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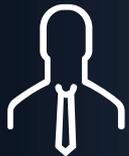
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Flirting in the past is so much different from how flirting is done today. When it comes to communication, texting is usually the first thing people think of these days. Calls are getting less and less common, texting is the way to go when communicating to others. This is also true when it comes to dating and flirting. From dating platforms to whatsapp or facebook messenger, texting is usually the introduction to knowing the other person.

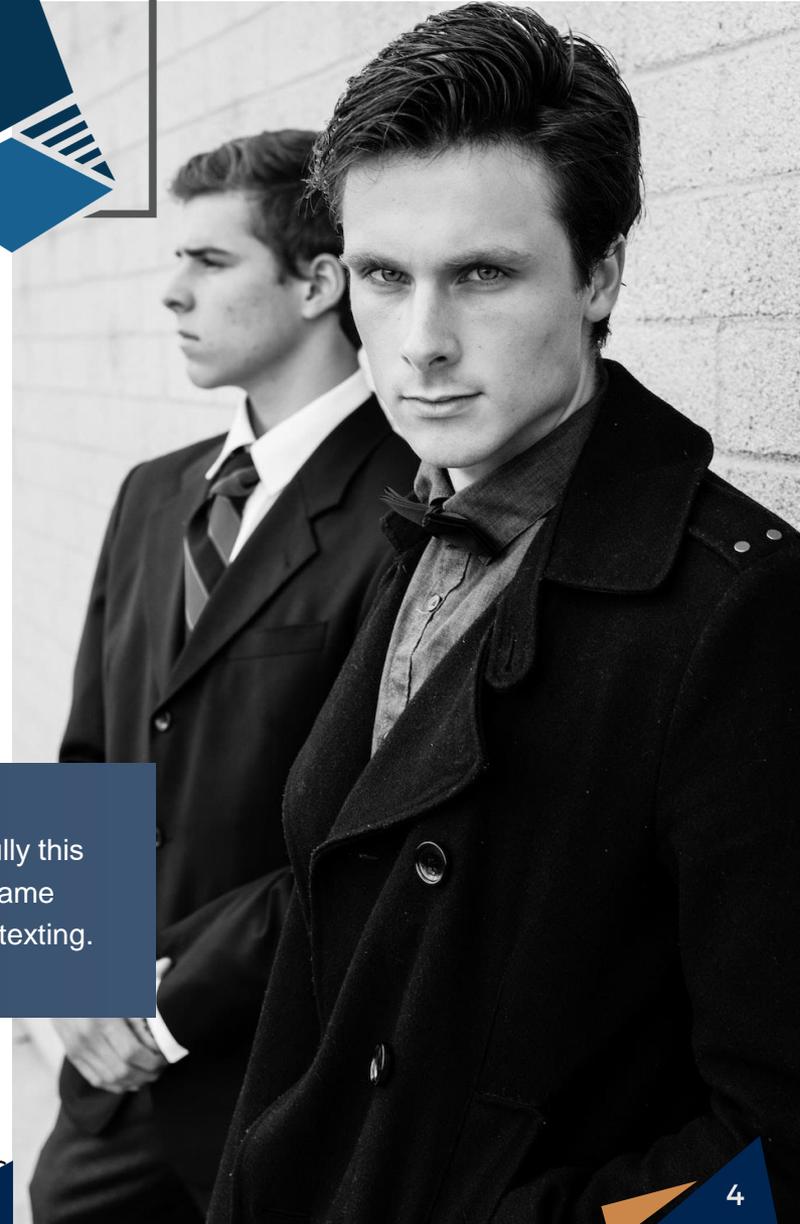


What If This Is The Part That Goes Awry?

Nobody thinks of the etiquette of texting, or have been taught how texting should be done. In the past, we have been taught on ways to send a letter and even emails. But we were just expected to 'know' how to text. So we have all been there, when texting gets dry, when there is not enough things to talk about. Or maybe we don't know when is a good time to reply to a text. If we were sitting by our phones all day anticipating to reply to the other person, would that make us seem really desperate and it is all we have to do for the day? Is this too much attention to be giving a person?



