

Ask The Guy's Guy: How to Win a First Date After Meeting Online



By Robert Manni

Question from Gillian L., Manhattan, "Hey Guy's Guy, whats the best way of turning an online connection into a real date?"

You have a match on your favorite dating app and the conversations online are taking off. You're up for hours talking to your match but you're nervous about meeting in person. How can you be sure to impress on a first date when you've already gotten to know each other? How do you make a successful transition from online to in person dating? Read [dating advice](#) from our [relationship expert](#) Robert Manni!

Score That First Date!

We live in a wired world so these days connecting with new people often begins online. As a result, in business and dating, we need to develop an authentic, online voice that others like and can relate to. We make our connections online with a goal of meeting in person to close the deal.

When it comes to dating, after making a new connection online, scoring an in-person meeting can be challenging. With all the texting and emails we send each day, online communications are second nature for us. As a result, some online daters become nervous when it comes to leaving their comfort zone behind the keyboard and actually meeting someone new in person. But, it must be done because no matter how much texting or how many Facebook or Instagram posts you share, romantic connections only happen when you meet face-to face.

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So, after you've made a potential online love connection how can you quickly and seamlessly move the process ahead? First, keep the online correspondence brief and always pointed towards the ultimate goal of meeting in person. What's worked for me is after exchanging a few brief texts or emails with someone new, I send my number and suggest a phone call. As a guy, this validates that I am who I say I am and is sharing my real phone number. It's a minor display of truth and vulnerability.

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If the woman is interested she would usually send her number. Then, I make the first call. The process may work a bit differently for women. If you are interested in a guy and he's dragging his feet, if everything else feels right send him

your number or ask for his. The goal remains the same; exchange numbers and have a phone call. Energy is exchanged when you hear a person's voice for the first time and hold a conversation with them. A phone conversation is a qualifying step before you decide on meeting someone new.

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I suggest keeping the call brief. It's easy to get excited and share too many personal details with someone new, but you also can waste a lot of time chatting on the phone with someone that you don't feel the sparks for in person. Keep the call short and keep the process moving. If things feel right, before breaking off the call, casually suggest meeting up and continuing the conversation in person. Drinks, coffee, whatever feels right for a first "date". If the guy shows any hesitation and does not jump at the chance to meet a woman as dynamic as you in person, move on.

Hope this helps. Good luck!

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How to Win a First Date After

Meeting Online



Question from Andrew L: It's easy to look good online. There's photo editing and time to plan what to say. When you finally meet someone in person after connecting online, there's only one chance to impress. How can I make sure a first date is a win?

You have a match on your favorite dating app and the conversations online are taking off. You're up for hours talking to your match and find that you're both interested in each other. But how can you be sure to impress on a first date when you've already gotten to know each other? How do you make a successful transition from online to in person dating? Read [dating advice](#) from our [relationship experts](#) Suzanne Oshima and Robert Manni!

Dating Advice to Help You Successfully Transition from Online

Conversations to a Killer First Date!

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Online dating can seem like a major convenience for people that are too busy to get out there and meet people, but technology can be a setback when it comes to actually meeting someone face to face. In order to win that first date after meeting online, it's important to be the best version of yourself— both inside and out. When you're able to achieve that level of confidence and self-love, that's when the right man will ask you out.

Having high self-esteem, knowing your self-worth, and understanding exactly what you have to offer a man is key. If you believe it, then he will see it, too. You'll be on your way to that first date in no time! And if he can't see that an amazing woman is right in front of him, then he's probably the wrong man for you!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): There are so many dating apps and websites that today's singles often overanalyze things after making an online connection, sadly never scoring an actual date. When I was single and dating online frequently, I became comfortable approaching women online and responding to the ladies who contacted me first.

If I felt attracted to how a woman presented herself online, I'd send a short note and ask an open-ended question about her profile. If she responded, I'd send my digits. If the woman was still interested, she'd invariably send me her number and I'd make sure to call her by the next day. I'd keep the conversation short and, if things felt right, I'd suggest meeting. This usually led to a first "date" over a beverage. After that first face-to-face meet up things either moved forward or went nowhere. It was that simple.

So, if you see someone you like online, be cool, but make your

move. Don't overanalyze. Trust your gut, but keep an open mind. There are a lot of cool people out there just like you. Remember, dating is a fun sport. Good luck.

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Dating Advice: What To Do When Online Dating Isn't Working For You





By Lisa Smith

Although online dating is one of the most common ways to meet someone these days, it doesn't work for everyone. There are several [research-based reasons](#) why online dating isn't actually the best way to meet someone.

