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## GENDER GENERALIZATIONS

1. A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't want.
  2. A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
  3. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
  4. To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and try to understand her at all.
  5. Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.
  6. Any married man should forget his mistakes, there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.
  7. Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
  8. A woman marries a man expecting that he will change and he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.
  9. A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.
  10. There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman; Before marriage and after.
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## Consumer Reports Looks at Girlfriends

It has been almost 20 years since *Consumer Reports* reviewed girlfriends (CR, Aug 1972). Since then, styles have changed, new features have been introduced, and the market has changed substantially. Clearly, another report was long overdue.

**Identifying Your Needs.** As with any major purchase, before obtaining a girlfriend you should ask yourself exactly why you need one. Do you want an intellectual companion? A baby factory? A hiking partner? Or just lots of good, old-fashioned sex? Identifying your needs is the first, and most important, step in selecting a girlfriend.

The potential girlfriends you see in most showrooms tend to be loaded with the usual flashy accessories—large breasts, long legs, blonde hair, etc. However, there is also a wide variety of accessories designed to appeal to fringe markets. For example, some models come pre-equipped with pets and/or children; others can run 10 miles while chanting Sanskrit. You should make a list of accessories desired, tolerated, and disliked. Note that some accessories (such as children) can be added later, while others (such as a large bosom) must be factory-installed.

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**Determine Your Budget** The second question, of course, is what sort of girlfriend you can afford. The answer is largely determined by your physical and personal characteristics. If you are good-looking and have a commanding personality and a good sense of humor, you will have the resources to obtain a fancy, high-end model. On the other hand, if you are ugly, smell bad, and wear polyester clothes, your choices are more limited. Keep your purchasing power in mind when considering your selection.

Although the salesman will tell you that a girlfriend can be financed, CR does not recommend this practice: due to inflating expectations, the required monetary outlay will actually \*increase\* with time.

## Used vs. New?

A question many girlfriend seekers have to address is whether to get a new or used girlfriend. The answer to this question will, roughly speaking, be determined by your age:

Your age	Used or New
13-18 years	New
19-30 years	Lightly used
31-45 years	Extensively used
45+	New***

\*\*\*Only if income exceeds \$250,000/year.

Otherwise, "Divorced, with kids." New girlfriends offer the advantage of having no previous bad experiences to project upon you. The disadvantage is that they will rarely be old enough to open a checking account. Used girlfriends, on the other hand, tend to be steady, reliable performers, with the initial problems worked out. CR does advise that you use caution when choosing models that have significantly higher than average > mileage (2.1 SO's/yr). This may be an indication that the girlfriend was a professional.

**CR's Methodology.** For our purposes, girlfriends were evaluated by a dedicated group of 10 test engineers, selected to typify the average male population. All tests were performed at CR's specially constructed facility, which included a bedroom, kitchen, and living room, and at a number of bars and taverns surrounding the facility. A series of seven tests were run, evaluating each product according to the following criteria: intelligence, wit, humor, empathy, initiative, looks, and performance.

**Results** Girlfriends are categorized by similarity. Within each category, variation is not statistically significant.

Category	Comments
Goddess	This is the woman of your dreams. She comes equipped with all of the options you want and none of the ones you don't. She can argue subtle points of philosophy, give you a stiff game of racquetball, understand what you mean even if you don't say it, and break a bed with her enthusiasm. No mental or physical hang-ups. The drawback is that this model is not actually available.

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- Goddess II** This model is similar to the Goddess, but comes in-law with contractual retainers, such as a psychotic ex-husband, a spiteful mother, an alcoholic father, and a bratty kid. This model tends to generate grey hairs.
- Ms. Right** The best all-around choice for most girlfriend situations. Has most of the characteristics of the Goddess except possibly in the wrong size or hair color. Other than that, an excellent long-term investment. Availability is extremely limited but can occasionally be found with luck.
- Babe** This is the flashy, fully-loaded variety with all options. Unfortunately this model lacks cognitive powers and empathy. Showy, suitable for a parade or for impressing your friends, but not for your long-term girlfriend needs.
- Friend** The model with the most empathy. Caring and kind but tends to be aesthetically lacking. Availability is poor to fair depending on quality.
- Yeah, Her** The Chevy Nova of girlfriends. Widely available, but useful only in a pinch, if no others are available. Tends to be spiteful or unreliable, with a dull finish. Some reasons it's great to be a guy

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## Advantage: Men

1. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
2. Movie nudity is virtually always female.
3. You know stuff about tanks.
4. A five day vacation requires only one suitcase.
5. Monday Night Football.
6. You don't have to monitor your friends' sex lives.
7. Your bathroom lines are 80% shorter.
8. You can open all your own jars.
9. Old friends don't give you crap if you've lost or gained weight.
10. Dry cleaners and haircutter's don't rob you blind.
11. When clicking through the channel, you don't have to stall on every shot of someone crying.
12. Your rear end is never a factor in a job interview..
14. A beer gut does not make you invisible to the opposite sex.
15. Guys in hockey masks don't attack you.
16. You don't have to lug a bag of useful stuff around everywhere you go.
17. You understand why Stripes is funny.
18. You can go to the bathroom with out a support group.
19. Your last name stays put.
20. You can leave a hotel bed unmade.
21. When your work is criticized, you don't have to panic that everyone secretly hates you.
22. You can kill your own food.
23. The garage is all yours.