Don't worry, we will get into that part here. And hopefully this would make you a better texter, improve your dating game and also comfort you in some areas when it comes to texting.





STEP 1

Use proper grammar, spelling and punctuation

In the survey of over 9,000 people, 72% of online daters said spelling errors are a turn off and 48% consider poor grammar a deal breaker. Within the article, they also have found that up to 93% of people immediately liked the other person more just by adding a period to the end of their sentences.

This also shows that you have a level of sophistication and you are well educated. Seldom people today would be turned on by a neanderthal. Having good grammar, spelling and punctuation is not that hard as most apps or platforms have an in-built grammar check. If you are unsure about the way a word is spelt, check it up online. It really might take a little bit more time, but trust me - it is worth it. Eventually, you might even learn more words with this process!





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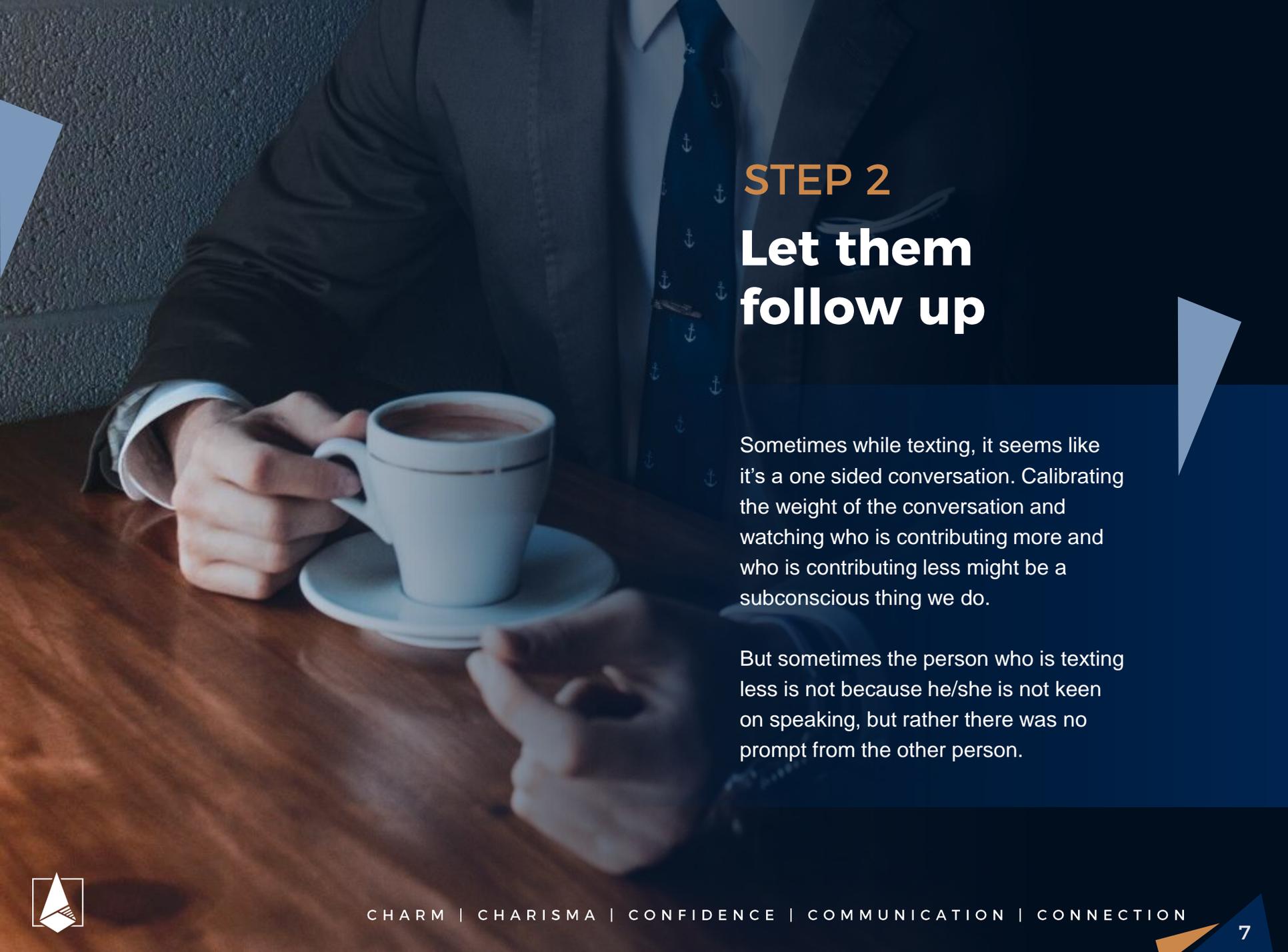
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Imagine receiving a text from a child

