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In today's world of fast immediate gratification and apps that teach us to swipe left and right, there are so many options for dating that quantity seems to prevail over quality when it comes to meeting someone long-term. If there isn't a connection on the first date, we are off to set up a date with the next person we meet online. Sometimes it takes a few dates to build a connection. Let's dig into some crucial moments advice for getting a second (and maybe third) date with someone.

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1. Be respectful of their time: Choosing a location for the first date is one of the most important factors in getting a second date. It's easier to get comfortable and suggest your date travel closer to you. The respectful and courteous thing is to compromise on a location for your date. The meeting place should be a convenient, neutral location for you both. For example, if you like to play basketball but your date has never stepped foot on a court, this may not be the best idea for a first date. Similarly, if you live in the city and your date lives in the suburbs, don't invite them to your town just because it's faster and easier for you to get home later. Agreeing on a location together will lay the foundation for any potential relationship. It's surprising how many first dates fail because this simple rule isn't followed. Additionally, if you really want to impress your date, knowing what they like to eat and do is sweet and thoughtful.

2. Listen and ask: The bottom line: stop talking, listen to your date, and then ask questions. Even if you have funny stories, use them sparingly. Attraction often happens when someone feels heard by the person sitting across from them. Give your date a chance to speak if you don't want to come across as a selfish, narcissistic chatterbox. Ask about their interests and maintain a healthy give and take in the conversation, paying special attention to topics that really interest your date. Listen without interruption if you like your date. It will let them know you're into them. Don't bombard your date with overly personal questions that it puts them on the defensive. Your conversation should feel like a friendly, pleasant chat, not an interrogation at a police department. Remember, it's hard to be vulnerable, but someone feels heard when they're talking, they tend to open up more. Be mindful of that.

3. Don't wait too long: It's a sad truth, but guys often wait too long before asking a girl on a second date. It could be because of a packed week with other options, because they aren't interested, or as simply because they're afraid of rejection. You might want to move on if it's been two weeks since your first date with someone unless they have a reasonable explanation as to why it took so long to get back in touch. If they make you wait the second time around, then it's a pattern that you need to decide if you want to live with when being courted by someone. The same goes for moving too quickly. Don't be too forward or aggressive by asking someone out as soon as you get home or text them repeatedly.

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