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24. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
25. You see the humor in Terms of Endearment.
26. Nobody secretly wonders if you swallow.
27. You never have to clean the toilet.
28. You can be showered and ready in 10 minutes.
30. Wedding plans take care of themselves.
31. If someone forgets to invite you to something, he or she can still be your friend.
32. Your underwear is \$10 for a three pack.
33. The National College Cheerleading Championship
34. None of your co-workers have the power to make you cry.
35. You don't have to shave below your neck.
37. If you're 34 and single nobody notices.
38. You can write your name in the snow.
39. You can get into a nontrivial peeing contest.
40. Everything on your face stays its original color.
41. Chocolate is just another snack.
42. You can be president.
43. You can quietly enjoy a car ride from the passenger seat.
44. Flowers fix everything.
45. You never have to worry about other people's feelings.
47. You can wear a white shirt to a water park.
48. Three pair of shoes are more than enough.
49. You can eat a banana in a hardware store.
50. You can say anything and not worry about what people think.
52. Michael Bolton doesn't live in your universe.
53. Nobody stops telling a good dirty joke when you walk into the room.
54. You can whip your shirt off on a hot day.
57. Car mechanics tell you the truth.
58. You don't care if someone notices your new haircut.
59. You can watch a game in silence with your buddy for hours without even thinking "He must be mad at me"
60. The world is your urinal.
61. You never misconstrue innocuous statements to mean your lover is about to leave you.
62. You get to jump up and slap stuff.
64. One mood, all the time.
65. You can admire Clint Eastwood without starving yourself to look like him.
67. You know at least 20 ways to open a beer bottle.
68. You can sit with your knees apart no matter what you are wearing.
69. Same work....more pay.
70. Gray hair and wrinkles add character.
72. Wedding Dress \$2000; Tux rental \$100.
73. You don't care if someone is talking about you behind your back.
75. You don't mooch off others' desserts.
76. If you retain water, it's in a canteen.
77. The remote is yours and yours alone.
78. People never glance at your chest when you're talking to them.

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79. ESPN's sports center.
  80. You can drop by to see a friend without bringing a little gift.
  81. Bachelor parties whomp ass over bridal showers.
  82. You have a normal and healthy relationship with your mother.
  83. You can buy condoms without the shopkeeper imagining you naked.
  84. You needn't pretend you're "freshening up" to go to the bathroom.
  85. If you don't call your buddy when you say you will, he won't tell you friends you've changed.
  86. Someday you'll be a dirty old man.
  88. If an other guy shows up at the party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong buddies.
  89. Princess Di's death was almost just another obituary.
  90. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.
  92. You think the idea of punting a small dog is funny.
  93. If something mechanical didn't work, you can bash it with a hammer and throw it across the room.
  94. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
  96. You don't have to remember everyone's birthdays and anniversaries.
  98. Your pals can be trusted never to trap you with: "So... notice anything different?"
  99. Baywatch
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## HERE'S TO MARRIAGE

Getting married is very much like going to a restaurant with friends.

You order what you want, then when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

At the cocktail party, one man said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Yes, I am, I married the wrong woman."

Man is incomplete until he is married. Then he is finished.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" And the father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

Young Son: Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?

Dad: That happens in every country, son.

Then there was a man who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late."

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." The husband replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn't notice."

A man inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Wife wanted". Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

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A woman was telling her friend, "It is I who made my husband a millionaire."

"And what was he before you married him?" asked the friend.

The woman replied, "A billionaire."

"The trouble with being the best man at a wedding is that you never get to prove it."

The groom, upon his engagement, went to his father and said, "I've found a woman just like mother!" His father replied, "So what do you want from me, sympathy?"

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe.

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

It's not true that married men live longer than single men. It only seems longer.

Losing a wife can be hard. In my case, it was almost impossible.

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A man was complaining to a friend: "I had it all - money, a beautiful house, a big car, the love of a beautiful woman; then, Pow! It was all gone!"

"What happened?" asked his friend. "My wife found out..."

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A man rushes into his house and yells to his wife, "Martha, pack up your things! I just won millions in the California lottery!"

Martha replies, "Shall I pack for warm weather or cold?"

The man responds, "Who cares? Just get the fuck out of here by noon!"

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I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

You know the honeymoon is pretty much over when you start to go out with the boys on Wednesday nights, and so does she.

During a heated spat over finances the husband said, "Well, if you'd learn to cook and were willing to clean this place, we could fire the maid."

The wife, fuming, shot back, "Oh yeah??? Well, if you'd learn how to make love, we could fire the chauffeur and the gardener!"

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Personally, I think one of the greatest things about marriage is that as both husband and father, I can say anything I want to around the house.

Of course, no one pays the least bit of attention.

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According to the latest surveys, when making love, most married men fantasize that their wives aren't fantasizing.

Husband: Want a quickie?

Wife: As opposed to what?

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

A husband said to his wife, "No, I don't hate your relatives. In fact, I like your mother-in-law better than I like mine."

Men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry.

How do most men define marriage? A very expensive way to get your laundry done free.

A couple was having a discussion about family finances. Finally the husband exploded, "If it weren't for my money, the house wouldn't be here!" The wife replied, "My dear, if it weren't for your money, I wouldn't be here!"

A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

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First guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!"

Second guy: "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are beautiful.

