

From “Hi” to a First Date

What to say. How to ask. When to leave it.



26 illustrated pages for men who want to get to know someone.

Clear English. Dating, family introductions and conversations that go both ways.

A USEFUL FIRST MESSAGE

The message after “hi”.

Use something she chose to share, add a small piece of yourself, then ask one easy question. A public account is not an invitation to repeated private messages.

CONTEXT

You have matched. Her profile mentions classic comedies.

YOU

Your old-film list caught my eye. I finally watched The Princess Bride. Which one should I watch next?

HER

Groundhog Day. It holds up!

YOU

Added. Do you watch these with family, or is this your own rabbit hole?

Why this gives the chat a start

It shows you read the profile and gives her a specific topic to accept, change or ignore. It is not a trick to force a reply.

Do not send the whole bank

One message is enough. Skip comments about her body, marriage jokes, pet names and requests for photos. If she does not respond, do not move to another app to find her.

No shared context? A brief introduction may be all you have. Accept that someone who has not invited contact may not want a conversation.

KEEP IT TWO-WAY

Follow the answer. Add your own.

A chat can feel like an interview when every answer gets another unrelated question. Stay with a detail for a moment, and contribute something too.

FOLLOW

Ask about a detail she mentioned, rather than switching to your next question.

SHARE

Offer something true about yourself, then give her room to respond.

HER

I spent Sunday baking with my sister.

YOU

What did you make? My last cake sank in the middle.

HER

Brownies. We argue about the corner pieces.

YOU

Corner pieces, obviously. Did you win?

Do not turn this into a fixed question-to-answer ratio. If only one person is carrying the exchange, more technique will not make it mutual.

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