For some people, online dating is frustrating because it's so easy for prospects to present themselves in a way that is much different from who they are in real life. It's incredibly easy to portray yourself as a great catch and hide your bad qualities in the online world.

Others claim the bigger problem is simply that online dating presents them with too much choice which is too overwhelming.

Overall, many of today's singles avoid dating apps and websites because they are a time suck. It requires so much time to sift through the bad matches and find someone worth talking to. A great way to waste your time is by chatting with someone online for ages, only to meet them in person and realize there is no connection.

Here is some [dating advice](#) if you're single, and online dating just isn't working for you.

1. Try Professional Matchmaking.

Working directly with a professional matchmaker is like having a best friend who is on a mission to find your Mr. Right. A matchmaker is a trusted ally who knows exactly what you're looking for in a partner and wants to find that person for you. By choosing to work with a reputable and [elite matchmaking](#) company, you'll experience what it's like to only be presented with desirable and appropriate prospects. A matchmaker will also help to remind you not to commit certain dating mistakes, and will basically give you a much-needed pep talk before your first date.

One of the greatest benefits of working with a matchmaker is the screening process. They sift out the inappropriate candidates for you, and screen everyone to ensure they're only introducing you to someone great. While online dating might overwhelm you with options and present you with an exhausting [paradox of choice](#), matchmakers effectively narrow it down. This saves you time and energy, resulting in a much more positive experience than online dating.

2. Get Set Up.

Getting set up by a friend who has a single friend can definitely work. It might not be as effective as using a professional matchmaker, because there is not the same screening process; however, it doesn't hurt to let a friend set you up with their single friend. If nobody is offering to do this for you, try asking a few of your friends if they know someone who is in your age group and single. You might spark the idea that there's someone great they can try setting you

up with.

3. Sit At The Bar Alone.

Although it takes some courage to go to a bar by yourself, sitting at the bar alone is a great way to meet someone. Whether it be your neighborhood sports bar or a more upscale venue, sitting at the bar alone makes you approachable. You'd be surprised at how many people will chat with you, as it's not intimidating for them since you're sitting there by yourself. You might mistakenly assume that this makes you look like a sad person with no friends. However, it actually makes you look confident and esteemed. You aren't afraid to grab a drink by yourself, and that shows a sexy confidence. Patrons won't assume that you have nobody to grab a drink with – they'll simply think that you're comfortable being alone. It's a great quality to be independent and comfortable in your own company.

4. Work On Your Confidence.

How many times have you noticed a beautiful stranger behind you in line at Starbucks, or seen someone who is totally your type in the produce section of the grocery store? By working on your self-confidence and realizing that you have nothing to lose, you might start getting comfortable approaching sexy strangers in real life. With the rise of online dating, fewer people are getting approached or flirted with in real life, and you'll stand out as being confident if you do this. Remember that the worse thing that can happen is a polite decline, which isn't so bad.

Dating & Technology Q&A: Should You Delete Pictures of a Long-Term BF?



Question from Mara S.: My ex and I broke up after having a long-term relationship. Should I take pictures of us down from social media now that I'm seeing someone new or should the new guy in my life understand that my ex and I had a long history together?

Technology makes it so easy to share with the world the things that matter to you. It's normal to post memories that you want to hold onto, but beware of what message your social media is sending. When you are interested in someone, you devour everything online about them in hopes of learning something new. That's true for someone interested in you. What do you

want someone to learn about you from your photos online? Read below for [dating advice](#) from [relationship experts](#)!

Technology Dating Advice that Helps You Know When to Delete Pics of Your Ex

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): While you and your ex had a long history together, it's time to take the pictures down and move on with your new guy. There's a great quote by T.D. Jakes that best sums it up, "You can't drive forward looking in the rearview mirror."

[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): My answer is a resounding yes. When it's time to move forward, take down all photos from social media of you with your ex. If you want a new beginning, especially with someone new, you need to send him the right signals about your availability. The past has merit. We live, we love, and we learn, but there must be a reason your former boyfriend is now your ex. If you're having a hard time deleting photos of him off social media, perhaps you are not quite ready to move on. If you truly want a new beginning, then start fresh on social media and give your new suitors the opportunity to see who you are right now. If things work out, they could be the luck one in your pictures. Good luck!