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## **RULES THAT GUYS WISH THAT GIRLS KNEW**

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.
2. Learn to work the toilet seat: if it's up put it down.
3. Don't cut your hair. Ever.
4. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if he can find the perfect present, again!
5. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
6. Sometimes, he's not thinking about you. Live with it.
7. Don't ask him what he's thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as navel lint, the shotgun formation and monster trucks.
8. Get rid of your cat. And no, it's not different, it's just like every other cat.
9. Any dog is better than any cat. Period.
10. Sunday = Sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
11. Shopping is not sport.
12. Anything you wear is fine. Really.
13. You have enough clothes.
14. You have too many shoes.
15. Crying is blackmail. Use it if you must, but don't expect us to like it.
16. Your brother is an idiot, your ex-boyfriend is an idiot and your Dad probably is too.
17. Ask for what you want. Subtle hints don't work.
18. No, he doesn't know what day it is. He never will. Mark anniversaries on a calendar.
19. Yes, peeing standing up is more difficult than peeing from pointblank range. We're bound to miss sometimes.
20. Most guys own two to three pairs of shoes-what makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress?
21. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers.
22. A headache that lasts for 17 months is a problem. See a doctor.
23. Your Mom doesn't have to be our best friend.
24. Foreign films are best left to foreigners.
25. Check your oil.
26. Don't give us 50 rules when 25 will do.
27. Don't fake it. We'd rather be ineffective than deceived.
28. It is neither in your best interest nor ours to take the quiz together.
29. Anything we said 6 or 8 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. All comments become null and void after 7 days.
30. If you don't dress like the Victoria's Secret girls, don't expect us to act like soap opera guys.
31. If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad and angry, we meant the other one.
32. Let us ogle. If we don't look at other women, how can we know how pretty you are?

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33. Don't rub the lamp if you don't want the genie to come out.
  34. You can either ask us to do something OR tell us how you want it done - not both.
  35. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
  36. Christopher Columbus didn't need directions, and neither do we.
  37. Women wearing Wonderbras and low-cut blouses lose their right to complain about having their boobs stared at.
  38. Consider golf a mini-vacation from you. We need it, just like you do.
  39. Telling us that the models in the men's magazines are airbrushed makes you look jealous and petty and it's certainly not going to deter us from reading the magazines.
  40. The relationship is never going to be like it was the first two months we were going out.
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## Top 10 Rejection Lines Given By Women (and what they actually mean...)

10. I think of you as a brother.  
(You remind me of that inbred banjo-playing geek in "Deliverance")
9. There's a slight difference in our ages.  
(You are one Jurassic geezer.)
8. I'm not attracted to you in 'that' way.  
(You are the ugliest dork I've ever laid eyes upon.)
7. My life is too complicated right now.  
(I don't want you spending the whole night or else you may hear phone calls from all the other guys I'm seeing.)
6. I've got a boyfriend (who's really my dog and a half gallon of Ben and Jerry's).
5. I don't date men where I work.  
(I wouldn't even date you if you were in the same 'solar system,' much less the same building.)
4. It's not you, it's me.  
(It's not me, it's you.)
3. I'm concentrating on my career.  
(Even something as boring and unfulfilling as my job is better than dating you.)
2. I'm celibate.  
(I've sworn off only men like you.)

and the number 1 rejection line given by women

1. Let's be friends.  
(I want you to stay around so I can tell you in excruciating detail about all the other men I meet and have sex with. It's that male perspective thing)

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## Top 10 Rejection Lines Given By Men (and what they actually mean...)

10. I think of you as a sister.  
(You're ugly.)
9. There's a slight difference in our ages.  
(You're ugly.)
8. I'm not attracted to you in 'that' way.  
(You're ugly.)
7. My life is too complicated right now.  
(You're ugly.)
6. I've got a girlfriend.  
(You're ugly.)
5. I don't date women where I work.  
(You're ugly.)
4. It's not you, it's me.  
(You're ugly.)
3. I'm concentrating on my career.  
(You're ugly.)
2. I'm celibate.  
(You're ugly.)

and the number 1 rejection line given by men

1. Let's be friends.  
(You're sinfully ugly.)
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After just a few years of marriage, filled with constant arguments, young man and his wife decided the only way to save their marriage was to try counseling. They had been at each other's throats for some time and felt that this was their last straw.

When they arrived at the counselor's office, the counselor jumped right in and opened the floor for discussion. "What seems to be the problem?"

Immediately, the husband held his long face down without anything to say.

On the other hand, the wife began talking 90 miles an hour describing all the wrongs within their marriage. After 5 - 10 - - 15 minutes of listening to the wife, the counselor went over to her, picked her up by her shoulders, kissed her passionately for several minutes, and sat her back down.

Afterwards, the wife sat there - speechless. He looked over at the husband who was staring in disbelief at what had happened. The counselor spoke to the husband, "Your wife NEEDS that at least twice a week!"

The husband scratched his head and replied, "I can have her hereon Tuesdays and Thursdays."

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## **WHAT WOMEN SAY / what they mean:**

I JUST NEED SOME SPACE

without \*you\* in it

DO I LOOK FAT IN THIS DRESS?

We haven't had a fight in a while

NO, PIZZA'S FINE

you cheap tightwad!

I JUST DON'T WANT A BOYFRIEND NOW

I just don't want YOU as a boyfriend now

I DON'T KNOW; WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I can't believe you have nothing planned

I LIKE YOU, BUT.....

