

# The Bachelor 17, Episode 8: Home Sweet Home



By

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Last night's episode of [The Bachelor](#) featured the four coveted hometown dates and there were a lot of tells when it came to body language. Based on Sean's behavior, it was obvious to me that he's attracted to these girls, but he isn't ready to move forward with anyone just yet. It looks like reality just hit him on the hometown dates that the goal of the show is marriage. He says he's excited for that next step, yet he's showing extreme signs of anxiety: heavy breathing, lack of eye contact and shrugging. Sean is more uncertain about his future

than ever before.

On that note, let's get started...

## AshLee

If anything, Sean's extreme nervousness towards AshLee is telling of his strong feelings for her. However, he showed shame when kissing her by looking down right away. He also looked down and showed shame again when he said, "I'm so happy I'm here."

AshLee's really in love with Sean. She looks at him with admiring eyes (wide eyes that are paired with a strong gaze and slightly raised eyebrows). Of course, she also has a huge smile with crow's feet (wrinkles around her eyes).

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Now, let's move on to AshLee's parents. Her father and mother showed anger when hearing about the dates with Sean, especially the romantic comments, yet they were happy to see their daughter's reaction to the bachelor. They were trying to play bad cops, but you could see flashes of smiling beneath it all. Additionally, micro-expressions of sadness – a dimpled chin, lowering of his corner lips, raising of his inner eyebrows, loss of eye contact – came across AshLee's father's face when he was talking about the first time he saw her. It's easy to see that AshLee has a great family.

After asking about possibly proposing to AshLee, Sean took a deep breath, a sign of relief mixed with anxiety. He really likes her, and asking that question was a big step for him.

Projected Ranking: #1

Family: A+

Sean's Lust Level: A+

Drama: 0 out of 10

Hometown Location: A

## **Catherine**

We heard a giggly laugh from Sean at the start of their date, so he was happy to see her. However, when he said, "When I am with Catherine, I can see my wife," he did a major shoulder shrug to non-verbally indicate his uncertainty about the statement.

Sean went in for a kiss, which would normally be a huge indicator of his attraction. Instead, I noticed a slight body flinch from Catherine, meaning that she only intended to hug him. What many viewers saw as something big was nothing more than a non-verbal fake out.

Maybe Catherine isn't quite sure of her relationship with Sean either. When she was chatting her sisters, she used the phrase "try it out" as she spoke about marriage. She couldn't give a definite yes. Her choice of words allowed her to dodge the question. Plus, when she said she was crazy about Sean, she shook her head no, which means she's either lying or she's not as crazy about him as she says. I think she likes him a lot, but isn't ready for marriage or mature enough to make such a big commitment just yet.

When speaking to Catherine's mother, Sean had his hand in his pocket, which is a sign of intimidation. He also had his feet/legs crossed and pointed at the door, indicating that he doesn't plan on leaving this conversation but would like to flee the room because he is very uncomfortable. Even his body is facing away from her. Still, as Sean was opening up to Catherine's mother, I could tell he was being genuine by his use of open hand gestures (talking with his hands with palms facing up or towards the other individual).

Projected Ranking: #3

Family: B-

Sean's Lust Level: B+

Drama: 4 out of 10

Location: A-

## **Lindsay**

Sean ran to Lindsay for a hug when they first saw each other, a sign of strong affection and excitement.

He later said, "Lindsay could be the one who I could spend most of my life with." When saying "could be the one," he did a shoulder shrug, which is an accrete non-verbal cue meaning maybe...so his words align with his actions. However, when finishing that sentence with "spend most of my life with," Sean did a micro-expression of anger (lips pinched, eyes glaring, eyebrows lowered). I wish I could ask him why he felt anger at this moment, but it was either towards himself, Lindsay, or the situation. Also, let's focus on the word "most." He could've said "my whole life" or "forever," but instead, he used non-committal language.

We can't forget to discuss Lindsay's parents too. Her mom did a hand steeple, showing that she is the dominant one. Her dad might be a two-star general, but Sean was focused on pleasing the wrong person! Lucky for our 'Bachelor', Lindsay's mom used gestures of openness, showing that she really liked him.

Projected Ranking: #2

Family: A

Sean's Lust Level: A+

Drama: 2 out of 10

Location: C+

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## **Desiree**

I immediately knew that Des's ex-boyfriend was a fake. The actor never showed any real signs of anger or jealousy. He even flashed a smile during his encounter with Sean. The bachelor, though, definitely didn't know that it was prank, as he showed body language of anger (closed fists) and defensiveness (crossed arms).

Of course, we have to analyze Des's brother's behavior. He called Sean out on liking other girls...and I can't really blame him. Sean might not have liked what he said, but you'd think he'd understand where he was coming from, right? Unfortunately, that's not the case, as Sean's non-verbal cues were very negative after their chat.

Let's observe their facial expressions too. They were primarily those of anger, sadness and shame. I think Sean was truly hurt by Des's brother, mostly by the "playboy" comment. I wonder how much of Sean's actions on *The Bachelor* were his true self versus the producers directing him. I feel like he might not have wanted to be as much of a flirt as he actually was.

Projected Ranking: #4

Family: F

Sean's Lust Level: A+

Drama: 8 out of 10

Location: A

## **Rose Ceremony**

At the end of the day, family drama was the deciding factor.

Des would have been in the top three if her brother would have just been quiet, but instead, he stole the spotlight and, in doing so, ruined his sister's chances with Sean. On one hand, I agree with the bachelor. On the other side, though, I think having an overprotective brother is better than feeling like you'll never fit in, as Sean stated about Catherine's family. After all, an overprotective brother may come around. Though I knew he would ultimately send Des home, I would've picked Catherine.

