67 Take a walk

Take a stroll through Provo and visit your favorite parks and ponds.

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#### 68 Ride the Zipline

Fly over the Wasatch Mountains near Provo River. maxzipline.com

#### 27 The Nightingale

Sept. 27–0ct. 12 Margetts Theatre, HFAC

#### 28 Octubafest

Oct. 17 Madsen Recital Hall, HFAC free

#### 29 Oedipus the King

Sept. 23 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 30 Opera Scenes

Feb. 19-22 Madsen Recital Hall, HFAC

#### 31 Pride and Prejudice

Mar. 21-Apr. 4 Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

#### 32 Senior Dance Projects Showcase

Nov. 8, Mar. 28 Dance Studio Theatre, RB

# 33 The Sound of Music: Salzburg Marionette Theatre

Nov. 1-2 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 34 Swan Lake

Jan. 30-Feb. 1 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 35 Synthesis

Nov. 23, Mar. 1 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### **36 Translunar Paradise**

Jan. 23-25 Pardoe Theatre, HFAC

#### 37 U.S. National Amateur Dancesport Championships

Mar. 12-15



Professor Rosalind Hall conducts the BYU Concert Choir.

Marriott Center

#### 38 Utah Symphony

Jan. 9 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 39 Vocal Point

Jan. 17, 18 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 40 Winter Choirfest

Feb. 4 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 41 Wrench: A Choreography Between Music and Image

Sept. 25 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC free

#### 42 Young Ambassadors

Mar. 6-8 de Jong Concert Hall, HFAC

#### 43 Young Artists of Voice

Jan. 21 Madsen Recital Hall, HFAC free

#### Play twenty questions.

Write a list of 20 questions to ask each other. Share your answers afterward.

♥ free 🖊

#### 70 Read children's books at the HBLL

Pick out your favorites from childhood and read them together. unvr.se/14sacqq free 🖊

#### 71 Go to a local bookstore to read and drink hot chocolate

Take a trip to Barnes & Noble, and search for some interesting finds.

🛡 free 📾

#### 72 Have a culture-themed night

Pick a culture and play its music, eat its food, and do an activity that is popular in that culture.

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#### 73 Interview your date's grandparents

Listen to dating stories from when they were your age.

♥♥♥ free 📾 🛚

#### 74 Learn Photoshop at the HBLL

Basic photography skills will be useful for the rest of your life. train.byu.edu

♥ free

#### 75 Share mission pictures

Learn about each other's best two vears.

♥♥♥ free 🖊

#### 76 Take BYU's compatibility test

For \$20/person, learn what kind of person is most compatible with you relate-institute.org

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#### 77 Learn vehicle maintenance

Change the oil in your cars, change a tire, or jump start the engine or try all three.

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#### Make a blog together

There are plenty of free services such as Blogger or Tumblr.

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#### 79 Sketch out a blueprint of your dream house

Discover each other's amibitions and show off your drafting skills.

#### 80 Make boats and race them

Build boats out of paper or popsicle sticks. Go to the stream by Heritage Halls and watch the boats float or flop.

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#### Write a bucket list

Share your lifelong goals and ambitions with your date.

#### 82 Make cards for each other and then send them in the mail.

Draw pictures and get creative.

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#### 83 Draw with sidewalk chalk

During mild months, draw pictures with chalk on the sidewalk together. When the weather isn't so pleasant, go the The Wall or The Awful Waffle and draw on their chalkboard walls.

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#### Decorate a Christmas tree

Decorate a christmas tree together. Your decorations could be homemade, or you could buy cheap ones from the dollar store.

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#### 85 Cup fence design

Using plastic cups, design a picture or message in a fence.

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#### 86 Dye Easter eggs

Pick up a kit at a grocery store or make your own dye.

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#### 87 Make a fort

Make a fort in your apartment with blankets and chairs. Then eat dinner or watch a movie inside it.

♥♥ free 🖊

#### 88 Have a homemade gift exchange

See what you can make without spending any money.

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#### 89 Build gingerbread houses

Use graham crackers instead of gingerbread for a cheaper and more easily accessible option.

#### 90 Go on a color-themed date

For example, wear orange, eat orange, play orange games.

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#### Make a movie

Check out a camera and tripod at the HBLL Multimedia Lab. Try making a music video or a stopmotion film using a series of pictures.

#### 92 Cut up a newspaper and make a story

Say something about your date using only the words you find in the paper.

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#### 93 Make paper airplanes

See who builds the most sound aircraft.

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#### 94 Make a paper lantern

Make floating lanterns like the ones in Disney's "Tangled," and let them go over the lake.

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#### 95 Spell your names in photography

Pose in the shapes of different letters, or look for letters in objects on the street. For example, a light post could be an "r."

♥ free 🖊

#### 96 Have a photoshoot

Gather props and take cute pictures together. Find a Polaroid camera for an old school twist.

♥♥♥ free 🛚

#### 97 Go on Pinterest and find a DIY project

Find a craft that you both will enjoy.

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#### 98 Write cheesy poems for each other

See what sappy rhymes you can conjure.

♥♥ free 🖊

#### 99 Design something out of Post-it Notes

Using Post-it Notes, make pictures and patterns to display in your window or on your wall.