I don't like you

YOU NEVER LISTEN

you never listen

I'LL BE READY IN A MINUTE

I'm ready, but I'm going to make you wait because I know you will

OH, NO, I'LL PAY FOR MYSELF

I'm just being nice; there is no way I'm going Dutch

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## **WHAT MEN SAY / what they mean:**

I'M HUNGRY

I'm hungry

I'M SLEEPY

I'm sleepy

I'M TIRED

I'm tired

WHAT'S WRONG?

I don't see why you're making such a big deal out of this



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She says "I am ready to go, lets go to the cash register." The husband says," no - no - no, honey we're not going to buy all this stuff." The wife's face goes blank.

"No honey - I just want you to HOLD this stuff for a while." Her face gets really red and she is about to explode and then the husband says "You must not be in tune with my financial needs as a Man!!!"

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## How do you know if you're in love, in lust, or really married?

LOVE - When your eyes meet across a crowded room.

LUST - When your tongues meet across a crowded room.

MARRIAGE - When you lose your child in crowded room.

LOVE - When intercourse is called "making love."

LUST - When intercourse is called "screwing."

MARRIAGE - What the hell are you talking about?

LOVE - When you argue over how many children to have.

LUST - When you argue over who gets the wet spot.

MARRIAGE - When you argue over money.

LOVE - When you share everything you own.

LUST - When you steal everything they own.

MARRIAGE - When the bank owns everything.

LOVE - When it doesn't matter if you don't climax.

LUST - When the relationship is over if you don't climax.

MARRIAGE - What's a climax?

LOVE - When you phone each other just to say, "Hi."

LUST - When you phone each other to pick a hotel room.

MARRIAGE - When you phone each other to bitch.

LOVE - When you write poems about your partner.

LUST - When all you write is your phone number.

MARRIAGE - When all you write is checks.

LOVE - When you show concern for your partner's feelings.

LUST - When you couldn't give a shit.

MARRIAGE - When your only concern is what's on TV.

LOVE - When your farewell is "I love you, darling..."

LUST - When your farewell is "So, same time next week..."

MARRIAGE - When your farewell is a relief.

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LOVE - When you are proud to be seen in public with your partner.  
LUST - When you only see each other naked.  
MARRIAGE - When you never see each other awake.

LOVE - When your heart flutters every time you see them.  
LUST - When your groin twitches every time you see them.  
MARRIAGE - When your wallet empties every time you see them.

LOVE - When nobody else matters.  
LUST - When nobody else knows.  
MARRIAGE - When everybody else matters and you don't care who knows.

LOVE - When all the songs on the radio describe exactly how you feel.  
LUST - When the song on the radio determines how you do it.  
MARRIAGE - When you listen to talk radio.

LOVE - When breaking up is something you try not to think about.  
LUST - When staying together is something you try not to think about.  
MARRIAGE - When just getting through today is your only thought.

LOVE - When you're only interested in doing things with your partner.  
LUST - When you're only interested in doing things TO your partner.  
MARRIAGE - When you're only interested in your golf score

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## "MARRIAGE" WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE

**Wife:** Let's go out and have some fun tonight.  
**Husband:** Okay, but if you get home before I do, leave the hallway light on.

How many men does it take to open a beer? None. It should be opened by the time she brings it to the couch.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street bald and still think they are beautiful!

I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months--I don't like to interrupt her.

A man without a woman is like a fish without a bicycle.

If your wife and a lawyer were drowning and you had to choose which to save, would you go to lunch or to a movie?

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## The "Lighter" Side of Marriage

Marriage is not a word. It is a sentence (a life sentence!).

Marriage is very much like a violin; after the sweet music is over, the strings are attached.

Marriage is an institution in which a man loses his Bachelor's Degree and the woman gets her Masters.

Marriage is a thing that puts a ring on a woman's finger and two under the man's eyes.

Marriage certificate is just another word for a work permit.

Marriage is not just a having a wife but also worries inherited forever.

Marriage requires a man to prepare 4 types of "RINGS":  
The Engagement Ring, The Wedding Ring, The Suffe-Ring, The Endu-Ring

Married life is full of excitement and frustration:

- (a) In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens.
- (b) In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens.
- (c) In the third year, they BOTH speak and the NEIGHBOURS listen.

Getting married is very much like going to the restaurant with friends. You order what you want, and when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

There was this man who muttered a few words in the church and found himself married. A year later he muttered something in his sleep and found himself divorced.

A happy marriage is a matter of giving and taking; the husband gives and the wife takes.

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**Son:** How much does it cost to get married, Dad?

**Father:** I don't know son, I'm still paying for it.

**Son:** Is it true? Dad, I heard that in ancient China, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries.

**Father:** That happens everywhere, son, EVERYWHERE!

There was a man who said, "I never knew what happiness was until I got married... and then it was too late!"

They say that when a man holds a woman's hand before marriage, it is love; after marriage it is self-defense.

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When a newly married man looks happy, we know why. But when ten-year married man looks happy, we wonder why.

There was this lover who said that he would go through hell for her. They got married, and now he is going through HELL.

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Remember the book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus"? Well, here's a prime example offered by an English professor at Southern Methodist University, English 44A, SMU, Creative Writing, Prof. Miller.

## **In-class Assignment for Wednesday:**

"Today we will experiment with a new form called the tandem story. The process is simple. Each person will pair off with the person sitting to his or her immediate right. One of you will then write the first paragraph of a short story. The partner will read the first paragraph and then add another paragraph to the story. The first person will then add a third paragraph, and so on back and forth. Remember to re-read what has been written each time in order to keep the story coherent. The story is over when both agree a conclusion has been reached."