Be sure to check back in tomorrow for my thoughts on tonight's *The Bachelor: Sean Tells All* special!

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## **VDay Heartbreak: 'The Bachelor' Sean Lowe Opens Up About His Feelings for Tierra**







By

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Sean Lowe, otherwise known now as [The Bachelor](#), has gone through as much tears and drama this season as any man should ... especially with Tierra. According to [People](#), Lowe blogged about his relationships with the girls. He had three one-on-one dates with AshLee, Tierra, and Lesley. [The Examiner](#) reports that Lowe's date with Tierra made him realize that she may not be the girl for him. He described how she comes with drama, a lot of drama. At the end of the day, Tierra told Lowe that she was falling in love with him. Lowe hoped that they could be drama-free.

**What do you do if your friends don't like your new partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Having your friends disapprove of your partner absolutely sucks. As much as you can say what you and your mate have is great and it is "only you two," it's not. Your close friends

are your second family, and not having them there for your relationship does not help. This will inevitably happen once in your life, and Cupid has some advice:

**1. Listen:** Although you may not believe anyone could dislike your partner, it is a possibility. When your friends confront you and tell you they do not like your new mate, do not freak out! Even though this may be your first impulse and reaction, take a deep breath. This will not be solved whatsoever if you blow your top and yell at your best friend. The easiest thing to do in this scenario, is to listen. Listen to what your friend, or friends, have to say. Take their comments and concerns in, and go from there.

**2. Know your feelings:** Depending on the person you are, it may be very important that your friends like your partner. Be aware of your feelings with your new beau. Is it worth it to possibly lose your closest friends for this boy? Make sure you are certain of how you feel about the new fella. You don't want to vow "he is the best" and then go back to your friends crying when he hurts you, but have no friends left.

**3. Stay strong:** This time will be challenging for you. You are delving into a new relationship in which your best friends don't agree with. No matter why they dislike him, it will hurt. You will immediately think that your friends don't wish for you to be happy. That they don't want you to be in a relationship, and find the love of your life. Push these thoughts aside as you deal with your friends and your new partner. Keep your chin high and stay strong.

**Have your friends ever disliked your partner? Explain below.**

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# The Bachelor 17, Episode 7: Victory in St. Croix!



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Since there were only six girls left on this week's episode, I really wanted to hone in on each of their non-verbal cues and micro-expressions to determine their true feelings for the bachelor. I also focused a lot on Sean's reaction to each of them to see how he really feels about the remaining ladies.

Let's start with the first one-on-one date...

**AshLee**

AshLee was the one girl brave enough to tell Sean the truth about Tierra. As she was talking to Sean about the drama, she showed micro-expressions of anger: pinching her lips, lowering her eyebrows and glaring her eyes. She also revealed feelings of contempt when speaking about Tierra by moving only one side of her face.

In response, Sean said, "When she tells me something about Tierra, I believe it." As he says it, Sean shakes his head no and shrugs, telling me that he doesn't believe what he just said.

Even so, when he's on the beach talking with Ashlee about Tierra, Sean puts his hand on his head with his thumb pointing down, meaning a thumbs down to Tierra. I think he's really beginning to wake up, even if it is *very* slowly.

At the start of their dinner together, the bachelor asked her if there was anything else he needed to know before meeting her family, and when she replied "yes," he gulped, which is a sign of fear. He also showed a micro-expression of surprise with his raised eyebrows and the widening of his eyes.

Sean smiled big enough to have crow's feet (wrinkling at the corners of her eyes) when speaking with her, so he really likes AshLee. You don't show that much emotion (the fear, the surprise and the genuine happiness) if you don't like someone.

Of course, he shook his head no as he said, "I think you're perfect the way you are," meaning that he's still not sold on her just yet. He also shrugged as he told her that he had no questions at this point, revealing that he's either lying or not being 100 percent truthful.

As for AshLee's feelings for Sean? She nodded to confirm that she was telling the truth when she said she loved him.

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## Tierra

It's no surprise that Tierra showed feelings of contempt when speaking about the other girls. What is surprising is that Sean also showed signs of contempt multiple times. I think (hope) her drama is finally getting to him.

Tierra totally fibbed and told Sean that she tried bonding with the other girls in the house. As soon as she stopped talking, she started licking her lips and put her hands up to pull back her hair on both sides of her face. Her body language showed that she's trying to manipulate Sean by lying to him about her feelings towards the girls and also about her feelings for him.

Of course, Tierra did her famous eyebrow raise. And when she said the above comment about the other girls and herself, her right eyebrow rose for a long period of time. This eyebrow raise is a sign of cynicism. The funny thing is she did this facial gesture after something she said, meaning that even *she* doesn't believe the words that just came out of her mouth.

The tone and pitch of Tierra's voice also gave away her true feelings. Both were very choppy as she spoke, revealing that her words were not actually true.

As she was speaking to "her boyfriend," Sean had his lips pinched, meaning he was bit angry with either her or the situation.

The drama queen revealed her own anxiety when she played with her straw throughout dinner. The body goes under a great deal of stress when lying, so it tries to cover that stress up by releasing it through agitated movements and fidgeting.

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**Lindsay**

Based on Sean's tone and pitch as he spoke about Lindsay, it was easy to see that he'd give her the group date rose. He slowed down his speech and emphasized his feelings for her. He really is crazy about her. Although he has strong feelings for Desiree and Catherine as well.