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How to Use Technology to Prevent Your Relationship Going Stale



Question from Kirstie W: When my boyfriend and I first started dating, our texts were fun and exciting. When we saw each other at the end of the day, we still had a lot to talk about even though we had been texting all day. After being together for six years, texting is non-existent and when we do see each other all we talk about is work. Conversation is getting stale; help!

Long-term relationships face unique challenges. Conversations can be much more in depth because you know each other better. At the same time, conversations can run dry because you already know so much about each other. After awhile, talks are

less about discovery and more about supporting each other. This [dating advice](#) from [relationship experts](#) Suzanne Oshima and Robert Manni will help bring excitement back into any relationship!

Dating Advice for When Relationships Go Stale

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Ironically, the effectiveness of our communication with our partners can be damaged by the technology that we surround ourselves with every day. When you're both busy and working throughout the day, it can be difficult to keep in touch and talk about work over technology. When you get home, try to make it a rule to only talk about work for the first 30 minutes of your conversation, and make sure it's about something you need advice or insight on from your spouse.

After that, focus on your relationship and the fun things about your life together, whether it be date nights, your love, or future plans. This way, you'll be able to foster an environment at home with your relationship as the focus without the noise and distraction of technology between you. Keep things real by engaging in face-to-face conversations, and you'll feel much more connected with your partner as a result.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): The issue here transcends technology. It seems that your day-to-day relationship has become expected and you're counting on technology to solve your problem. Technology can be a helpful tool for keeping the connection strong, but it's a means to an end. I'm sure your partner would welcome fun and sexy text exchanges throughout the day,

but the real issue is finding ways of maintaining true intimacy when you are together.

I suggest making it a priority to live in the moment when in each other's company. That means being present: verbally, physically, and even spiritually to maintain your loving connection. Try discussing more than your work when you meet up, even after a hard day. Make it a priority to share meals, drinks, physical intimacy, and your true selves on a regular basis. Technology provides a way of staying connected during the work day, but the most important way to keep the embers glowing is to make the most of your time when you are face to face. Good luck.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: Is It Too Soon For Me To Ask Him To Get Off Dating Sites?





Question from Adrienne P.: I started dating this guy a few weeks ago, and everything is going great, but there's one thing that bothers me- he still uses Tinder. I know it's early in the relationship and I don't want to seem controlling but I'd still like him to stop. It just doesn't seem like that'll help us advance forward in this relationship. Am I being unreasonable?

Dating in the era of social media and cellphones can be difficult. Having many options is something daters expect in case things go wrong. With so many people playing the field it can be hard to find commitment. However do not fret, you can have a successful relationship even if your new partner is still on a dating website. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on whether you should ask your significant other to get off Tinder.

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[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): You've only been dating him for a few weeks, so you're still in the early stages of dating where you're only getting to know each other and determining if you want to take things further with each other. So, it's a bit premature to ask him to get off of Tinder. However, I do recommend asking him what he's looking for, as you will then find out if he's looking to just date around or if he's looking for a serious relationship. Then based on what he tells you, you can determine if it's worth it for you to invest your time into seeing how things go with him. And if things continue to progress on the right path, then you can have the conversation about getting off of Tinder at the appropriate time.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): These days, daters like keeping their options open, and with all of the options available there's often a disconnect in how two people define a relationship. The only way to find out where things stand is by asking. Cushioning, maintaining side relations and a constant online presence are standard operating procedure. Tinder is generally viewed as a hook-up app, so if your guy is still active there and you want to move your new relationship forward, ask him if he's open to putting his digital dating presence on hold. If he really digs you, he'll agree. If he rejects the idea or skirts the subject, at least you'll have a better idea where he stands. Since you've only been dating a few weeks, for now he may want to continue playing the field. That's not necessarily a deal breaker. Guys often take more time to "get serious." Regardless, it's better to find out what his intentions are before investing too much of your

heart into the relationship. Good luck.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How Bad Is It To Send Nudes, Really?



Question from Tanya M.: In light of all the Blac Chyna and Rob Kardashian drama, I wanted to ask on behalf of regular people: how bad is it to send nudes between consenting adults? It seems like it's so common in the dating scene now. I'm just not sure what to think of about the whole thing.

Dating in the era of social media and cellphones can be difficult. Communication and instant gratification is what many daters expect when they start seeing someone, especially when it comes to exchanging nude photos. With so many people partaking in voyeur, you may wonder if you should do it too. However if you don't want to, do not fret, you can have a successful relationship with or without nudes. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on whether you should send nude photos or not.

