

Dating Advice Q&A: How Can You Know If Someone is Being Honest Online?



Question from Chelsea R.: I met a guy online who seems really great, but because I've been burned in the past (one too many times!), I'm hesitant to totally trust him. How can I know if he's being honest online? I don't want to move our relationship to the real world until I'm sure that he's trustworthy.

Online dating isn't always easy, especially with "catfishing" becoming extremely common. Leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort while you date online.

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[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): I completely understand your concerns about trusting a man you met online. As women, we always need to be somewhat on guard with new men, so we don't get taken advantage of physically or emotionally. However, that being said, you can also put up too many walls, where it blocks any man (including a good man), from getting to know you! My dating advice is to have a few email exchanges, then move it to the phone. If he seems genuine on the phone, then move it to meeting him in person in a public place. If he seems great and you would like to see him again, then just take it slow in getting to know him. If he's genuine, then his words will match his actions. And if his actions don't match his words, then move on.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Although trust is a critical aspect of romantic success, it's not easy to prove that someone is completely trustworthy online. You can Google a new guy and check his LinkedIn profile to compare what he's told you to what turns up, and if he passes muster on those sites, it's a good sign. But even that is no guarantee of his trustworthiness. Whenever we decide to get to know someone new, there is always risk involved. My dating tip? After checking Google, LinkedIn and any other site, if you still have doubts, trust your instincts before deciding to meet him in person. After all, the most important person to trust is yourself. Good luck.

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What's your best piece of dating advice when it comes to online dating? Share in the comments below!