## **Lesley**

Her body language told me that she wants to feel more in love with Sean than she does. She really, truly likes him, but she may not be in love with him as she had hoped. When she talked about loving him, she did a lot of shrugs and other non-verbal gestures which mean "I don't know."

The sad thing is that I don't think the show revealed everything that happened between this couple. It seems a bit weird that they really got along last week, but then this week, there was a lack of...well, everything. Their connection was strained on both sides. I really thought she would make it to the top three, but after this date, I didn't know if she'd end up with a rose.

Sean, you did a great job by getting rid of dramatic Tierra and her "sparkle", but I have to say, I think you should have kept Lesley around. I think you guys would have been great for each other, but then again, we didn't really see what happened between you two. Still, I count this week as a major victory. Bye bye, Tierra!

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# The Bachelor 17, Episode 6: Chemistry in Canada



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Since this episode is the second one this week, let's jump right into it...

## Catherine

So we finally got to see a one-on-one date with Sean and Catherine, and it looks like I need to add her to my top



picks. I think Catherine has something no other girl has to offer. She is fun, cute and sexy – she's a triple threat. Or better yet, she's a quad threat since she also had a sad story to tell.

When Sean talked about her during his interviews, he really lit up. His eyes widened, and he had a smile from ear to ear. Also, remember from one of my previous articles that, when Sean is really, truly happy, his vein shows on his forehead, either near his eyes or above it. That happened again last night, so I know that he was very happy with his time with Catherine.

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## **The Big Disaster Date**

### **Tierra**

Well, here we go again – Tierra's hurt – but this time, it's for real. I am reminded of the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." There are only so many times that she can fake cry or "fall down the stairs." Now that she's really hurt, no one believed her.

I lived in Buffalo for about five years, where snow and freezing weather were the norm. I know what you can fake, and Tierra definitely didn't fake lips that blue and skin that pale. BUT (and trust me, there is a but) that doesn't mean she didn't play off the situation. Tierra had mild hypochondria – oh sorry, I mean hypothermia – and she acted like she had frostnip (the first stage of frostbite) or even frostbite. Just to give you a point of comparison: My good friend had frostnip, and she couldn't walk for three days. She had crutches and stabbing pains in her feet and hands for a week.

So Tierra, you might have gotten cold, but you also got a cold

shoulder from Sean when he gave the rose to Lesley. Ouch.

Even so, I knew she'd get a rose before the show was over, and I've narrowed it down to two explanations. The first reason is that the producers know we all love to hate her, and they, of course, want the highest ratings possible.

Second, Sean is a sap and really likes her and her drama. Some men are "care takers," meaning that they like taking [care](#) of women. Sean most likely falls into this category, seeing as he always gives roses to the girls who tell him stories about their difficult lives. "Care takers" want to feel like they are needed, so the more these girls cry and act dramatic, the more likely Sean is to give them a rose.

## **AshLee**

As you know, I love giving real world examples of non-verbal facial expressions. When AshLee had to jump into the ice water, she presented a great non-verbal expression of fear: eyes wide-open, eyebrows raised and corner of lips pulled straight back towards the ears.

## **Selma**

Selma and Sean had a great run. That kiss was where it went downhill though. It was the kiss of death. It was a peck with very little emotion behind it. Sometimes, a kiss is the true test of chemistry, and in this case, there wasn't much there.

As a side note, Selma's laugh may have been the cutest/weirdest laugh that I've ever heard.

## **Sarah**

I really liked Sarah. Like I said in yesterday's post, she was one of my top picks for Sean. So Sarah, if you come across this article, I'll help you find love. Come join me in my VIP non-verbal communication class!



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## **Desiree**

Well, she got over her rough patch with an amazing date. If you're keeping track, she's been one of my favorites since day one, and she's still on my top five list. I think she has many of the qualities that the bachelor wants in a partner. If she wants to win that final rose, she must be herself and keep things fun and spontaneous for Sean.

In Montana, their body language was off, but this week, they re-kindled things big time. I want to point out how one bad comment about Tierra (in Sean's eyes, at least) negatively affected Desiree and Sean's chemistry, even if it was only for a week. I think this date brought her back in the spotlight.

Tune in next week to see what happens when Sean and the remaining ladies head to the magical island of St. Croix!

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# **The Bachelor 17, Episode 5: Sean Lowe's Mistakes & Top**

# Picks



By

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I had a big problem with Sean this week. Maybe it started when he gave the rose to Tierra over Jackie. Did anyone else actually scream at the television? He's incredibly clueless to Tierra's true colors. Sean, wake up! You're a wreck, so you're picking a girl who is a wreck herself.

I really questioned the bachelor when he said, "I don't want to be naïve. I want people to tell me these things." Whenever someone tries to tell him something negative about someone else, he sends her home! In doing so, he's eliminating the girls who truly care for him and giving roses to the girls

with a ton of issues. At least tell me that producers have a role in the eliminations to make me feel better.

Enough about Sean. Let's talk about the girls!

## **Lindsay**

While kissing Lindsay, Sean had a limp arm, which tells us that he wasn't really into their kiss. When you really like a girl, your arms reach out for her.

Later in the date, Lindsay jumped into Sean's arms – a non-verbal cue of really strong attraction and very loving emotions towards someone. So she definitely likes him more than he likes her.

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## **Desiree**

After Sean announced that the blue team was coming back, Desiree revealed her anger by pinching her lips and licking her front teeth. In all fairness, the girl did drink fresh goat milk to earn her spot at dinner.