"The following was actually turned in by two of my English students:

Rebecca - last name deleted, and Gary - last name deleted."

STORY: (first paragraph by Rebecca)

At first, Laurie couldn't decide which kind of tea she wanted. The chamomile, which used to be her favorite for lazy evenings at home, now reminded her too much of Carl, who once said, in happier times, that he liked chamomile. But she felt she must now, at all costs, keep her mind off Carl. His possessiveness was suffocating, and if she thought about him too much her asthma started acting up again. So chamomile was out of the question.

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Meanwhile, Advance Sergeant Carl Harris, leader of the attack squadron now in orbit over Skylon 4, had more important things to think about than the neuroses of an air-headed asthmatic bimbo named Laurie with whom he had spent one sweaty night over a year ago. "A.S. Harris to Geostation 17," he said into his transgalactic communicator. "Polar orbit established. No sign of resistance so far..." But before he could sign off a bluish particle beam flashed out of nowhere and blasted a hole through his ship's cargo bay. The jolt from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.

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He bumped his head and died almost immediately, but not before he felt one last pang of regret for psychically brutalizing the one woman who had ever had feelings for him. Soon afterwards, Earth stopped its pointless hostilities towards the peaceful farmers of Skylon 4. "Congress Passes Law Permanently Abolishing War and Space Travel," Laurie read in her newspaper one morning. The news simultaneously excited her and bored her. She stared out the window, dreaming of her youth -- when the days had passed unhurriedly and carefree, with no newspapers to read, no television to distract her from her sense of innocent wonder at all the beautiful things around her. "Why must one lose one's innocence to become a woman?" she pondered wistfully.>

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Little did she know, but she had less than 10 seconds to live. Thousands of miles above the city, the Anu'udrian mothership launched the first of its lithium fusion missiles. The dim-witted wimpy peaceniks who pushed the Unilateral Aerospace Disarmament Treaty through Congress had left Earth a defenseless target for the hostile alien empires who were determined to destroy the human race. Within two hours after the passage of the treaty the Anu'udrian ships were on course for Earth, carrying enough firepower to pulverize the entire planet. With no one to stop them, they swiftly initiated their diabolical plan. The lithium fusion missile entered the atmosphere unimpeded.

The President, in his top-secret mobile submarine headquarters on the ocean floor off the coast of Guam, felt the inconceivably massive explosion which vaporized Laurie and 85 million other Americans. The President slammed his fist on the conference table. "We can't allow this! I'm going to veto that treaty! Let's blow 'em out of the sky!"

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This is absurd. I refuse to continue this mockery of literature. My writing partner is a violent, chauvinistic, semi-literate adolescent.

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Yeah? Well, you're a self-centered tedious neurotic whose attempts at writing are the literary equivalent of Valium..

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Asshole.

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Bitch.

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## A WOMAN'S SET OF RULES FOR MEN

1. Call.
2. Don't lie.
3. Never tape any of her body parts together.
4. If guys' night out is going to be fun, invite the girls.
5. If guys' night out is going to involve strippers, remember the zoo rules: No Petting.
6. The correct answer to "Do I look fat?" is never, ever "Yes."
7. Ditto for "Is she prettier than me?"
8. Victoria's Secret is good. Frederick's of Hollywood is bad..
9. Ordering for her is good. Telling her what she wants is bad.
10. Being attentive is good. Stalking is bad.
11. "Honey", "Darling", and "Sweetheart" are good. "Nag", "Lardass", and "Bitch" are bad.
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13. A grunt is seldom an acceptable answer to any question.
14. None of your ex-girlfriends were ever nicer, prettier, or better in bed.
15. Her cooking is excellent.
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17. Dish soap is your friend.
18. Hat does not equal shower, aftershave does not equal soap, and warm does not equal clean.
19. Buying her dinner does not equal foreplay.
20. Answering "Who was that on the phone?" with "Nobody" is never going to end that conversation.
21. Ditto for "Whose lipstick is this?"
22. Two words: clean socks.
23. Believe it or not, you're probably not more attractive when you're drunk.
24. Burping is not sexy.
25. No farting, belching, or scratching during sex.
26. No target shooting when pissing in the toilet. You are bound to miss.
27. You're wrong.
28. You're sorry.
29. You're not a compass, ask for directions, if you're not bright enough to ask for directions, always let the woman drive.
30. She is probably less impressed by your discourse on your cool car than you think she is.
31. Ditto for your discourse on football.
32. Ditto for your ability to jump up and hit any awning in a single bound.
33. "Will you marry me?" is good. "Let's shack up together" is bad.
34. Don't assume PMS is the cause for every bad mood.
35. Don't assume PMS doesn't exist.
36. And yes, you have to pick up tampons for us at the store.
37. No means No. Yes means Yes. Silence could mean anything she feels like at that particular moment in time, and it could change without notice.
38. "But, we kissed..." is not justification for using her toothbrush. You don't clean plaque with your tongue.
39. Never let her walk anywhere alone after dark.
40. Chivalry and feminism are NOT mutually exclusive.
41. Pick her up at the airport. Don't whine about it, just do it.
42. If you want to break up with her, break up with her. Don't act like a complete jerk until she does it for you.
43. Don't tell her you love her if you don't.
44. Tell her you love her if you do. Often.
45. Always, always suck up to her brother.
46. Think boxers.
47. Now think Silk boxers.
48. Remember Valentine's Day, and any cheesy "anniversary" she so-names.
49. Don't try to change the way she dresses.
50. Answer her the first time around.
51. Quit asking "Was his bigger and longer than mine???" (we'll still never tell)
52. Quit thinking football is a turn-on or it turns us on. Please.
53. Her haircut is never bad.
54. Tell she's pretty.
55. Don't let your friends pick on her.