“haha lol whr r u nw?”.

Unless you have a good rapport with a person, it is generally not a good idea to enter into a new conversation with a poor grasp of the language. I am not saying to have ideal Cambridge levels of English, and neither am I saying to keep all your words in full and not have things like “lol” or “wru”. I mean to not have grammatical or spelling errors generally.



A man in a dark suit and tie is sitting at a wooden table. He is holding a white coffee cup with a saucer. The background is a textured wall. The image is overlaid with a dark blue semi-transparent box on the right side, which contains the text.

STEP 2

Let them follow up

Sometimes while texting, it seems like it's a one sided conversation. Calibrating the weight of the conversation and watching who is contributing more and who is contributing less might be a subconscious thing we do.

But sometimes the person who is texting less is not because he/she is not keen on speaking, but rather there was no prompt from the other person.





STEP 2 (Cont'd)

Let them follow up

There is a trick to something like this. In each statement of a reply, right before you hit 'send', check your message. If possible, end the message with a question. And not just ANY question, end it with an open ended question.

Don't ask things like

- ✓ What are you having for dinner?
- ✓ Where are you now?
- ✓ What are you doing?

Go for something like this

- ✓ What is the first thing you would do if you had a million dollars?
- ✓ What superpower would you like to have? And why?
- ✓ If you have only one day left to live, what would you do?



STEP 2 (Cont'd)

Let them follow up

Yes, these are extreme examples. But the idea is not to give the person the opportunity to answer your question with a single word. These might be pretty big questions to ask a person you had just known. But while keeping the conversation going, the last thing you would want is to let it die out with single word answers. These questions also allow for a wider scope into their personality. A person could answer “I don't know” to these questions, and that's important for you to take note and make a choice! He/she might really have no character or he/she is already bored with you. It is then when you know if you should continue milking the dead cow, or just end the conversation there. If the person cares about the connection, he/she will try to pick it up from there. You did no wrong if you had attempted to send your last text on an open ended question and they could not spar with you at the moment. Leave the ball on their end to pick up and see how it goes, they might really just be busy.

The amazing thing about this specific part is that you can rinse and repeat these questions to multiple people. And you can always have a series of questions lined up when the conversation starts to stray. Some people call these as ‘canned questions’, whereby the questions are ready in a can. And you can pop them up at any time you see fit. This is ideal to be used on a dating platform when you can be speaking to multiple people at once. The issue is to keep track on where the conversations are with each person.



STEP 3

Have Character

Everyone has a persona or identity that they hold on to. Be it the 'charming and quiet guy' or the 'loudmouthed and funny guy'. We have a side or personality we lean more towards. And it is alright to convey who you are to people. There is nothing worse than to act in a specific way for the person to like you. The paradox is, most people are happier to speak to the 'real you', rather than the 'politically correct' you.