She showed surprise through her wide eyes and raised eyebrows when she didn't receive a rose on the group date. Honestly, I was surprised too. It seems like any negative news immediately makes Sean question the show's process. He needs to realize that nobody is perfect and that there are ups and downs in every relationship.

Overall, the body language between Sean and Des isn't as positive as it once was. For instance, when they were sitting on the couch, Sean's body was pointed away from her, which is the opposite of what you do when you like someone.

Before we move on to the next girl, let's consider this: Does

Sean asking for the blue team to come back mean that he missed the company of someone on that team? Maybe Lesley, Catherine, Daniella or AshLee?

## **AshLee**

When AshLee was talking about her time on the show so far, she reached for the back of her neck, a non-verbal sign for “pain in my neck,” frustration or annoyance. Even so, she was telling the truth about her positive feelings for Sean. She was implying that it’s a pain for her to be competing for his heart (and who can really blame her?).

## **Tierra**

One thing was clear: Sean did not like that Tierra crashed his date and surprised him. When speaking with her outside, his heavy breathing indicated that he was thinking “not again.” Of course, it won’t matter because she will manipulate Sean with yet another story, and Sean will give her yet another rose.

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## **Lesley M.**

Lesley is the girl who Sean went to for wisdom. She has to make sure she doesn’t fall into the “friend zone” next week. I expect a lot of touching and a big romantic scene with Sean and Lesley on an upcoming episode.

## **Top Picks**

So who do I think Sean will pick as his top five ladies?

1. Lesley M.
2. Lindsay
3. AshLee
4. Selma

5. Desiree

Just for comparison, here are my top five picks for Sean:

1. AshLee

2. Lesley M.

3. Jackie

4. Desiree

5. Sarah

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## **Exclusive Interview: Sarah Darling Talks 'The Bachelor', Country Music and Her Top Pick for Sean Lowe!**







By

Whitney Baker

Having been a longtime fan of [The Bachelor](#), rising star Sarah Darling loves when her fellow country music artists make special appearances on the show. As many of you saw last night, Darling was that lucky singer on Monday's episode, performing a surprise concert in Whitefish, Montana, on Sean Lowe's one-on-one date with Lindsay Yenter.

"It was an awesome experience to be a part of such a big show, especially with me being a new artist," Darling said. "Sean is just like he comes across on television: super down-to-earth and sweet, like a Southern boy."

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And what about the bachelor's date with Yenter? "It was so romantic and gorgeous. They were slow dancing in a crowd of people and looked like they were having the time of their

lives,” she shared. “It was definitely a magical moment.”



As for her song choice, ‘Home to Me,’ Darling’s most recent single, is a great fit for *The Bachelor*, a show that takes the search for love to the most unexpected place: reality television. Describing the song, Darling says home “isn’t necessarily a place but a feeling. A person can be home to you, no matter where you are – and even if the two of you are apart.”

That notion rings particularly true for Darling, who is currently in a long-distance relationship. With her boyfriend living in London, it’s important for them to spend time together even when they’re apart. “We like to have Skype cooking dates, which is really fun. And we make sure we always have something to look forward to.”

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Of course, being on *The Bachelor* wasn’t this country music star’s first experience with reality television. In 2003, shortly after moving to Nashville to pursue her music career, she traveled to Las Vegas to compete on *The Entertainer*, a show on E! hosted by Wayne Newton.

After landing in the top three, she returned to Nashville with a better idea of what was next for her. “It really taught me



what I wanted to do and what I didn't want to do," Darling said. "For me, I decided that I needed to focus on songwriting, so that's what I did."

Of her songwriting process, Darling explains that she tries to focus on what's going on in her life at that particular time. "I never know when I'm going to get inspired, but when I do, it's usually a really fast process. I feel like the best songs are written very quickly and very true to the moment."

Country music fans are already looking forward to hearing more of Darling's songwriting on her upcoming album, which will be released this summer. "This album represents how I've always wanted my music to be portrayed," she shared. "My producer, Dan Huff, listened to me, and we worked together on making an album that was really 'me.'"

"It really lets me be an artist and be different, which is really, really good," she adds.

As Darling puts the finishing touches on her album and prepares for the Valentine's Day opening of her Weekend Road Trip Tour with Scotty McCreery, she stills finds time to keep up *The Bachelor* and Lowe's search for love. So who is her favorite contestant this season? "I'm a big fan of Lesley M.!"

*You can check out Darling's 'Home to Me' EP on iTunes and catch her on tour with Scotty McCreery. For more information, follow her on [Twitter](#) or visit [www.sarahdarling.com](http://www.sarahdarling.com).*

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## 'Bachelor' Sean Lowe Explains

# Why He Sent Home Leslie



By Jessica Conigliaro

When choosing who stays and who goes, Sean Lowe considers how each girl makes him feel after their date together. Lowe blogs to [People](#) about his incredible date with Selma: “From the first night I couldn’t keep my eyes off of the 5’ 1” dark-haired, olive-skinned, Iraqi beauty. Selma was incredibly beautiful, smart and fun, too! From the moment I picked Selma up, everything seemed so natural. It amazed me how comfortable I was with her.” Unfortunately, Leslie H. did not capture Lowe’s interest quite as much. He said that even though he hoped a spark would develop with her, he felt she put him in the “friend zone” each time he’s want to get affectionate. “I

admired and respected Leslie for so many reasons, but I knew she wasn't the one for me," he said.