#### 100 Paint pottery

Go to Color Me Mine. Paint pottery and then exchange your creations. colormemine.com



#### 101 Carve pumpkins

Carve a jack-o-lantern together and see what silly or scary face you can come up with. Try carving watermelons when pumpkins aren't in season.

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#### 102 Make sand castles

Build them at a volleyball court on campus.



#### 103 Scrapbook

Share the memories you both love. Try using Shutterfly.

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#### 104 Build snowmen

Have fun in the snow. Make snow angels.

# perform

#### 105 Go Christmas caroling

Sing your favorite Christmas songs.

♥ free †††† ※

#### 106 Dance in your living room

If you know how to swing dance or cha cha, make a playlist and dance together in your living room.

♥♥ free 🗡

#### 107 Learn another culture's dance

Explore new parts of the world through dance.

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#### 108 Record a song at the HBLL sound booth

Visit the Library's Media Center on the 4th floor and try out the equipment. mediaviewrooms.lib.byu.edu



#### 109 Perform karaoke at the Wall

Every Wednesday night is karaoke at the Wall. thewall.byu.edu



#### 110 Go country line dancing

Grab a cowboy hat and head to The Center in Provo.





#### **Ice Cream & Desserts**

Indulge your sweetheart's sweet tooth at one of the many dessert spots in Utah Valley.

#### 1 Awful Waffle 602 E 600 N

#### 1 Baskin Robbins

Try one of the thirty-one flavors. 29 E 1230 N, (801) 377-0031

#### 2 BYU Creamery on Ninth

The Creamery on Ninth is a mustvisit for all Cougars. 1209 N 900 E, (801) 422-2663

#### 3 Cold Stone Creamery

2302 N University Pkwy

#### 4 Coney's Frozen Custard

242 E University Pkwy, Orem

#### 5 Dairy Queen

1545 N Canyon Rd

#### 6 Farr's Fresh Ice Cream

1073 S 750 E, Orem

#### 7 Hello Yogurt

376 East University Parkway, Orem

#### 8 The Malt Shoppe

Go to the Malt Shoppe and pick some songs for the juke box to play. Dance to them. 1290 N University Ave

#### 9 Spoon it Up

800 N 700 E

#### 10 Sub Zero

1774 N University Pkwy

#### 11 TCBY

University Mall

#### 12 Yogurtland

534 E University Pkwy

Sometimes you just need chocolate

#### 13 The Choc'late Mousse

The Choc'late Mousse pie bar offers unique and personal pies. Choose a filling and a crust and enjoy a tasty dessert.

155 N University Ave

#### 14 The Chocolate

The Chocolate is known as the perfect place for a DTR. Naturally, it's the perfect place for a date night. Find a quiet corner in this sweet bakery and share a dessert. 212 S State St, Orem, (801) 224-7334

#### 15 Cocoa Bean

1774 N University Pkwy

#### **Local Restaurants**

#### 1 Bamboo Hut

This Hawaiian grill serves lunch and dinner. 2304 N University Pkwy, 801-655-1911

#### 2 Banana Leaf

This Singaporean restaurant offers a unique atmosphere and an out-of-the-ordinary menu. 409 N University Ave, 801-205-7619

#### 3 Bangkok Grill

Located in Orem. Bangkok Grill offers Asian cuisine. 338 E 800 S, Orem, 801-434-8424

#### 4 Bombay House

Submerse yourself in the culture of India as you smell the aroma of the many exotic spices it offers. 463 N University Ave, 801-373-6677

#### 5 Brick Oven

Located right across campus, these pizzas are always made from scratch. 111 E 800 N, 801-374-8800

#### 6 Burgers Supreme

This classic burger joint is a Provo favorite. 1796 N University Pkwy, 801-373-5713

#### 7 Cafe Rio

Enjoy some fresh Mexican food. 2250 N University Pkwy, 801-375-5133

#### 8 Cafe West

Located on the first floor of the West building in the Intermountain Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, this restaurant offers American food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 1034 N 500 W, 801-357-7625

#### • Cafe Zupas

Everyone's favorite restaurant, perfect for a date. 408 W 2230 N, 801-377-7687

#### 10 Chef's Table

Experience fine dining at this four star restaurant. 2005 S State St, Orem, 801-235-9111 \$\$\$\$

#### 11 Costa Vida

Catch the wave for this fresh Mexican food. 1200 N University Ave, 801-373-1876

#### 12 Crown Burger

Crown Burger is family-owned with multiple locations in Salt Lake. 377 E 200 S, Salt Lake City, 801-532-1155

#### Demae Japanese Restaurant

Demae has resided in Provo for many years and offers many classic Japanese dishes. 82 W Center St, 801-374-0306

#### 14 Diego's Taco Shop

This small restaurant offers classic Mexican foods. 45 W 300 N, 801-377-4710

#### **El Salvador Restaurant**

This modest restaurant offers authentic Salvadoran food. 332 W Center St, 801-373-5377

#### Four Seasons Hot Pot& Dumplings

This Chinese restaurant offers a unique dining experience. 236 N University Ave, 801-375-6888

#### Gloria's Little Italy

This Italian restaurant is located off University Avenue in downtown Provo. 1 E Center St, 801-805-4913

#### 8 Guru's Cafe

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Guru's Cafe offers unique soul foods. 45 E Center St, 801-375-4878

