

Snooki's New Boyfriend Is a 'Refreshing Change'



Jersey Shore's Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, who was recently rumored to be starting her own reality dating show, looks like she doesn't need any help finding a man. [Us Magazine](#) reports that the reality TV star's new boyfriend, Jionni LaValle, is a "refreshing change," according to a source. "Jionni is great. He is so quiet and isn't trying to be in the spotlight." But apparently Snooki was still nervous about her new beau and looked for approval from her girlfriends. "She wasn't sure about him at first and kept asking her friends what they thought of him," says the source. "She was hesitant because he isn't the typical gorilla." **How important are the opinions of your friends when it comes to the person you're**

dating?

Cupid's Advice:

Advice from your family and friends can be very telling. Cupid has some ideas on when you should listen to your friends' opinions and when it's okay to follow your own intuition:

1. Get a new perspective: Sometimes it's hard to see a person's faults when you really like him/her, which is why it's important to listen to your friends when you're with someone new. They have an outside perspective and won't hesitate to tell you if they think your new flame is actually a jerk.

2. Know your history: Your friends know about your past relationships and your tendency to date certain types. If they see you gravitating toward the same type of partner (especially if you've had bad luck with that type in the past), they may be able to help steer you in another direction.

3. Go with your gut: Your pals don't know everything. While they care about you and want you to be happy, they don't know how you feel or what you want as well as you do. So if your intuition is telling you something's wrong (or right), listen.