## **What are some signs you should cut ties early in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Dating someone new always leaves you wondering if there is future potential for a meaningful relationship. It can be just as hard to detect the possibility that it will not work out. Here are some tips on how to tell if you need to step away early on:

**1. You have trouble contacting each other:** If you are not hearing back from the person you are interested in, it is possible they are purposely ignoring you. For instance, if you repeatedly try contacting someone and don't get a response, they may be dodging your calls. Vice versa, if you find yourself avoiding the person you have been dating, consider some of the reasons why you don't want to talk to them.

**2. Drama with an ex:** Emotional baggage from past relationships often lingers. The last thing you want to do is get involved with someone who is still in love with the last person they were with. Repeatedly mentioning their ex in conversation is usually a clear indication that they still have feelings for them. If you are dating someone who is recently single and begin to notice they are afraid to commit, you may just be their rebound—which is no way to start a healthy relationship.

**3. You don't get along with their friends and family:** Feeling uncomfortable or annoyed by their friends or relatives could have negative effects later on. As your relationship progresses, you will most likely be forced to spend more time with these people and won't be thrilled to do so. Your partner may begin to feel he has to choose between you and his friends—this is not an easy decision to make and may not work

out in your favor.

How were you able to tell it was time to say goodbye? Share your thoughts below.

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## The Bachelor 17, Episode 4: Deception of Love



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For this week's analysis of [The Bachelor](#), I focus on

identifying lies and true feelings rather than my top picks for Sean. Read on to see if you agree with my assessments of Selma, Tierra, Amanda, Sarah and Leslie H.

## **Selma**

Throughout her one-on-one date with Sean, Selma was incredibly close to the bachelor: they locked their hands together and wrapped their arms around each other. She was literally draping herself over him. Proxemics, or the study of space, indicates closeness, and there was definitely a strong attraction between these two.

When Sean asked her if she was okay with rock climbing, Selma replied, "Alright." But based on her non-verbal cues, she was thinking, "Heck no!" First, her pitch and tone went down to almost a whisper, a sign of extreme fear and anxiety. Second, her body revealed the truth: as she was replying, she shook her head "no."

Additionally, the phrase "alright" is a way to say no. It's the same as "sure," which is not a decisive yes and more of an "I don't know." If you ever say something to your loved ones, and they respond with an "alright" or "sure," they aren't completely on board with whatever you asked. They might even go back on their word later.

As for Sean and Selma's date night...no kiss? No problem! Ladies, I'm going to share a little secret with you: if you hold back and your man gets mad and calls things off, he's not worth dating. If he really likes you, holding back will actually make him subconsciously try even harder to get what he didn't originally receive. In this case, I know for a fact Sean will give Selma a rose. And boom, I typed it, and it happened. Men want what they can't have. Psychology wins once again.

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### **Tierra**

Let's talk about the non-verbal cues associated with real and fake tears. During real tears, the inner eye brows will go up towards the forehead; a bulge will be created in the middle of the eyebrows; and the corners of your lips will curl down. Your chin might also dimple. Of course, there are usually tears, and your nose may drip (tears don't only drain through your eyes; they also come from your nose). Additionally, there is a lack of eye contact and a dazed look.

It's easy to fake the bulge in between your eyebrows; it's easy to fake the lowering of your corner lips; and it's easy to fake the chin dimple. It's a bit harder to fake the inner brows rising towards your forehead, and it's really hard to fake tears and a runny nose. It's also really hard to get your eyes to look as they do when you're truly upset. But what is almost impossible to do is all of these actions at once. It takes a ton of practice to get it right, and Tierra just doesn't have that much skill.

So are Tierra's tears real or fake? 100 percent fake. The giveaway is her smirk at the end.

### **Amanda**

Amanda's nail biting may just be a habit, but it's also a sign of anxiety. So when she said that she had done roller derby before, I could easily tell she was lying – even though her words were very confident. One of the main ways to tell if someone is lying is by identifying deviations within his or her story. Similar to Selma, Amanda lied with a deviation between her non-verbal behavior and her verbal communication.

As a side note, I liked that Amanda actually confessed and told the truth about playing the sympathy card.

## **Sarah**

Sarah shrugged when she said she was “so happy.” Shrugging is a non-verbal cue that indicates that you don’t mean exactly what you’re saying, which is different from lying. If I said that I loved a movie but shrugged, I may have hated the movie, but I could’ve just liked it as well.

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## **Leslie H.**

Did you notice the tears in her eyes? Sure, she was upset, but it wasn’t all sadness. The majority of what she felt was anger. That’s right, she had all the signs of being pissed off, including pinching her lips and licking her front teeth. I bet her hands were making fists because she was furious. There was no hiding how she felt.

## **Conclusion**

The information in this article can be used to counter the lies that people tell us everyday. In the game of love, people are very good at making us feel loved or special. Some people, though, try to manipulate our emotions and make us feel how they want us to feel (like Tierra with her fake crying). So remember this as you search for love: it’s not about finding just any guy or girl; it’s about finding a quality person who is worthy of your affection. These tips will help you read others and figure out if they truly love you or are just deceiving you.

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# The Bachelor: Lesley M. Breaks Record for the Show's Longest Kiss



By

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We're only three weeks into the current season of *The Bachelor*, and tensions are already high. It seems as if one lucky contestant, Lesley M., made *Bachelor*, Sean Lowe, want more after their initial meeting. Lowe toured Lesley to

the Guinness World Records Museum. As the tour approached its end, Chris Harrison popped out of nowhere and explained the point of the date. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the two love birds would kiss on screen for 3 minutes and 16 seconds. [Huffintgton Post](http://Huffintgton Post) reports that the couple enjoyed a rooftop dinner after.