#### 19 Happy Sumo

Located at the Riverwoods, this restaurant offers fresh sushi. 4801 N University Ave, 801-225-9100

#### 20 India Palace

India Palace offers classic Indian dishes such as tika masala and naan. 98 W Center St, 801-373-7200

#### 21 J-Dawgs

Located just south of BYU campus, is an iconic restaurant for BYU Cougars. 858 N 700 E, 801-373-3294

#### 22 Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

This sub shop even offers delivery – perfect for a quick bite. 2308 N University Pkwy, 801-375-7777

#### 23 Kneaders Bakery and Cafe

Kneaders offers soups and sandwiches and is particularly famous for its french toast. 295 W 1230 N, 801-812-2200

#### 24 La Dolce Vita Ristorante Italiano

This family owned Italian restaurant seeks to bring the foods of Naples, Italy to Provo. 61 N 100 E, 801-373-8482

#### 25 La Jolla Groves

This restaurant, set in a unique atmosphere, claims "insanely good food" and "healthier ingredients." 4801 N University Ave #610, 801-224-5111

#### 26 Legends Grille

Right on campus, this sports grill offers classic dishes before any big game. SAB, BYU campus, 801-422-2571

#### 27 Los Hermanos

Los Hermanos offers Mexican dishes and drinks including their famous non-alcoholic specialty drinks. 71 E Center St, 801-375-5732 \$\$

#### 28 Lotus Garden Restaurant

This Chinese restaurant offers online ordering for both takeout and reservations. 56 W Center St, 801-374-0753

#### 29 Magleby's Fresh

Try their breakfast menu or their famous chocolate cake. 3362 N University Ave, 801-852-8620

#### 30 Malawi's Pizza

Malawi's is a fast casual restaurant with a purpose. For every meal you buy, one is provided for children in Malawi, Africa. 4801 N University Ave #110, 801-225-2800 \$\$

#### 31 Mountain West Burrito

Enjoy casual Mexican cuisine just south of BYU campus. 815 N 700 E

#### 2 Nicolitalia Pizzeria

This pizzeria offers sixteen specialty pizzas inspired from both the East Coast and the West. 2295 N University Pkwy, 801-356-7900 \$\$

#### 33 Pantrucas Chilean Restaurant

Enjoy the food and the people at this authentic Chilean restaurant. 3161 N Canyon Rd, 801-373-9712 \$

#### 34 Pie Pizzeria

Known as "The Pie" to locals, this pizzeria is said to be "the best kept secret" in Salt Lake City. 273 S 1300 E, Salt Lake City, 801-582-5700

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#### 35 Pita Pit

Try fresh and healthy dishes wrapped in a pita. 240 N University Ave, 801-356-7482

#### 36 Pizza Pie Cafe

This family-owned restaurant started in Rexburg, Idaho and has developed and grown to what it is today. 2235 N University Pkwy, 801-373-5561 \$\$

#### 37 Pizzeria 712

The chefs at this casual restaurant have a "heartfelt desire for sharing the beauty of good, simple food." 320 S State St, Orem, 801-623-6712

#### 88 Rancherito's Mexican Food

Rancherito's has multiple locations in Utah. 1314 N State St, 801-374-0822

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#### 39 Roll Up Cafe

Go to Roll Up Cafe and get one of their relationship-themed dessert crepes. See which one defines your relationship. 605 S State St, Orem, 801-882-7373

#### 40 Romano's Macaroni Grill

Strives to combine tradition and innovation to create memorable Italian dishes. 4801 N University Ave #50, 801-765-1688

#### 41 Ruby River

Eat at this American steakhouse in southern Provo. 1454 S. University Ave, 801-371-0648

#### 42 Saigon Cafe

This family-owned restaurant offers Chinese cuisine. 440 W 300 S, 801-812-1173

#### 43 Sam Hawk Korean Restaurant

This restaurant is one of few that offer Korean cuisine. 660 N Freedom Blvd, 801-377-7766

#### 44 Sammy's

Sammy's serves delicious burgers and fries – not to mention the "date shake," which is perfect for two. 27 N 100 W, 801-805-9208

#### 45 Sensuous Sandwich

The Sensuous Sandwich offers a variety of succulent subs. 163 W Center St, 801-377-9244

#### 46 Skyroom

The perfect lunch date right on BYU campus. 6600 WSC, 801-422-2571

#### 47 Slab Pizza

Right next to campus, Slab Pizza offers unique flavors in large quantities. 669 E 800 N, 801-377-3883

#### 48 Spicy Corea

Spicy Corea serves Korean cuisine with complimentary cinnamon tea at the end of a meal. 43 N University Ave, 801-377-7330 \$\$

#### 49 Sweet's Island Place

Sweet's Island Place offers tropical drinks and dishes. 711 Columbia Ln, 801-374-0000

#### 50 Terra Mia

This restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine for lunch and dinner. 1050 S 750 E, Orem, 801-226-4757

#### 51 Thai Ruby Restaurant

Thai Ruby menu items always include five elements: hot, sour, sweet, salty and bitter. 744 E 820 N, 801-375-6840 \$\$

#### 52 Thai Village

Thai Village offers authentic Thai cuisine. 410 N University Ave, 801-691-0922

#### 53 Tucanos Brazilian Grill

Located at The Riverwoods, Tucanos offers all-you--caneat Brazilian cuisine. 4801 N University Ave #790, 801-224-4774



#### 111 Play Apples to Apples while eating apples

Add a quirky twist to a gaming favorite.