And character can be conveyed through text. There are a couple of ways to show character through text and also be much more engaging. Don't be afraid to use exclamation points when necessary. This is a conversation, if things are getting hot and fun. Do toss in a couple of exclamation points to amp up the conversation. Using capital letters on words of emphasis is also another way to amp up the conversation. Another method would be to use emojis in the conversation. These are just sauces, and should not be served as a main dish. The idea of the text is to have it engaging and fun for both parties.



STEP 4

Mirror The Length And Duration

A conversation should be 2-sided and a balance between both people. But this is not a perfect world, there are times whereby we do feel that we are bearing the weight of the conversation. Or sometimes we don't know if we are too anxious in replying and we don't want to give off the vibe that we are.

It might be common sense to just say 'mirror' the recipient's content. It might sound weird at first, but try to deliver as much content as the other person. If she is replying to you with 4 sentences, you may go with 3-6 sentences. I like to gauge with the body of text, if the text bubble has 4 lines of text, that is roughly how much you should be giving back. There are times that you can go lower, but if the conversation is something you wish to keep running for awhile,





STEP 4 (Cont'd)

Mirror The Length And Duration

do try to keep it at the 4 lines of text or even pushing to 6. If you encounter a scenario whereby you are giving out 4-6 lines of text and she's outputting 1-2, it is clear the conversation is a one-sided conversation. If no matter what you do and she is replying at that low quantity, you might need to step back and evaluate the situation. If she really is into you or she is trying to get you off her back. There is also the possibility that she is not trained in the etiquette of texting. But if she is keen, she would generally put her best foot forward to know more about you and keep the flames going. If there is something on her mind, do stop and ask her if something is wrong and if she mentions that nothing is wrong and what gave you that idea - point out to her the distribution of weight in the conversation.

We are generally busy people, with a lot on our plates. We all have jobs and people we have to entertain. Being on the phone all day is unrealistic, though most of the time we would wish to be on the phone with 'this one girl'. Know that we all have lives, and the person you are texting has lives too. There may be times that she would reply after 3-4 hours or even a day! It is fine, and it is normal. Leave her to her daily tasks and she will reply when it is convenient for her. If she is into you, she will make the effort to reply to you at the end of the day.