## **How can a kiss help you determine if your partner's 'the one'?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It is always challenging to determine if your partner is 'the one' or not, and the kiss you two share is a telling factor. The kiss should emit fireworks! Cupid has some other ways a kiss can help you determine if your partner's 'the one':

**1. Butterflies:** Butterflies are relatively self explanatory. You either feel them, or you don't feel them. The butterflies felt vary from person to person however, if you get the ultimate feeling of flurries in your stomach when you're with your partner, it is easier to determine. Having butterflies with your partner makes it easier to know that their 'the one.'

**2. You feel "it":** This can also relate to butterflies however, when you kiss, you just know they're 'the one.' You automatically know that your partner is the only one who "gets you." The only person you want to wake up to. The one person you can share everything with. When you kiss, you simply just feel "it."

**3. They lifts up your chin:** Although this may seem like a small gesture, it means a lot. When your partner lifts up your chin to kiss you, it shows that they want to gaze into your eyes. It shows you how much they truly care for you and possibly love you. It shows that they're gentle yet romantic. It shows that they just may be 'the one.'

How does kissing help you determine how much you like someone?  
Share your thoughts below.

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# The Bachelor 17, Episode 3: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly



By

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*The Bachelor* was action-packed and filled with a lot of

underlying emotions that presented themselves nonverbally. No clear winner is coming out of the pack just yet, but let's touch on the the good, the bad and the ugly of last night's episode...

## **The Good**

### **Lesley M.**

Sean looks at Lesley like she's the eighth Wonder of the World, and they are definitely hitting it off. After all, their first kiss broke the Guinness record for the longest on-camera kiss. It started out cute with both of them blushing and smirking a lot, but it quickly became awkward. Leslie's hand in the middle of his chest seemed to have a slight hint of "pushing away." There was no real emotion, which is to be expected when you have a large audience cheering for you.

Their second kiss made up in emotion what the first one lacked. While rubbing Sean's head (her favorite move), her entire body and legs are fully facing her guy. This girl is falling hard! That second kiss could have easily escalated into something more.

Remember that important things get held close to the body. When Lesley and Sean kissed on the rooftop, she had a tight grasp on Sean but a light grasp on the rose, as it's tilted away from her. This indicates that Lesley's priority is the man and *not* the rose.

On a psychological note, it's worth pointing out that Lesley has a lot of similarities with Emily Maynard, who dumped Sean in season eight of *The Bachelorette*. It will be interesting to see if he picks someone similar to a woman who rejected him in the past.

### **AshLee**

When Sean is truly happy, his veins show above his eyes and on

his forehead. If you don't see them, he's putting on a show. During Sean's interaction with AshLee, this was happening constantly, and he can't stop smiling when they're together. What does that mean? It means Sean had a *really* good time with AshLee, and Lesley M. might have some serious competition. No way of telling if AshLee is The One yet, but she is getting a lot of positive non-verbal cues from Sean.

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## **The Bad**

### **Desiree**

Desiree called out Amanda, and a lot was revealed in the fight for the rose. It is clear that having a rose is more important to Amanda than having Sean. In this scenario, however, Desiree is the bad one. Even though she got Sean's last rose, there is something a bit off about Desiree. When talking to Sean, she gives weird looks and has a creepy tone to her voice. Sean, beware! You might want to steer clear...that is unless you like your women a little bit crazy (see Lindsay below).

## **The Ugly**

### **Kacie**

Kacie went from golden girl to bottom of the barrel in one conversation. She would have had the upper hand, landing in the top five, if it wasn't for the story she had shared with Sean. When Kacie told him about the drama between Desiree and Amanda, she unknowingly removed her halo and associated herself with the negativity of the other two ladies. In the past, blameless bearers of bad news were forever associated with the messages they reported. The origins of the age old phrase "don't shoot the messenger!" came about because of this negative psychological association.



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## **Lindsay**

Kacie's unintentional downgrade of herself as well as Desiree and Amanda left Lindsay unscathed. Subsequently, she received the rose on the group date.

Dear, sweet, and slightly crazy Lindsay showed up on the first night in a wedding dress and regularly brings up marriage in conversation. The average person would run for the hills in this scenario, but Sean seems to be sticking around, leaving us to think that he might like his girls a little too close to the deep end.

It's a good thing that *The Bachelor* series allows Sean to have multiple dates. A girl can only hide her true self for a short period of time before cracks start to appear. Between Lindsay, Kacie and Desiree, the plot thickens as true colors begin to emerge.

On a final note, Sean is playing his own psychological game. For example, while AshLee was sharing a deeply emotional story about her adoption with him, he chimed in with a perfectly timed comment about how he would like to adopt. Additionally, in one moment, we'll hear him say, "I could be falling for her," and in the very next moment, he's kissing a different girl. Sean is toying with these women and showing that the person who's playing the game of *The Bachelor* the best...is the bachelor himself!

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# The Bachelor 17, Episode 2: Love or Lies?



By

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We can't help but wonder about the girls when watching this (and every) season of [The Bachelor](#). Who is genuinely nice? And who is a wolf in sheep's clothing? Who's in it for love, and who just wants fame? Of course, the biggest question we ask ourselves is: who is Sean's future wife?

So in the spirit of *The Bachelor*, I will give out fives roses



to the girls whose body language and non-verbal cues—for better or worse—most captured my attention in last night's episode. Do you know who's falling in love and who's lying to get what she wants?