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Please note that the following two have been mentioned not once, but twice)

Call.

Don't lie.

The rules are never fair. Accept this without question. The fact that she has to go through labor while you sit in the waiting room on your worrying ass smoking cigars isn't fair either, and it balances everything out.

Okay, guys. So the women have their little list of rules for men. I took it upon myself to create a similar list for the womenfolk. FER GAWD'S SAKES CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG!?!)

## **MEN'S 43 or so RULES FOR WOMEN by Yer Uncle Tom**

1. It is only common courtesy that you should leave the seat on the toilet UP when you are done.
2. If you are cooking a special dinner for a man, be sure to include something from each of the four major male food groups: Meat, Fried, Beer, and Red.
3. Don't make him hold your purse in the mall.
4. Despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary in many of the fine bars and fraternities throughout the country, not all men are cretins deserving your contempt.
5. Shopping is not fascinating.
6. When he asks for a threesome with you and your best friend, he is only Joking.
7. Unless the answer is yes.
8. In which case, can he videotape it?
9. If you REALLY want a nice guy, stop dating good-looking assholes.
10. The man is ALWAYS in charge of poking (or anything for that matter) the campfire with a stick and/or tending the grill.
11. Trying to provoke a large, dangerous-looking felon from across the room is not funny.
12. Money does not equate love. Not even in Nevada.
13. Any attempt by a man to prepare food, no matter how feeble (ie Microwaving a burrito, fixing Spaghetti, etc) should be met with roughly the same degree of praise a parent might shower upon their infant when it walks for the first time.
14. Those male models with perfect bodies are all gay. Accept it.
15. He heard you the first time.
16. You know, YOU can ask HIM out too... Let's spread the rejection around a little.
17. If you truly want honesty, don't ask questions you don't really want the answer to.
18. Of COURSE he wants another beer.
19. The guy doesn't ALWAYS have to sleep on the wet spot.
20. Dogs good. Cats bad.
21. Any sort of injury involving the testicles is not funny.
22. If he has to sit through "Legends of the Fall", you have to sit through "Showgirls".
23. "Fine." is not an acceptable way to end an argument.
24. Do not question a man's innate navigational abilities by suggesting he stop for directions.
25. He was not looking at that other girl.
26. Well, okay... maybe a little.
27. Okay, so what! He was looking at her. Big deal. Like you never looked at another guy...
28. There is nothing inherently wrong with the word "cunt".

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29. He is the funniest, strongest, best-looking, most successful man you have ever met.
  30. And all your friends think so too. Especially the cute ones.
  31. Your (select appropriate item:) butt/boobs/hair/makeup/legs look fine. As a matter of fact, it/they look damn good. Stop asking.
  32. If you want a satisfying sex life, you will NEVER fake an orgasm.
  33. It is not necessary to discuss the heaviness of your menstrual flow with him.
  34. Remember: that Nair bottle looks an awful lot like shampoo if left in the shower.
  35. Two words: blow job. Learn it. Live it. Love it.
  36. Dirty laundry comes in several categories: Looks fine/smells fine...Looks fine/smells bad...Looks dirty/smells fine. Unless you intend to wash it, do not try to disrupt piles organized in this manner.
  37. Yes, Sharon Stone/Pamela Anderson/Cindy Crawford is prettier than you. Just like Brad Pitt/Antonio Banderas/Keanu Reeves is better looking than him. But since neither one of you is going to be dating any of these people, love the one you're with.
  38. Of course size matters, and boy does he have the granddaddy of them all.
  39. His (fill in appropriate selections:) bald spot/beer gut/impossibly thick glasses/impotency/scabby rash, is cute.
  40. Don't hog the covers.
  41. Watching football is a major turn-on for you. But please wait until the halftime show to act upon that...
  42. He does not just want to be friends.
  43. A successful date always starts with the woman uttering the sentence: "You know, why don't we just skip the expensive dinner and stay here having freaky circus sex all night?"
  44. Just because this list doesn't have as many entries as yours doesn't mean it's worse. SO GET OFF MY GAWD DAMN BACK!
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## **SEMINARS FOR FEMALES (prepared and presented by males)**

1. Elementary Map Reading
2. Crying and Law Enforcement
3. Advanced Math Seminar: Programming Your VCR
4. You CAN Go Shopping for Less than 4 Hours
5. Gaining Five Pounds vs. The End of the World: A Study in Contrast
6. The Seven-Outfit Week
7. PMS:It's YOUR Problem, Not Mine ("It's Happened Monthly Since Puberty, Deal With it")
8. Driving I: Getting Past Automatic Transmissions
9. Driving II: The Meaning of Blinking Orange Lights
10. Driving III: Approximating a Constant Speed
11. Driving IV: Makeup and Driving: It's As Simple As Oil and Water
12. Football: Not a Game: A Sacrament
13. Telephone Translations (formerly titled "Me Too Equals I Love You")
14. How to Earn Your Own Money
15. Gift-giving Fundamentals (formerly titled "Fabric Bad, Electronics Good")
16. Putting the Seat Down By Yourself: Potential Energy is on Your Side
17. Beyond "Clean and Dirty": The Nuances of Wearable Laundry
18. Yes, You Can Fill Up At A Self-Serve Station
19. Joys of the Remote Control: Reaping the Benefits of 50+ Channels
20. What Goes Around Comes Around: Why His Credit Card is Not a Toy

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21. His Best Friend Can Be Yours Too
22. His Poker Games: Deal Yourself Out
23. Commitment Schmittment (formerly titled "Wedlock Schmedlock")
24. To Honor and Obey: Remembering the Small Print Above "I Do"
25. Why Your Mother Is Unwelcome In The House
26. Your Mate: Selfish Bastard, or Victimized, Sensitive Man?