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#### 112 Play bocce ball

Also known as lawn bowling, bocce is a fun outdoor sport.

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#### 113 Play three-legged bowling

Tie your legs together. The girl bowls first, and then the guy bowls second left-handed.

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#### 114 Play chess

Play this intellectual game and prepare to claim "check mate."

♥♥ free 🖊

#### 115 Play croquet

There are plenty of places on campus that are perfect for croquet. Find a grassy area and a croquet kit and have fun.

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#### 116 Have a classy dressup night

Dress up for an evening and have a classy date night.

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#### 117 Hit balls at a driving range

Take your date to a driving range. Show off your batting skills.

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#### 118 Play at the Eyring Science Center

The lobby of the science center is interactive and educational.

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#### 119 Go fishing

Relax on a lake or river front.

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#### 120 Play four-square

This classic game will bring back old memories. squarefour.org

♥ free †††

#### 121 Play frisbee

Go to a park and throw a frisbee.

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#### 122 Plant a garden.

Watch it grow.

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#### 123 Fly a kite

When the weather is nice, and the wind steady, go to Provo park and fly a kite.









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#### 124 Play laser tag

Laser Assault charges \$8 per person for 30 minutes and \$13 per person for an hour. See who can take the other one down first! laserassault.net

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#### 125 Play with Legos

Build castles and fortresses.



#### 126 Play ping pong

See who has the best table tennis skills.

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#### 127 Play on a playground

Enjoy the swings and slides that you loved as a child.

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#### 128 Tube down the Provo River

Check to see safe areas beforehand.

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#### 129 Rent a puppy

Contact Puppies for Rent and rent a cuddly pup. It costs \$15 for an hour. puppiesforrent.com

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#### 130 Do a puzzle together

Buy a puzzle (Barnes & Noble has a good collection) and finish it together in one night.

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#### 131 Rake up leaves and jump in

All of the leaves are changing colors and falling from the trees in the fall. Rake up the leaves and jump in them. Turn it into service, and help someone living in a house with too many leaves and too little time or strength.

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#### 132 Skip rocks

Teach her your technique. Skip rocks in the dark by opening up glow sticks and pouring the liquid onto the rocks.

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#### 133 Play sardines

Get a group of friends and play this reverse hide-and-go seek.

♥ free ††††

#### 134 Go sledding

Borrow a sled from a friend and have fun sliding down hills and slopes.

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#### 135 Make a slip-n-slide

Grab a mat, hose and soap and play in the summer sun.

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#### 136 Have a snowball fight

See each other's competitive edge. This would also be fun as a group date. Team up with your date, or have a battle of the sexes. Just don't do it on campus or in Provo.

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#### 137 Tube at Soldier Hollow

Slip and slide down the hills and have a fun and adventurous date. A two-hour session costs \$20 per person. soldierhollow.com

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#### 138 Have a water balloon fight

Fill up balloons and prepare for battle.

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#### 139 Have a water gun war

Fill up your squirt guns and prepare to cool down from the summer sun.

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#### 140 Do a white elephant gift exchange

A white elephant gift exchange is a fun idea for a group date that will guarantee lots of laughs. Have everyone bring a wrapped gift, and cap the price at around \$5.

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#### 141 Play Wii Olympics

Compete with another couple in Wii Sports.

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#### 142 Remove old ads on lamp posts

Clean up the town while getting to know your date.

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#### 143 Make cards or treats for close friends

Surprise your friends by thinking of them while you are on your date.

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#### 144 Send care packages to members of the military

Show your appreciation by sending treats to servicemen and women.

#### 145 Make cupcakes for someone and deliver them

Show off your baking skills and deliver cupcakes to someone else.

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#### How to Pick the Perfect Engagement Ring Without Breaking the Bank

By Daniel Broadbent, Master Jeweler

Getting engaged might not be in your plans right now, or maybe it is. Regardless, that life-changing event is going to happen, and sooner than you think.

The first real sign that it's official is the engagement ring. However, selecting an engagement ring can be a daunting experience.

I've been helping newly engaged couples pick the perfect ring for more than 30 years and I can help you too.

During this time, I've learned that virtually everyone wants the same thing: an amazing ring at an unbelievable price.

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#### 146 Bring "get well" balloons to the hospital

Leave them with the nurse for someone who is alone. No latex balloons allowed.

#### 147 Heart attack someone

Cut out a few hearts from construction paper and write nice notes and messages. Tape them all over a friend's door or car windows.

#### 148 Index names for FamilySearch

Get together with your laptops and index when the weather doesn't permit an outdoor date. familysearch.org

#### 149 Write nice notes

Write little notes of encouragement or support to friends and people you know. Leave them at their doors. They will be pleasantly surprised.

#### 150 Leave friendly messages on cars

Write friendly notes and leave them on all of the cars in a parking lot.

#### 151 Visit an old folks' home

Volunteer your time to help the elderly.

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#### 152 Race to see who can scrape snow off the most car windshields down the street.

Loser buys winner hot chocolate.

#### 153 Shovel snow off sidewalks and driveways.

People will appreciate your random act of service.

#### 154 Take a senior citizen on a walk

Make a new friend while performing a service.

