

How to impress your date

Before the date:

Make a phone call

While it varies, most people prefer a brief call to arrange the actual time and place of the date. Many text to arrange the time for that first call. In some circles, the matchmaker arranges the timing of the first few dates.

Give a heads-up

If you are not planning to go for a meal and it is lunch/dinner time, tell your date ahead of time so she knows to eat beforehand. It's nice to give her an alert about how to dress (formal, outdoors, etc.)

Location

If you are going to take your date to a new location that you have not been to before, ask a friend or google it to make sure it's a fine place for a date, and that you know how to get there.

On the date:

Have a plan

Do not start the date by asking her where she wants to go. Women like it when the guy has a plan and shows initiative and confidence.

You can ask for input

"I was thinking of going to Spyscape NYC. How does that sound?"

Come to the door

when picking her up and dropping her off. Do not text from the car to tell her that you've arrived unless she's specifically asked you to do so.

If you don't have a car

available, let her know that you'll be picking her up in an Uber.

Open the car door

for her.

Bring cash, credit card, and a charged cell phone.

Limit your use of your

phone on a date, and turn your phone to silent mode.

Be the best you

Be real, but trend toward the positive when speaking about yourself and others. Positivity is most attractive. Smile a lot.

Be sensitive to taking public transportation

- Consider the walking distance and the weather. Women spend time doing their hair before a date and are not always wearing "walking shoes." Taxis may be the best option.
- It's mannerly to accompany a woman home, and not leave her at a subway or bus stop. Walk her home even if she tells you it's ok — especially at night. Safety is key.

Keep the conversation balanced

Expect to do half the talking. Listen to what your date is saying; don't just focus on keeping the conversation going. Try not to give "yes" or "no" answers. Elaborate where you can and make it conversational. Occasional silences are normal.



Offer your date a drink

Buy yourself a drink at the same time so she feels comfortable accepting your offer.

Body language is important

Make eye contact. Leaning in to listen is better than sitting back with your arms crossed.

Compliment your date about something they say or do. Everyone likes to receive compliments, even if it is something small like, "That's really impressive."

Treat your date well and

remain courteous, even if they are not for you. You always want to be referred to as a mensch.

Go out to have fun

It is important to build the relationship incrementally. First see if you enjoy each other's company. This is done through small talk. This is an important step; it is not a waste of time. The first 2-3 dates should be light. Later, more serious topics can be introduced to the discussions.

If something is bothering you about the location, share what it is. "I am sorry, but the light is blinding me, maybe we can find another seat."

After the date:

End on a nice note

Thank her for an enjoyable evening, for traveling in, etc. If you don't think you're going on another date, you can still say, "I had a nice time."

Text or call the matchmaker

after the date. The matchmaker may not remember when you went out. If it is too late, you can wait until the morning. It is courteous to respond quickly.

Thank all involved regardless

of the outcome: the matchmaker, your friends, or parents who may have called the references on your behalf, lent you their car, financed the date, etc.

If you are interested in going out again, and the woman is not, remember:

- It's not a personal attack. She simply feels that the compatibility for marriage is not there.
- Stay positive. Dating is a journey.

If she's not for you, she might have a friend who is more compatible with you. Similarly, try to think of a friend who might be a suitable idea for her.