## **SEMINARS FOR MALES (prepared and presented by females)**

1. Combating Stupidity
  2. You, Too, Can Do Housework
  3. PMS: Learn When to Keep Your Mouth Shut
  4. How to Fill an Ice Tray
  5. We Do Not Want Sleazy Underthings for Christmas: Give us Money
  6. Understanding the Female Response to Your Coming in Drunk at 4:00am
  7. Wonderful Laundry Techniques (formerly titled "Don't Wash my Silks")
  8. Parenting: No, It Doesn't End With Conception
  9. Get a Life: Learn to Cook
  10. How Not to Act Like a Jackass When You're Obviously Wrong
  11. Spelling: Even You Can Get it Right
  12. Understanding Your Financial Incompetence
  13. You: The Weaker Sex
  14. Reasons to Give Flowers
  15. How to Stay Awake in Public
  16. Why it is Unacceptable to Relieve Yourself Anywhere but the Bathroom
  17. Garbage: Getting it to the Curb
  18. You Can Fall Asleep Without IT if You Really Try
  19. The Morning Dilemma if IT's awake: Take a Shower
  20. I'll Wear it if I Damn Well Please
  21. How to Put the Toilet Lid Down (formerly titled "No, It's Not a Bidet")
  22. "The Weekend" and "Sports" are Not Synonyms
  23. Give Me a Break: Why We Know Your Excuses are Bull
  24. How to Go Shopping with Your Mate and Not Get Lost
  25. The Remote Control: Overcoming Your Dependency
  26. Romanticism: Ideas Other Than Sex
  27. Helpful Postural Hints for Couch Potatoes
  28. Mothers-in-Law: They are People Too
  29. Male Bonding: Leaving Your Friends at Home
  30. You, Too, Can Be a Designated Driver
  31. Seeing the True You (formerly titled "No, You Don't Look Like Mel Gibson")
  32. Changing Your Underwear: It Really Works
  33. The Attainable Goal: Omitting "tits" From Your Vocabulary
  34. Fluffing the Blankets After Farting is Not Necessary
  35. Techniques of Calling Home
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# Men vs. Women

Two new chemical elements have recently been discovered. Here, for the first time, is a description of their properties:

**Element name:** WOMAN Symbol: WO Atomic weight: (don't even go there!)

**Physical Properties:** Generally round in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze anytime. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if not used well.

**Chemical Properties:** Very active. Highly unstable. Possesses strong affinity to gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed next to a better specimen.

**Usage:** Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for dispersion of wealth. Probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

**Caution:** Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

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**Element name:** MAN Symbol: XY Atomic weight: (180 +/- 50)

**Physical properties:** Solid at room temperature, but gets bent out of shape easily. Fairly dense and sometimes flaky. Difficult to find a pure sample. Due to rust, aging samples are unable to conduct electricity as easily as young samples.

**Chemical properties:** Attempts to bond with WO any chance it can get. Also tends to form strong bonds with itself. Becomes explosive when mixed with Kd (Element: Child) for prolonged periods of time. Neutralize by saturating with alcohol.

**Usage:** None known. Possibly good methane source. Good samples are able to produce large quantities on command.

**Caution:** In the absence of WO, this element rapidly decomposes and begins to smell.

**1950 Home Economics.** The following is from an actual 1950s Home Economics textbook intended for High School girls, teaching how to prepare for married life.

1. Have dinner ready: Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal - on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him, and are concerned about his needs.

Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospects of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed.

2. Prepare yourself: Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.

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3. Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up school books, toys, paper, etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too.
4. Prepare the children: Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces if they are small, comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.
5. Minimize the noise: At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, dryer, dishwasher, or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile.
6. Some DON'TS: Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day.
7. Make him comfortable: Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.
8. Listen to him: You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.
9. Make the evening his: Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment; instead try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his need to be home and relax.
10. The Goal: try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can relax.

## **Now the updated version for the '90s woman.**

1. Have dinner ready: Make reservations ahead of time. If your day becomes too hectic just leave him a voice mail message regarding where you'd like to eat and at what time. This lets him know that your day has been crappy and gives him an opportunity to change your mood.
2. Prepare yourself: A quick stop at the "LANCOME" counter on your way home will do wonders for your outlook and will keep you from becoming irritated every time he opens his mouth. (Don't forget to use his credit card!)
3. Clear away the clutter: Call the housekeeper and tell her that any miscellaneous items left on the floor by the children can be placed in the Goodwill box in the garage.
4. Prepare the children: Send the children to their rooms to watch television or play Nintendo video games. After all, both of them are from his previous marriages.
5. Minimize the noise: If you happen to be home when he arrives, be in the bathroom with the door locked.