Technology Dating Advice That Gets Honest About Sending Nudes

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): What happened between Blac Chyna and Rob is something that can happen to anyone. While sending nude pictures is more common amongst today's daters, your body is your personal treasure and you should be discerning in who you send those images to. My recommendation is to only send them to a man who you're in a committed relationship with, and not just some man you went out on a few dates with. Because the reality is, once they leave your phone you have no control over where they may end up and there's no recall button after you stop seeing a man.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): In the wake of the current Black Chyna – Rob Kardashian drama being played out in the press, I strongly advise that you carefully weigh the pros and cons of sharing digital nude photos of yourself with anyone. Through the media we are now witnessing the pitfalls of how quickly a modern romance can turn ugly, and the ramifications of sharing nude photos even with someone as close with the father of your child. If you are really into a guy and he keeps hounding you for nude photos, stop and think about it before you hit send. When it comes to love I never say never, but unless you're 100 percent confident that you really know and trust this man, I suggest limiting the show to the bedroom or wherever you two get it on. Otherwise, the risks far outweigh the rewards. Good luck.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: My Partner Fishes For Likes, What Do I Do?





Question from Carolyn S.: I've been with my partner for a long time now. I love him, but he's always posting inappropriate stuff (like memes or outrageous status updates) on social media for likes. It's pretty cringe-worthy to watch. Why does he do this? And why is my support not enough? I can't figure out why he needs validation from his peers or strangers online.

Dating in the era of social media can put a strain on relationships, especially when one party is constantly seeking approval in a negative way. However do not fret, crude internet personas should not be the cause of your breakup (or at least hopefully)! Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on how to handle a partner's inappropriate behavior online.

Technology Dating Advice That Will

Help You Deal An Inappropriate Partner Online

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Remember back in high school, how everyone wanted to be the most popular person in school? The one that everyone liked? Well, this is no different. Your partner continually posting on social media is just to get likes and attention from others. While you may think it's inappropriate, I'm going to guess that this isn't something that he was doing before you became a couple. So, as long as it's not harming you or anyone else, don't try to change him. Just let it go and focus on more important things in the relationship.

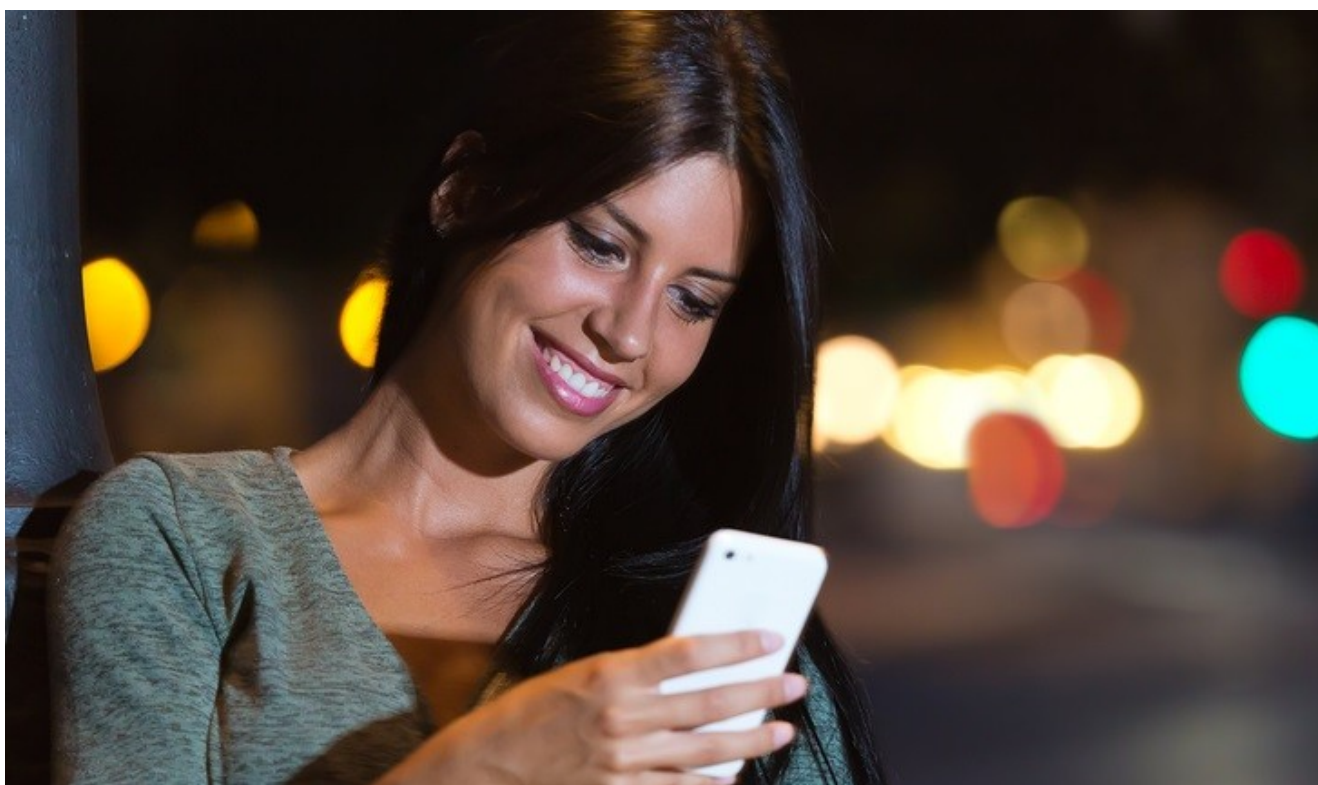
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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): As long as he is only fishing for likes and not other fish, I wouldn't be overly concerned about this fairly common social media behavior. Maybe he feels like he needs validation, and for whatever reason maybe he feels he's not getting the validation he needs at home. A heart to heart conversation usually clarifies underlying relationship issues. Have "the talk" and make sure he shows up with an open mind. Good luck.