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## **Kristy**

It is quite obvious to viewers that Kristy has an ulterior motive for being on the show. If you haven't caught on to this, maybe this quote will help: "I am getting the rose and books, and we are sailing away."

Don't be fooled by her good looks, charm and natural ability in front of the camera. This girl has one thing on her mind: fame. Let me ask a question: Are you bringing Sean on a ship that is sailing away with you, your book deal and your rose? You might be saying that she intends for the rose to represent Sean. Why not just say Sean then? When anyone uses an object to represent a person, it's never a good sign. People are not objects, and it's clear that Kristy thinks of Sean as just that: an object.

## **Sarah**

Let's start from the helicopter. There was the obvious non-verbal cue of Sean putting his arm around Sarah's back. As many of you know, that's a sign of sexual attraction. If you're at a bar or a club, you might be victim to this move. As many of you will notice someone attractive, do a walk by and gently place your hand on their back to carefully get by them. What you're actually doing is showing that you're interested.

Sarah plays with her hair a lot, which is something that girls do both out of habit and when they flirt. So, how do I know the difference? When Sarah plays with her hair out of habit,

she does it sparingly. When she starts talking to Sean alone, the amount of times that she touches her hair increases. With almost every sentence she says, she's moving her hair away from her face and revealing a very sexy part of her body, her neck.

A big sign that Sarah is genuinely into Sean is a simple facial expression. If you look closely, you might see Sarah's nose wrinkle and eyes widen as she smiles at Sean. If there was no sign of a smile or widening of her eyes and just a solo nose wrinkling, I would say that's more disgust and a big negative. But that's not the case here. Sarah is flirting with him and clearly very interested.

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Though there is a lot more to consider from Sarah's date, I leave you with this idea: Sarah is not as innocent as she is portraying herself to be. Even so, there is definitely some chemistry between her and Sean. But the girl I focus on next may have more of an edge.

### **Lesley M.**

She said it the best when she said, "Something must have been wrong with my body language." Lesley, you're absolutely right – there were four major reasons why that kiss never took place.

–Lesley never tilted her body fully toward Sean; she only looked at him with the majority of her body still facing the table. This positioning did two things: it blocked her off and made her less approachable, and it also confused Sean and made him second-guess himself.

–The second thing I noticed was a lack of touch. There was never an escalation of touching. They stayed holding hands. However, as Sean looked for definite approval and an "it's okay to kiss me" sign, he never saw it.

–The third thing Lesley did wrong was her hand remained in front of her. This body language is the same as crossing your arms or holding a purse in front of you. She blocked herself off without meaning to do so.

–The fourth thing is there was no obvious sign of flirting. Okay ladies, if you get one thing out of this article, it should be this: guys are not the best at picking up your flirting cues. If you think you are sending out an obvious sign that you like us, chances are we didn't notice it or we convinced ourselves that we're crazy and a pretty girl like you would never flirt with us. So flirt hard until we get the hint.

Now, what did Lesley do right that made her second chance with Sean end with a kiss? Her body was fully facing Sean, and she had more open body language when speaking with him. She made her intentions fully known when she put her hands on his shirt and went in for the kiss. As they parted ways, Sean reached for her hands. You might have noticed that Sean's thumbs were on top of Lesley's hands, his way of giving thumbs up to her (in this case, two thumbs up).

## **Desiree**

If every week were just like this week, Desiree would be the last woman standing. They could not keep their hands off each other from the moment they stepped out of the limo; the chemistry of these two is through the roof. You can see it and hear it in their voices. But the biggest cue of how much they like each other came from two nonverbal cues and one big verbal statement.

When Desiree and Sean were talking, Desiree did a very flirtatious facial expression: she smiled as her eyes widened and her nose wrinkled (just like Sarah). This positive facial expression indicates a very strong liking for Sean.

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The other nonverbal cue was the pitch and tone of her voice. As they talked more and opened up with each other, Desiree's voice went into whisper and sounded more loving. This shift only happens when you are extremely interested in someone. Also, if someone whispers, you naturally move closer to hear him or her better, a perfect tactic to draw Sean closer for a kiss. Sneaky, isn't it?

Lastly, the most revealing verbal statement was that Sean mentioned multiple times that he wants to be married to someone who can be his best friend. After Desiree talked about her relationship with her family and the connection that her father and mother have with each other, Sean was quick to add that he "is working on making Desiree his best friend."

Plus, Sean already has a nickname for her: Dez. It's definitely the start of something special for these two!

### **Kacie**

Both seemed to have crushes on each other when they first met. Can this be fate? The attraction is still there, and once again, we get a first hand look at how easy it is to communicate a false impression. Sean left their initial meeting feeling like Kacie was not interested in him, so he thought of her as a friend. The good news is that they talked it out and both revealed that they have feelings for each other.

This relationship marks trouble for Dez, as Kacie already knew Sean and proved to be a good friend. There is a theory that states the more times you see something or someone, the more you will like them. Because Sean knew Kacie before the season started, she already is one step ahead of the rest of the girls.

I think this could turn into the battle of Dez versus Kacie.

But it's a long road to love, and something tells me we haven't seen anything yet.

### **Honorable Mentions:**

My roses are gone, but there are two more women that I must mention.

I could write a book about **Tierra**, but let's just focus on this quote: "I feel like this is not a competition. I am not going to let any girl stop me from getting the rose." Fantastic – well, I am glad this isn't a competitive game for you. Now that you have let the world know you're here for the rose, how do you feel about Sean? Notice anything in common with Kristy?

