

## First Date Questions to Ask a Potential Partner:

What are some relevant questions to ask a potential relationship partner on your first few dates? Basically you're interested in the types of questions that give you general information as well as information about character, interests and personal philosophy.

Your questions should show curiosity, so you can probe a little, but not too much intrusion that the other person feels uncomfortable. What you want to do is ask open-ended, fact-finding questions -- exploring in an innocuous way to learn about their character/values, interests and even their pet-peeves. This will help you make a more educated decision about whether this date is potential partner material.

Here are a few questions you can use to start you off:

**a.** What kind of work do you do? Tell me what you like about it. This is an open ended, fact finding question that works well to open a conversation.

**b.** How long have you been single? What do you like about being single? This will give you some information about his character, as the way he answers will indicate his confidence and security.

**c.** What kind of things do you like to do in your leisure? What are you really good at? You can find out if you share interests and if you are willing to learn more about what he likes to do.

**d.** What do you like to do on vacations? Do you enjoy traveling? Where do you like to go? Again, this opens up a conversation about his interests and how much you have in common.

**e.** What are the kinds of things that make you laugh? This will uncover his sense of humor and give you insights about character.

**f.** What are some of your pet peeves? If you find out what things tick him off, you understand his tolerance and frustration levels - another good sign about his character.

**j.** Tell me about your family, where you grew up, your best friends. This statement just allows you to get a feel about relationships, importance of family and past history.

What kinds of questions should you avoid when you first start dating? Any question that puts someone on the spot, causing an awkward moment or silence is a no-no. Therefore, don't ask anything you would feel uncomfortable answering. Always be respectful and please listen, more than you talk.

If the conversation flows easily, if you feel comfortable and if you feel you want to know more about this person, you are on the right track to finding a potential relationship partner - who just may be Mr. Right!