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Dating & Relationship Q&A: At My Wits End, He Won't Stop Flirting Online. Should I End It?



Question from Ashley M.: I have been with my guy for over seventeen years, we're both flirty people, but as of lately he's crossed a line with a particular person. I've warned him and have had discussions about this person he swear is only a friend, but the same thing keeps happening. I've offered him a way out, but he insists that he wants to stay together. I'm not a super jealous person, but I don't want to be disrespected. We're trying to save what we have.

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media and electronic devices into the mix, and temptation can creep into your relationship. However, do not fret! Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Technology is here to stay, after all, so take advantage of these amazing tools! Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on how to handle a partner's online flirting.

Technology Dating Advice That Will Help You Deal With Your Partner's Online Flirting

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When you've been with someone for a long time, sometimes the relationship may lose the spark and excitement it once had. Which may cause one person to seek out the thrill of attention from the opposite sex outside the relationship, while still maintaining the security of your relationship. Try to revive and spice up your relationship with flirtations and sexy moves in the bedroom, so he won't feel the need to seek attention elsewhere. If he continues with his behavior with his "friend," then it may be time to try working with a relationship coach who can help you work through the issues at hand. And if that fails, then it may be time to move on to a man who only wants to flirt and be with you.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): It's time for "the talk". Seventeen years is a long time, so there must be a strong bond. But, over time little things become big things when they're not addressed. You say he's crossed the line and you feel disrespected. He says she's only a friend and he wants to stay

together. Something has to give. I say tell him to get his priorities in order. That means saying goodbye to her and paying attention to you. If he balks or shows any sign of hesitation, it's time to respect yourself and let him go.

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Tammy J.: The guy I've been seeing is nice, but I'm not sure if he's really "into" me. He's also distant and secretive so that makes me anxious. He hasn't gone public with our relationship online but he sends pictures of us to his mother. I want to think this is a good thing, but it kind of feels like he's using me. Could he be catfishing his mom? We haven't officially called each other boyfriend/girlfriend, but I think that's what he's been telling his mom otherwise.

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Technology Dating Advice That Will Help You Find A Catfish

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): It's time for you to first get clear on what you want and need in a relationship. Once you're clear, then you need to evaluate whether he's meeting your needs. If he is, then just share with him that you're confused as to what you are to him, and just let him clarify things for you. If he's not what you want or need in a relationship, then it's time for you to move on to a guy who is into you and is proud to declare you his girlfriend to everyone.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Unless you know your guy and his mom well, it's not easy to have a clear picture of their relationship. So, instead of focusing on something you have no control over, have a chat with him about *your* relationship. Since you are not sure where this new "relationship" stands, this is a good time to ask him where he sees things going with you. Don't pressure him, but get to the heart of the matter. If he's into you, he'll let you know. If he wavers or his responses are vague, you might want to reconsider where you're investing your emotions. I doubt you want to be with someone who does not feel the same way about you.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Is It Okay to Start a Relationship via Social Media?