**♥♥** free

#### 155 Write letters to missionaries

Spend time writing letters to those either of you know who are serving missions. They will appreciate hearing from friends.

#### 156 Find a service activity through Y-serve

Show that you are charitable and service-oriented.

#### 157 Spend Saturday cleaning up outdoor spaces

You don't have to work for BYU Grounds Crew to do yard work.



#### 158 Go to Cabela's

This huge store has everything: nice restaurants, fudge, and tons of outdoor equipment. cabelas.com

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#### 159 Go to a dollar store

See what games and trinkets you can find to use that night.

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#### 160 Visit an ethnic grocery store

Find something neither one of you has had and try to cook it.

#### 161 Go to IKEA

Play house with the room setups.

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#### 162 Go to the mall and people watch

See what interesting people you can find as you peruse the mall.

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#### 163 Go shopping and pick out outfits for each other

Both of you can branch out of your wardrobe comfort zone.

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#### 164 Visit a pet store

Visit a pet store and play with the cats and dogs that are up for adoption.

♥♥ free 🚘

#### 165 Go thrift shop hopping

Map out a few thrift shops around town and see what cool, vintage items you find.

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#### 166 Scout out yard sales

Bring a few dollars to spend on a unique find.

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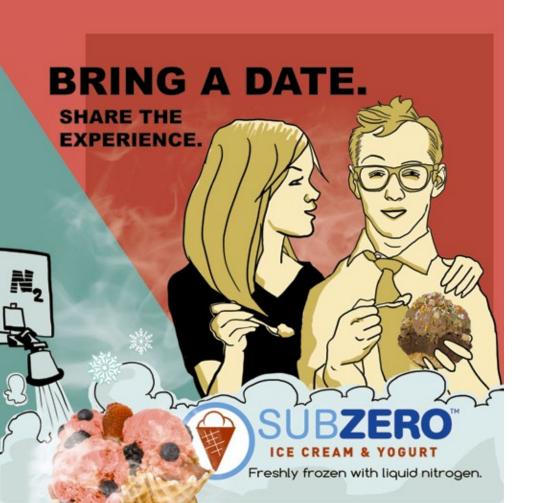
#### 167 Visit an antique store

Be sure to go in the day because most antique stores close early.

#### 168 Visit the aquarium

See sharks and penguins at The Living Planet Aquarium. thelivingplanet.com

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#### **Community Events**

If you're looking for an opportunity to make a memory she won't share with anyone else, take her to attend on e of these unique events.

#### 1 A Night of Comedy

Apr. 11 425 W Center St

#### **2 Aaron Carter**

Nov. 9

219 S 600 W, Salt Lake City

#### 3 Bells on Temple Square Christmas Concert

Nov. 15, 16 Temple Square, Salt Lake City free

#### 4 BYU Young Ambassadors

Jan. 14 425 W Center St

#### 5 Festival of India

Sept. 28 311 W 8500 S, Spanish Fork

#### 6 Festival of Lights

Nov. 2 311 W 8500 S, Spanish Fork free



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#### 7 First Presidency Christmas Devotional

Dec. 8
Temple Square Conference Center, Salt
Lake City
free

#### 8 Foreigner

Oct. 31 425 W Center St

#### 9 **General Conference**

Temple Square Conference Center Oct. 6, 7, Apr. 5, 6

#### 10 Jim Brickman

Feb. 28 425 W Center St

#### 11 Josh Groban

Oct. 11 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 12 Joyful Noise 2013

Dec. 5-21 425 W Center St

#### 13 Lady Antebellum

Nov. 23 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 14 Michael Buble

Nov. 19 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 15 Muse

Sept. 19 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 16 Orchestra at Temple Square Fall Concert

Oct. 18 Temple Square, Salt Lake City free

#### 17 Passion Pit

Oct. 16 536 W 100 S, Salt Lake City

#### 18 Pink

Oct. 17 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 19 Selena Gomez

Nov. 14 301 W South Temple, Salt Lake City

#### 20 Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert

Dec. 12-15 Temple Square Conference Center free

#### 21 Ten Minute Play Festival

Sept. 19-21 15 N 100 E

#### 22 The Importance of Being Ernest

Mar. 13-Apr. 8 425 W Center St

#### 23 The King's Singers

Nov. 7 425 W Center St

#### 24 The Lower Lights/Parlor Hawk

Oct. 4 100 N 100 W

#### 25 The Unexpected Guest

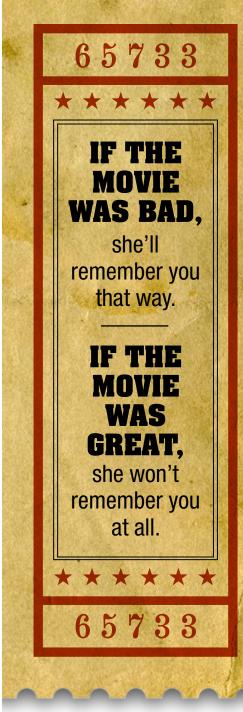
Oct. 3-26 425 W Center St

#### **Zion Canyon Music Festival**

Sept. 27, 28 126 Lion Blvd, Springdale

#### 27 Zuppets! The Musical

Nov. 14-Dec. 14 15 N 100 E



#### **Stand out:**

#### **Unique Dates & Contests**

VisitUtahValley. blogspot.com



#### 169 Visit the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake

You don't need to go to Europe to see incredible architecture. utcotm.org

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#### 170 Go to the Chalk the Block art festival

See impressive chalk art at the Riverwoods.