At the end of the show, when Sean didn't give a rose to **Diana**, he said he didn't want to keep her away from her kids if he didn't see any potential for love. I have a soft spot for single mothers looking for love, so Diana, I would love to find you a genuine man to be with for the rest of your life. I thought you were amazing, and if there are any single mothers out there, you all deserve roses in this world.

I hope I answered some of your questions, but if I didn't, please leave them in the comments below. I shared my top picks for Sean – **who do you hope he gives a rose to next week? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Sean Lowe Hopes to Find a**

# Wife and Mother on 'The Bachelor'



By Ni

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Season 17 star of *The Bachelor* Sean Lowe is looking for a woman to start his family, [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports. Lowe originally tried to woo Emily Maynard on *The Bachelorette*, but now he's hoping to find the future mother of his children. "I want to start a family and just have a house that's full of love and laughter," the 29-year-old Dallas insurance agent said. Lowe enjoys being an uncle to his sisters' kids, but said he can only imagine how much it will intensify when he has his own.



## **What are some unconventional ways to find your perfect partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Some people are waiting to fall in love, but others can't stand idle. If you're on the hunt for the perfect partner, then here are some unconventional tips to make your search more aggressive:

**1. Take risks:** If you have a sudden urge to ask for someone's number you saw in a coffee shop or spoke to on a bus, then do it. The worst that can happen is that they'll say no. Don't get your hopes up, but don't be ashamed for giving it a shot. If you meet someone with the qualities you're looking for, don't let them slip by.

**2. Go on blind dates:** When you're looking for potential partners, you might have to do some thorough dating to find the perfect candidate. Go on blind dates recommended by friends. It will at least give your search some filtration. You can always sweat the middle-man/woman for details on your date.

**3. Online dating:** There are a lot of quality people looking for love on the internet, and many healthy relationships have grown from the virtual field. You will have the chance to peruse potential dates, as well as weed out the weirder ones, all from the comfort of your home.

**Did you find your partner in an unconventional way? Share your comments below!**

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# Host Chris Harrison Says New 'Bachelor' Sean Lowe Is 'So Sincere'



By Je

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As ABC's new *Bachelor*, Sean Lowe is currently shooting their 17<sup>th</sup> Season, host Chris Harrison reports to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "Sean's doing great." Last seen on TV just three months ago when Emily Maynard dumped Lowe on the *Bachelorette*, this southern man seems to have moved on and recovered quickly. As to whether Lowe's, 28, love choices will be worth watching, Harrison states, "I think people are really going to like him

because he's so sincere. He really is looking for that someone and that makes it fun for everyone... when you get to know the guy, he's very well read, very intelligent, a very smart guy." With the show three-quarters of the way finished in filming, it sounds like this season's *Bachelor* will be a must see for all.

**What are some ways to tell the person you're dating is sincere?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Dating has its challenges and the process in choosing the right person can be endlessly frustrating. However, it doesn't have to be this difficult. While you may not be able to measure their sincerity on the first date, there are ways to see if they are genuinely interested in you. For clues, here are a few things to focus on when meeting up for your next date:

**1. First impressions:** From the moment you meet up with your potential partner, ask yourself, is he/she dressed well? Also, does he/she have social manners? Not dressing well is a sign that he/she is not interested in your opinion. Lacking social manners, such as talking too much about themselves rather than getting to know you, is a sign that they are self-absorbed. Both issues state you need to look elsewhere for love.

**2. Open or closed:** When conversing, ask questions about his/her family or personal life. Whether your date is open or closed about the topic says a lot. When your potential mate's personal life and family is a closed subject, he/she is hiding something. Secrets so soon into the relationship only cause obstacles that set you two up for failure.

**3. Listening skills:** Also as important, does your date listen to you speak when discussing your personal life? If he/she focuses more on the environment and/or your physical features

rather than your story of losing your favorite dog as a child, you are more than likely wasting your time. Not being able to find interest in listening to you shows that they genuinely are not interested in you.

**What signs does your partner show that says he/she is sincere? Tell us below.**

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## Sean Lowe Signs On As the Next 'Bachelor'



By

Jennifer Ross

The decision is out! *ABC* has announced to [People](#) that Sean Lowe will star in the upcoming season of *The Bachelor*. In last season's *The Bachelorette*, the insurance salesman from Dallas only made it to second runner-up when Emily Maynard, 26, cut him from the final three. During his wait for the official decision of the next Bachelor, Lowe was quoted as saying he is "an open-minded optimist" and believes "it would be worth it." Will Lowe find his true love? The next season of *The Bachelor* is already in productions and will air in January 2013.

**What are some unique ways to find love?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

No matter where you turn, love is all around us. Sooner or later, you will want one of your very own. Sometimes the problem may be which area to begin looking. Therefore, when you cannot decide where to start, we can help with a few ideas:

**1. Network:** Networking is not only just for your career anymore. Talk to all your friends and acquaintances, asking them if they know of a single man that could be right for you. Also ask them to ask their friends for help. It is one of the best tools to finding a potential love.

**2. Visit your local hardware store:** Why waste your time searching for men at a club where the men-to-women ratio works against you? Instead, try your local hardware store, computer store, or even a sporting goods store. Make sure to pick a place where the men tend to outnumber the women in order to better your odds.

**3. By train or subway:** Next time you need to go somewhere, opt for taking a subway or train. Many single men travel this way, and it gives you a moment to start up a conversation. Plus, it

literally gives you a way out should you not find any good prospects; you can always change cars or get off at the next stop.

**Where did you find love? Was it unusual? Tell us below.**