Question from Alex O.: A few weeks ago, I reconnected with a friend from college on Twitter. We've been tweeting at each other since then and have plans to meet up this weekend. I feel like our flirtation is going to turn into something more – is it okay to start a relationship via social media?

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Technology Dating Advice On Whether You Should Start A Relationship Using Social Media

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Don't even think twice about starting a relationship via social media, it's totally the norm nowadays to meet and date someone who you met over Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. In fact, I know several people who have met the right man/woman that way, and they ended up marrying! And if this relationship turns into something more and you end up getting married, you will have a great love story to tell all your friends and family about how you reconnected with each other over Twitter.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): It's perfectly normal to begin a relationship on social media. My wife winked at me online and with that one digital exchange, we met in person and have been together ever since. So, I highly recommend using social media for romance if you are mindful of who you are and what you want out of the relationship. In your case, you already knew the person from college, so reconnecting on Twitter was not technically beginning a relationship on social media. But, you are using your digital re-connection to move the relationship forward. And, that's great. Because, let's face it; no matter how well we text, tweet or craft our Facebook messages, a true

connection can only happen when two people get together face-to-face in the “real” world.

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Question from Emily O.: I've noticed on a lot chat or IM apps,

one of the first things guys ask for is a picture of yourself, even if you have a profile photo displayed or albums filled with photos. It seems like "Can you send a pic," is the norm now? Why is that? And why will some even write you off completely if you're not willing to send a photo right away? I'm not comfortable sending pictures of myself to strangers only 2 minutes into a conversation.

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Technology Dating Advice On Whether You Should Send a Pic Online

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): The **good** reason: Men are visual creatures, so they may want to see more pics to make sure you actually look like the photos on your profile. The **bad** reason: Men will ask you to send a pic and if they're looking for something more sexy, then it will turn into asking you for a naked pic in the future. If a man writes you off for not sending another photo, then thank him for eliminating himself. He's probably just looking for one thing and he's not worth your time... So, just move on. Next!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Guys are visual and they enjoy looking at photos of pretty young ladies; and there's lots of photos of good-looking women online. But, at the same time, men get spoiled and some even ask women they've barely connected to- to send more pictures. Unfortunately, sharing more photos will not move a potential relationship forward. My advice to any young woman put into that position is to politely decline. If the guy presses or asks you why not, consider telling him that if he wants another photo of you he can take you out to a nice restaurant and maybe you'll let him snap a photo of you in person. The bottom line is that if a guy needs more photos of you to make a decision, or prefers looking at pictures of instead of spending time with you in person, he's probably not someone you want to invest your time in.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Is He Hiding Something When He Turns His Phone Off?





Question from Charlie S.: I've noticed that my boyfriend turns his phone off at random times – during a lunch date in the middle of the week, during a Sunday night football game, etc. Should I be worried that he's hiding something from me? What's the best way to ask him about it?

If that moment when he locks his phone and slides it in his pocket is unsettling, leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort.

Dating Advice: Is He Hiding Something?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Try not to jump to negative conclusions about your boyfriend turning off his phone. Did you ever think that maybe he just wants to enjoy watching the game or lunch without constant interruptions with phone calls and texts from people? Believe it or not, there are some people who aren't as attached to their phone and need it on 24/7. So, unless you're seeing any other red flags or have any other relationship problems that seem like he's hiding

something from you, then I highly recommend giving your boyfriend the benefit of the doubt. Because a sure fire way to kill a great relationship is to accuse him of doing something he's not.

Related Link: [Relationship Advice: How and Where to Meet Men](#)

[Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star](#): When your guy is turning off his phone at random times it most likely means he'd like to unplug and enjoy his time without a phone buzzing in his pocket. If he is turning off his phone during dates or quality time with you it means he wants to be with you without distraction, and that is great! If he was hiding something from you, he would be turning his phone off around you all of the time, not randomly!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): I suggest asking yourself why you believe your boyfriend's turning off his phone is a problem or a sign he is attempting to hide something. Many women would be thrilled if their boyfriend shut his phone off when he's with them. That usually means he is paying attention and more available for conversation. You may have trust issues with your boyfriend and believe his turning his phone off is to shield himself from other women contacting him when he's with you. If so, my dating advice is to simply ask him why he turns his phone off. How you gauge his answer will either assuage your concerns or bring the issue to the surface. You be the judge. Good luck.

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What's your best piece of dating advice when it comes to your

partner turning off his phone? Share in the comments below!