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#### 171 Visit the Crandall Historical Printing Museum

The Printing Museum is one of the hidden treasures of Provo. Take a date to learn together about printing and typography throughout history. Even see a press similar to the one used to print the first edition of the Book of Mormon. crandallmuseum.org

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#### 172 Go to the duck pond and feed the ducks

Bring slices of bread or rolls and feed the families of ducks located south of BYU campus.

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#### 173 Visit the family history library

Go to the second floor of the HBLL and learn something cool about each other's heritage. sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/

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#### 174 Visit the fire station

The Provo Fire Department offers tours and classes throughout the week. provo.org

#### 175 Halloween Adventure Cruise

During October ride the Provo River with scary adventures along the way. clasropes.com

#### 176 Go to a haunted house

There are the many haunted houses in Utah during October. Getting

spooked is the perfect excuse to hold hands.

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#### 177 Visit the Hogle Zoo

Admission is \$9.75 October through April and \$12.75 from May to September. Tickets are available online. hoglezoo.org

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#### 178 Go miniature golfing

Play miniature golf at Trafalga sevenpeaks.com

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#### 179 See an exhibit at the MOA

Rotating exhibits. Check the website for the current ones. It is open Monday through Saturday. moa.byu.edu

♥ free 🖊

#### 180 Visit the Museum of Ancient Life

This dinosaur museum is located at Thanksgiving Point. thanksgivingpoint.org

♥ free 🏻

#### 181 Visit the Museum of Peoples and Cultures

This museum, located at 100 E 700 N, circulates through many exhibits about different peoples and cultures. mpc.byu.edu

**♥** free

#### 182 Play games at Nickel City

The Nickel City arcade brings you both back to your childhood years. Play all of your favorite classic arcade games. nickelcityorem.com

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#### 183 **Tour the Peppermint Place**

Located in American Fork, the Peppermint Place has a variety of tasty candies.

♥♥ free 🕽 🛠

#### 184 Go to the Planetarium

Go to the planetarium at BYU and have a night under the

stars. See the schedule online. planetarium.byu.edu

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#### 185 Try out the new Provo Recreation Center

Slide down the water slide, use the work-out equipment or hit the skate park. provo.org

#### 186 Take a trip to the Provo Temple

Visit the Provo Temple grounds, or even do ordinance work together.

♥♥ free

#### 187 Go to Seven Peaks

During summer months, go on a day date to Seven Peaks waterpark. sevenpeaks.com

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#### 188 Visit an animal shelter

Make sure she likes pets!

♥ free 📾 🛚

#### 189 Ride the ski lift at Sundance

Sundance turns its ski lifts into moonlight lookouts during the warmer months. sundanceresort.com

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#### 190 Visit the Springville Museum of Art

#### 191 Visit the Tracy Aviary

Located in Salt Lake City, this aviary provides a unique experience with many different bird species. The student price is \$6 per person. tracyaviary.org

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#### 192 Visit the Woodbury Art Museum

#### At the Hale Center Theatre in Orem

Located at 225 W 400 N in Orem, the Hale Center Theatre offers a variety of dramas and musicals. haletheater.org

Disney's High School Musical Jr.

Oct. 7-12

2 In the Heights Oct. 3-Nov. 23 3 Kiss and Tell Dec. 31-Feb. 8

Feb. 20-Apr. 12

5 A Christmas Carol Dec. 1–23

Peter Pan
Apr. 24-June 14

7 **Damn Yankees** 0ct. 2-Nov. 22

8 Man of La Mancha June 26-Aug. 9

9 **Beau Jest** Aug. 15-Sept. 20

### watch

#### 193 Go birdwatching

See how many birds you can identify.

#### 194 Watch the clouds

Go to a park during the day and watch the clouds. See what different shapes and animals you find in them.

#### ♥♥ free 🖊 🔅

#### 195 See a performance at the Covey Center for the Arts

The Covey Center hosts plays, musicals and concerts throughout the year. Get tickets to a show that you will both enjoy. coveycenter.org

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#### 196 Attend a drive-in movie

Located in West Valley, Redwood Drive-In Theatre provides a doublefeature of first-run movies for the price of 1. redwooddrive-in.com

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#### 197 See a play at the Echo Theatre

Get tickets to a new play, such as "Zuppets! The Musical," a zombie puppet musical spectatular. theechotheatre.com

#### 198 Go to the Final Cut Film Festival

Do you enjoy independent films? Watch BYU film students' best work from the year. byufinalcut.com

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#### 199 Watch fireworks

During one of the summer holidays (Fourth of July and Pioneer Day) or New Year's Eve, find a good lookout spot and watch the fireworks.