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6. Some DON'TS: Don't greet him with problems and complaints. Let him speak first, and then your complaints will get more attention and remain fresh in his mind throughout dinner. Don't complain if he's late for dinner; simply remind him that the leftovers are in the refrigerator and you left the dishes for him to do.
7. Make him comfortable: Tell him where he can find a blanket if he's cold. This will really show you care.
8. Listen to him: But don't ever let him get the last word.
9. Make the evening his: Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment; go with a friend or go shopping (use his credit card).
10. The Goal: Try to keep things amicable without reminding him that he thinks the world revolves around him. Obviously he's wrong, it revolves around you.

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## **THINGY:**

**female:** Any part under a car's hood.

**male:** The strap fastener on a woman's bra

## **VULNERABLE:**

**female:** Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

**male:** Playing football without a helmet.

## **COMMUNICATION:**

**female:** The sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

**male:** Leaving a note before suddenly taking off for a weekend with the boys.

## **BUTT:**

**female:** The body part that "looks bigger" no matter what is worn

**male:** What you slap when someone scores a touchdown, home run, or goal. Also good for mooning.

## **COMMITMENT:**

**female:** A desire to get married and raise a family.

**male:** Trying not to pick up other women while out with girlfriend.

## **ENTERTAINMENT:**

**female:** A good movie, concert, play or book.

**male:** Anything that can be done while drinking

## **FLATULENCE:**

**female:** An embarrassing by-product of digestion.

**male:** An endless source of entertainment, self-expression and male bonding.

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# Men vs. Women

## Differences between men and women

### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Charlie, Bob and John will each throw \$20, even though it's only for \$22.50. None of them will have anything smaller, and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

### BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Holiday Inn. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

### FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

### SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

### MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.

### DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings, funerals.

### NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

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## OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends and favorite foods and secret fears and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

### Thought for the Day:

Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

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## 33 REASONS WHY MEN ARE (JUSTIFIABLY) PROUD OF THEMSELVES

1. We know stuff about tanks
2. A 5-day trip requires only one suitcase
3. We can open all our own jars
4. We can go to the bathroom without a support group
5. We don't have to learn to spell a new last name
6. We can leave a motel bed unmade
7. We can kill our own food
8. We get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness
9. Wedding plans take care of themselves
10. If someone forgets to invite us to something they can still be our friend
11. Underwear is \$10 a three-pack
12. If you are 34 and single nobody notices
13. Everything on our faces stays the original color
14. Three pair of shoes are more than enough
15. We don't have to clean the house if the meter reader is coming
16. Car mechanics tell us the truth
17. We can sit quietly and watch a game with a friend for hours without thinking "He must be mad at me,"
18. Same work-more pay
19. Gray hair and wrinkles only add character
20. We can drop by and see a friend without having to bring a little gift
21. If another guy shows up at a party in the same outfit you just might become lifelong friends
22. Your pals will never trap you with: "So, notice anything different?"
23. We are not expected to know the names of more than 5 colors
24. We almost never have a "strap problem" in public
25. We are totally unable to see wrinkles in our clothes
26. The same hairstyle lasts for years-maybe decades
27. We don't have to shave below the neck
28. A few belches are expected and tolerated
29. Our belly usually hides our big hips
30. One wallet, one pair of shoes, one color, all seasons
31. We can do our nails with a pocketknife
32. We have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache
33. Christmas shopping can be accomplished for 25 people on the day before Christmas and in 45 minutes

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## Still More Rules for Men

For those of you who are guys, pay close attention to the following:

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"IT'S A GUY THING"

Translated:\* "There is no rational thought pattern connected with it, and you have no chance at all of making it logical."

"CAN I HELP WITH DINNER?"

Translated:\* "Why isn't it already on the table?"

"UH HUH," "SURE, HONEY," OR "YES, DEAR"

Translated:\* Absolutely nothing. It's a conditioned response.

"IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN"

Translated:\* "I have no idea how it works."

"TAKE A BREAK, HONEY. YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD."

Translated:\* "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner."

"THAT'S INTERESTING, DEAR."

Translated:\* "Are you still talking?"

"YOU KNOW HOW BAD MY MEMORY IS."

Translated:\* "I remember the theme song to 'F Troop,' the address of the first girl I ever kissed and the vehicle identification numbers of every car I've ever owned... but I forgot your birthday."

"OH, DON'T FUSS, I JUST CUT MYSELF. IT'S NO BIG DEAL."

Translated:\* "I have actually severed a limb but will bleed to death before I admit that I'm hurt."

"HEY, I'VE GOT MY REASONS FOR WHAT I'M DOING."

Translated:\* "And I sure hope I think of some pretty soon."

"I CAN'T FIND IT."

Translated:\* "It didn't fall into my outstretched hands, so I'm completely clueless."

"WHAT DID I DO THIS TIME?"

Translated:\* "What did you catch me at?"

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"I HEARD YOU."

Translated:\* "I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said and am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough so that you don't spend the next three days yelling at me."

"YOU KNOW I COULD NEVER LOVE ANYONE ELSE."

Translated:\* "I am used to the way you yell at me and realize it could be worse."

"YOU LOOK TERRIFIC."

Translated:\* "Oh, please don't try on one more outfit. I'm starving."

"I'M NOT LOST. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE."

Translated:\* "No one will ever see us alive again."

"WE SHARE THE HOUSEWORK."

Translated:\* "I make the messes; she cleans them up."

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Human conception typically involves a chaotic dash by tens of millions of sperm seeking a path to a single egg. Some researchers now believe that so many sperm are required because not one of them will stop to ask for directions.