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Valentine's Day Special
How to ask a girl out on a date?

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Hi everyone! I am Georgiana, founder of speakenglishpodcast.com. My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

Last week I realized that Valentine's Day is coming up, and I wanted to dedicate this lesson to students who want to know how to ask a girl out. You never know when you'll meet that special someone, so you gotta be prepared.

I've also prepared a point of view story so you can practice your grammar and vocabulary.

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Alright! I'll just cut to the chase and tell you how to ask a girl out.

Oh, now you're probably wondering what the expression "**Cut to the chase**" means. Well, we use this phrase when we start talking about the important aspects of something. We want to get to the point without wasting time.

Now I'm really going to cut to the chase!

There are different circumstances when you want to ask a girl out.

If you want to **ask a friend** to go out with you, you'll need to **have a clear idea of where and when** you want your date to be. Don't just tell her you'd like to "**hang out sometime.**"

One thing you could do is take her to dinner at a not-so-elegant restaurant; it's a good choice for a first date.

By the way, here are some useful expressions that you can use when you want to ask someone on a date.

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You could use "**hang out**," "**get together**," or "**do something**."

Examples:

"Do you wanna **hang out** tonight?"

"Let's **get together** this weekend."

"Do you wanna **do something** tonight?"

Whatever you do, ask her in person. I know it may be tempting to ask her out on the phone, texting, or over the Internet, but this must be one of those face-to-face moments.

Be clear about your intentions. Women find it attractive when a man really knows what he wants. You don't have to explicitly say, "it's a date," but don't hide your feelings either.

I know being rejected is a great risk. It's actually one of the biggest fears we all experience at least once in our lives. So, **don't try to "keep it cool."** Now is the time to **be honest**, as hard as it may be.

To "**keep it cool**" in this context means that you don't show your feelings in a difficult situation.

If you want to **ask a stranger out**, you're going to be even more cautious.

Avoid doing anything that makes her feel **pressured or unsafe**. It's a good idea to **talk to her with other people nearby like that she'll feel safe**.

And this is very important:

Don't make any physical contact unless she does so first.

- Introduce yourself politely.
- Make eye contact before greeting her.
- Tell her your name and compliment her.

If she responds nicely with her name, it's a good time to tell her that you want to meet her.

Although if she ignores your greetings and compliments, you'd better back off.

To "**back off**" means to move backward in order to get further away from something.

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By the way, if you're not sure how to compliment a woman, remember that I posted an episode with my honest advice on **how to compliment a woman (episode #068)**.

Give her your contact information.

This is a classic. Apparently, most men expect women to give them their phone number. But I guess it's probably best to take the initiative. **Just give her your phone number.** This takes a lot of pressure off her and can make her be more receptive to your offer.

If she's interested, she will likely volunteer her phone number without you needing to ask.

You could say: "It's **been a pleasure meeting you, but I gotta go now. I really enjoyed talking to you, and I'd like to get to know you better. If you want to stay in touch, here's my number.**"

Of course, not all men and women were created equal, so you'll need to **pay attention to the body language** and use your **intuition**.

I guess that you already know this, but I must remind you that I'm not a love guru. I'm here to help you **communicate better in English**. Love is always complicated though it's easier when people are being honest and respectful with one another. Don't you think so?

POV-Story

(Improve your Grammar)

And now, let's continue with the point of view story. This kind of story **will help you to improve your English grammar**.

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Alright! Let's start!

From Jake's perspective. (Past Tense)

I'm Jake, and I'm an IT student. Last year I accidentally discovered the perfect algorithm for Love.

Consequently, I created my own dating website called Perfect Love. The website became an immediate success even though new members had to pay \$100,000 to sign up.

Perfect Love became viral in just one week, and as a result, I became so rich and famous that I decided to stop charging any fees.

But then something strange happened. Surprisingly, the new members were no longer able to find Love. Only the users who had initially signed up found their perfect match.

What had happened? Maybe the algorithm wasn't at all perfect?

I wasn't at all sure. So, I began to worry and spent weeks revising the code. Apparently, the code was correct.

Because the website was losing popularity, I started charging again \$100k.

And that's when things went back to the way they were before. All new members were instantly finding their perfect match!

Clearly, the success of the Perfect Love website wasn't due to my algorithm, but to the fact that people had to pay a very high amount of money.

Let's listen to the story this time in the plural. (Past Tense)

Jake and Bill were two IT students who accidentally discovered the perfect algorithm for Love.

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called Perfect Love. The website became an immediate success even though new members had to pay \$100,000 to sign up.

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From Jake's perspective but in the Future Tense

I'm Jake, and in the future, I'll be an IT student. I will accidentally discover the perfect algorithm for Love.

Consequently, I'll create my own dating website called Perfect Love. The website will become an immediate success even though new members will have to pay \$100,000 to sign up.

Perfect Love will become viral in just one week, and as a result, I will be so rich and famous that I'll decide to stop charging any fees.

But then something strange will happen. Surprisingly, the new members will no longer be able to find Love.

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Only people who will initially sign up will find their perfect match.

Why would this happen? Maybe the algorithm won't be perfect?

I won't be at all sure. So, I'll begin to worry and spend weeks revising the code. Apparently, the code will be correct.

Because the website will be losing popularity, I'll start charging again \$100k.

And that's when things will go back to the way they were before. All new members will instantly find their perfect match!

Clearly, the success of the Perfect Love website won't be due to my algorithm, but to the fact that people will have to pay a very high amount of money.

Isn't it curious how people's perspective changes depending on whether they have to pay money or not? They say people love things for free. Maybe that's not entirely true. What do you think?

All right! It's the end of this point of view story.

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