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#### 200 See a show at Hale Center Theatre

Get tickets to musicals including "A Christmas Carol" and "Mary Poppins." Tickets can be purchased online. hct.org

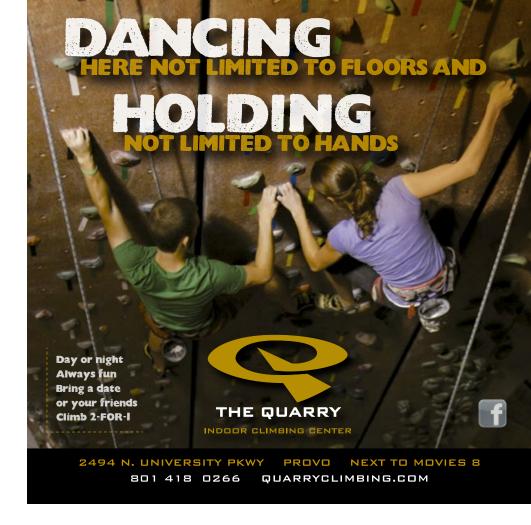
#### 201 Watch home videos

Show your spouse your favorite childhood memories.

#### 202 Attend BYU International Cinema

Watch an international cinema. Films are shown in 250 SWKT. ic.byu.edu







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#### 203 Rent a movie from the media center

Rent a movie for free at the HBLL's media center. search.lib.byu.edu/filmfinder ♥ free 🖊

#### 204 Watch each other's favorite movies from childhood

Have each person pick a movie. Watch both movies in one weekend.

free

#### 205 Watch an entire TV series together.

Pop in a series you've been dying to watch and start from the beginning.

206 Have an outdoor movie night Whether you have a projector or just

a laptop, an outdoor movie night can be fun and romantic. Bring a

blanket and watch a movie at the park.

. ♥♥ free 🌣

#### 207 **Redbox it**

For a casual date, swing by a Redbox and pick up a movie together.

#### 208 Star gaze

Get out of the city and find a place where you can see the stars.

♥♥ free 📾 🖊

#### 209 Find a good lookout spot and watch the sunset

Drive up to the base of the Y hike and watch the sun go down.

♥♥♥ free 🚎

210 Go to the Varsity Theater

See a movie for just \$1 per person.

#### **Movie Theatres**

- **Cinemark Movies 8** 2424 N University Pky
- Cinemark 16 1200 Towne Centre Blvd
- Carmike Wynnsong 12 4925 N Edgewood Dr
- **Cinemark University Mall** 1010 S 800 E, Orem
- **Water Gardens Spanish Fork 8** 790 Expressway Ln, Spanish Fork
- **Water Gardens** Pleasant Grove 6 912 W Garden Dr,

Pleasant Grove

- **Towne Cinema** 120 W Main St. American Fork
- Cinemark **American Fork** 715 W 180 N. American Fork
- 9 Stadium **Cinemas** 633 S 950 W, Payson
- 10 Megaplex **Theatres Lehi** 2935 N Thanksgiving Way, Lehi

- Mammoth Screen Theater 3003 N Thanksgiving Way, Lehi
- 12 Cinemark Draper and XD 12129 S State St, Draper
- 13 Cinemark Movies 9 9539 S 700 E, Sandy
- 14 Megaplex 17 Jordan Commons 9400 S State St, Sandy



#### Winning Their Hearts with Food

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#### SNICKERDOODLE BLONDIES

Yields 9-12 servings

23/3 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 cups packed brown sugar

1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

 $2\ eggs, room\ temperature$ 

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons white sugar

2 teaspoons cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9 by 13 inch pan.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and set aside. Only add the salt if you're using unsalted butter.

In large bowl, beat together butter, sugar, egg and vanilla until smooth.

Stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Spread evenly in prepared pan (mixture will be somewhat cookiebatter-ish.) Combine white sugar and cinnamon in a little bowl. Evenly sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture over the top of the batter.

Bake 25–30 minutes or until surface springs back when gently pressed. Cool slightly. While still warm, cut into bars with a sharp knife.

Recipe courtesy Julia at DozenFlours.com

# PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Yield approximately 36 cookies

¾ cup unsalted butter, softened

⅔ cup granulated sugar

1/3 cup packed light brown sugar

2 eggs

¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

1½ cups peanut butter

2½ cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

Pinch salt

Sea salt for sprinkling

In a large mixing bowl with electric beaters, cream the butter and sugars on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla, beating well after each addition. Add the peanut butter and beat until well mixed, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary with a rubber spatula. Carefully fold in the flour, baking powder, and pinch of salt. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours, or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Roll the dough into tablespoon sized balls, and place them about 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or a baking mat. With a fork dipped in flour, flatten the dough into disks about 1 inch thick. Sprinkle the tops with sea salt and bake about 15–17 minutes, until the bottoms start to brown, and the dough begins to look dry. Let cool completely on wire racks.

Recipe courtesy Kim at treatstrinkets.blogspot.com.

