

All About You

for a day or three. Personally, I'm bored with games and stringing people along at this point in life, and I beg you to get there too. But if he hasn't called and/or returned your call or text, and four days have gone by...not only is he not into you; he's not the right guy for you. You want someone who wants you. It's really that simple.

DO REALIZE THAT IF HE LIKES YOU, YOU'LL (PROBABLY) KNOW

Men may have a reputation for being hard to read, but there are clear signs when a guy is interested. Most important, he'll make an effort to get together again (see my immediate text back, above). Replay the date in your head for other signs. Did he compliment you on anything? Did he seem at all nervous? And this one's obvious, but did he make physical contact with you or—more subtle—somehow touch your stuff (like handing you your phone or your bag on your way out)? My caveat here: I think these signs are accurate 90 percent of the time. Ten percent of men, myself included, are flirts who tend to turn it on even when they're not interested. Which is why I highly advise this next rule:

DON'T BE AFRAID TO JUST ASK WHAT HE THOUGHT

If you like the guy but can't get a read on whether it's mutual (*did* he touch your arm, or was he reaching for the calamari?), I think it's fine to ask in the moment. We're adults! Try "Hey, I like you; maybe we should hang out again." He might say no (or he may ghost on you), but at least then you'll know instead of wondering.

And—forgive the guru-speak here—but if you really want to know how a first date went, there's one other person you should ask: yourself. Did *you* have a good time? If you answer truthfully, I bet you might be able to figure out what he's thinking too. **G**

Jake is a real single guy in L.A.

HEY, IT'S OK...

...to be late to the newest food trend. The line for Cronuts is shorter now.

...if, on October 31, you just want to be a sexy witch. If you can't be a cliché on Halloween, when can you?

...if you need five hours and a Klonopin to put an Ikea bookcase together.

*...to be a "basic bitch." So we like Starbucks and *Sex and the City*. Sue us.*

...if the calendar says October but your bright pink nails say June.

...not to be the "cool cousin" who buys beer for an underage relative. "Law-abiding cousin" is also sweet.

...if you're already listening to your holiday playlist. We are this close.

UMM, NOT OK...

...to volunteer your negative opinion about a friend's new tattoo (or her baby's name). Ship has sailed, girl.



Guys

How He Really Feels About Your Job (and Paycheck!)

The topic of this month's 1,000-man survey? How guys view our work lives. They're evolved!

By Ashley Mateo

1 Men, when you're looking for a partner, how important is it that the woman you're in a relationship with be serious about her career?

Really important.....23%
It depends. As long as she's passionate about something, I'm cool.....62%
It's not important.....15%

2 Do you consider her career to be at least as important as yours?

Yes.....78%
No.....22%

3 Which is more essential: that she earn a big paycheck or that she love her job?

The paycheck is key—can't be happy without money.....10%
That she love what she does; she'll be happier outside of work too.....90%

4 Have you ever dated someone who makes more money than you?

Yes.....57%
No.....29%
I'm not sure.....14%

5 So how would you feel if she earned \$10,000 more than you?

More power to her.....93%
I'd be a little bit uncomfortable, if I'm honest.....7%

6 What about \$100,000 more?

Still more power to her!.....79%
OK, now I'm uncomfortable..21%

7 Would you break up with someone who worked constantly?

No, I know the work-life-balance thing can be hard.....58%
Yes, you can't always back-burner your personal life.....42%

8 Your significant other wants to go for a promotion. What would you be willing to do to support her?

I'd consider moving to a new city.....93%
I'd pitch in on more of the household chores.....87%
I'd help with more of the kid stuff.....75%

9 Do you believe women are at a disadvantage when it comes to getting ahead in most workplaces?

Yes, there are plenty of glass ceilings left.....53%
No, not if they work hard enough.....47%

10 In your opinion, which "role" should a woman prioritize?

Being a successful career woman.....2%
Being a wife.....8%
Being a mom.....16%
Whichever role she wants!.....74%