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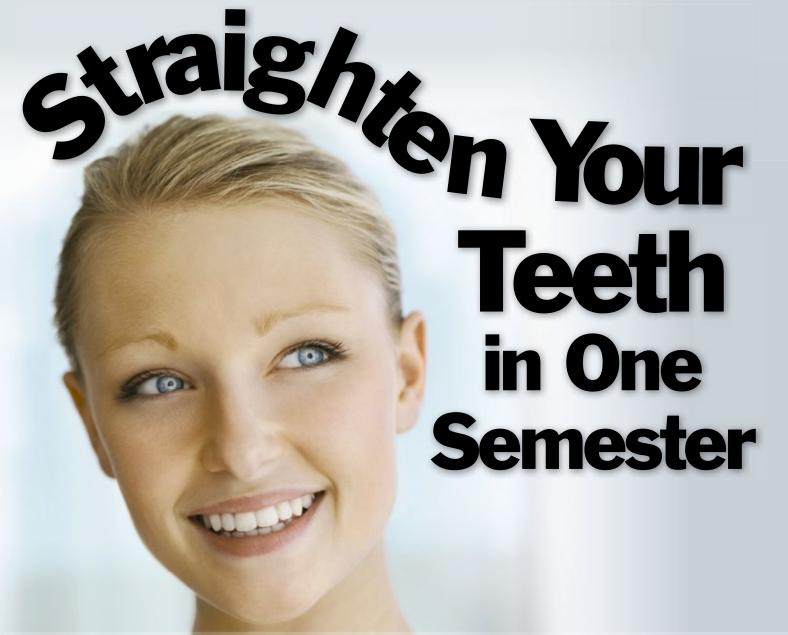
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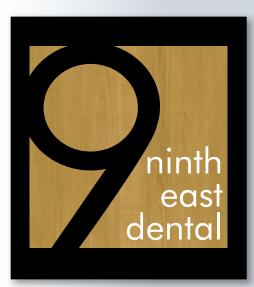




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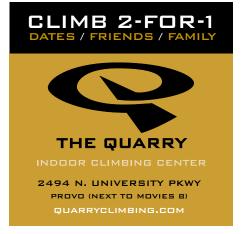


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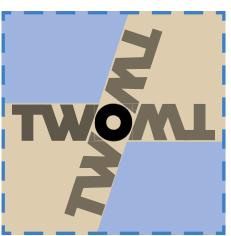


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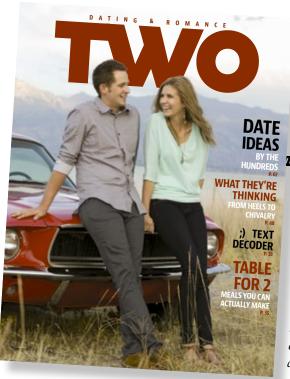
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Provo is arguably the dating capital of the United States. In Provo, we flirt, we fall in love, we get engaged and we get married. On a campus where almost 25 percent of the undergraduate population is already married, it's obvious Cougars have had dating on their minds.

But what about the 75 percent still in the dating pool? Some students are happily single, others are in committed relationships and many are casually dating.

We didn't write Two to make anyone feel bad about dating. Instead, we created this magazine

to help improve your overall dating experiences. We've compiled hundreds of fun dates, interviewed experienced faculty about improving relationships and gone directly to the source: you.

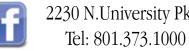
Over the course of our conversations with BYU students we found a universal theme. Everyone wants to be loved. Whether someone is married, has never been kissed or is in a relationship, they always mention the desire to be with someone who understands and appreciates who they are.

So how do you fall in love? Well, we don't have the exact answer. Two doesn't contain the five easy steps to getting engaged or a guide on how to turn texting into dinner dates. Dating is a complicated process and it's different for everyone. Our goal was to create a fun resource you can turn to for inspiration and encouragement.

We believe in dating. We celebrate the thrill of a text from your crush. We understand how it feels to be rejected and we know how much fun dates can be if you put a little effort in.

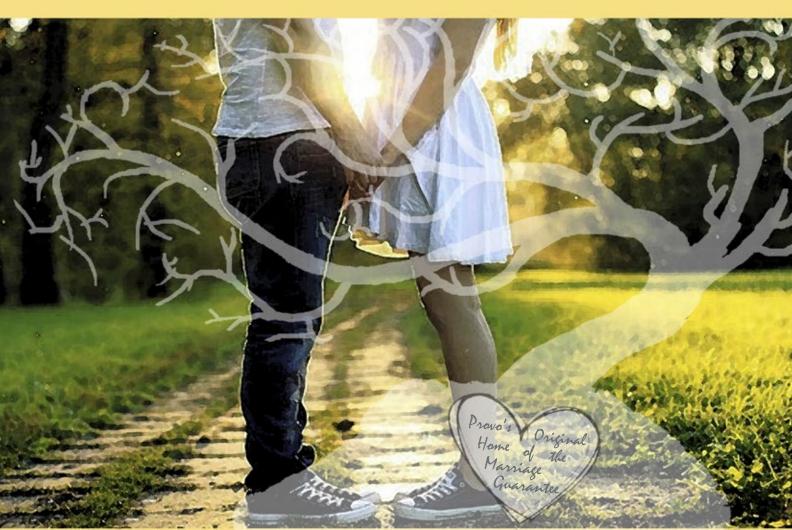
Here's to you, BYU, and your willingness to put yourself out there for love. We hope you have as much fun reading Two as we did writing it.





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# WHERE YOUR LOVE STORY BEGINS.

Chapter One - Once upon a time in Provo there was a girl. She spent her days banging her head against her school books. One day she was paying her rent at her apartment community. There was a boy paying his rent too. Interested, he asks if she is going to the speed dating activity that night in the clubhouse. Equally interested, she says with a smile, "Maybe." They bump into each other that night. Later on that weekend, they run into each other at their Ward Church Sunday School class. And, when they happen to get invited to the same movie night at their friends' apartment, their is no denying that some sort of fate keeps pulling them together. And that is where their love story begins...



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