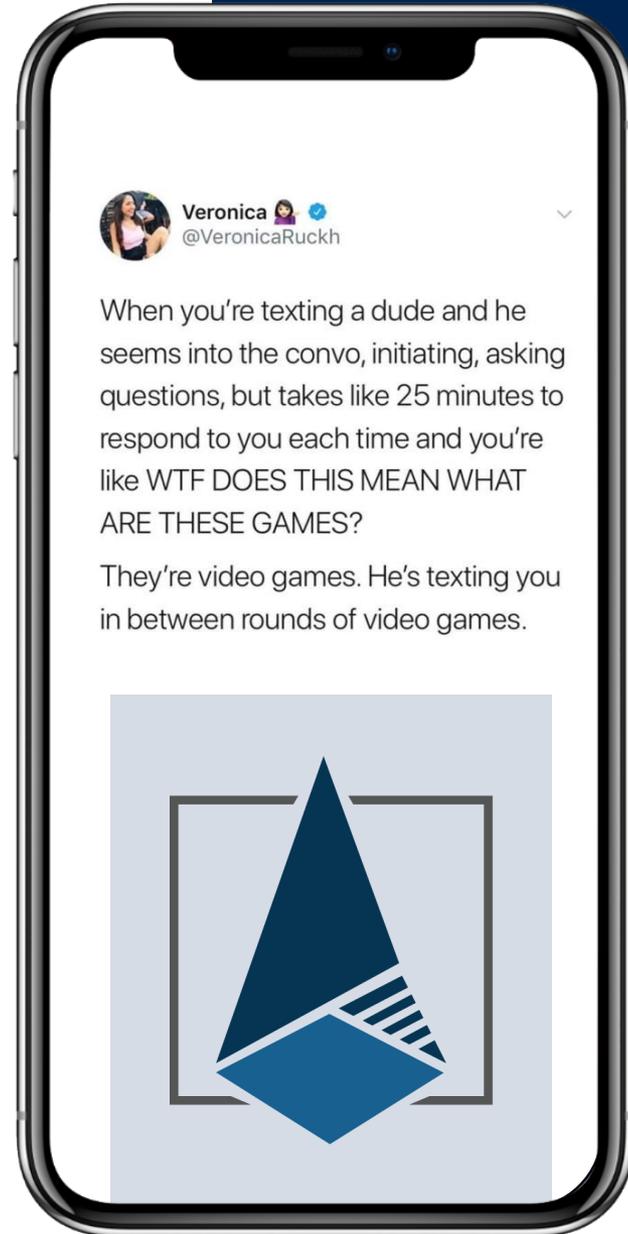


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Mirror The Length And Duration

The key here is not to seem too anxious. It is totally fine to reply to a text 15 minutes or even hours after receiving it. It is also a good rule of thumb to reply at the same pace that she is replying to your messages. If she is replying within minutes, reply to her within minutes. If she takes 4 hours, you can take 4 hours! If she is taking that long of a time to reply to you anyway, she is probably busy or her job requires her to not be on her phone anyway.

Know that giving the other person space is also crucial. The guy in this post has the right idea. I'm not saying to use it as manipulative technique or anything. But giving people space and time to reply can be more attractive than replying instantly. And I know this is something that we might have to control, especially texting a person we have a crush on. Just try to chill, take things easy and have fun in life in between texts!

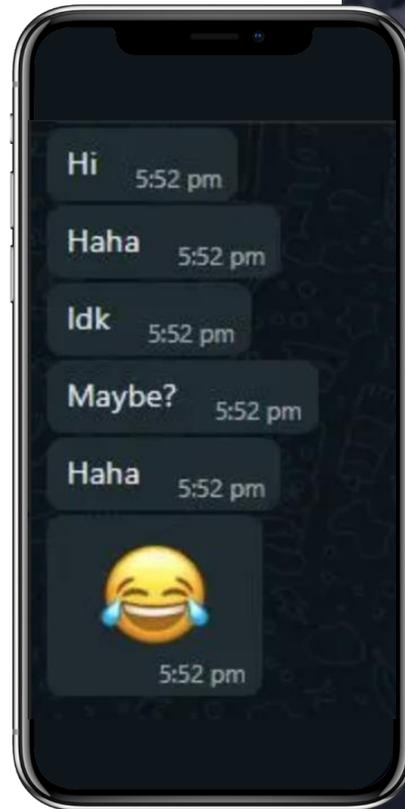


STEP 5 (Cont'd)

Don't spam

Imagine being in a meeting or call and your phone just 'dings' consistently for the next 10 seconds. And when you reach out to you phone, you see texts like this

Just mute the person and reply when it is convenient for you. It is alright to have several 'dings' to convey messages, but to have multiple 'dings' to convey nothing and still have 'haha' on one notification. If there are 3 people doing this to you on a daily basis, your phone is better off on silent. This is why it is more respectful of the other party to have your text (or what is relevant) in one chunk and broken up with paragraphs to be sent over. It also shows a level of class and sophistication. And if asked, it is always charming to tell them that you write your texts that way so that it would not be distracting for her



STEP 5

Don't spam

This might be a controversial segment, and I hardly know of people who do this. The idea is to keep everything in one text and send it out in paragraphs.

Though this is rare, I've used it religiously and I have been thanked or complimented upon using this. As attractive people are always bombarded with texts and from multiple people from multiple places. The last you want to do is to send a chain of 7 repetitive messages onto their phone and cause a whole chain of rings to them. This really could turn a person off especially if it is in the middle of the day, if they are on a call, busy on a difficult task or even when they are with another person.

Morning! im up! haha yeah thats truee. I actually like sitting down and just chatting though. Like my idea of a good time is to chat or play some sort of party game together. Cause i feel sometimes going for movies really takes the conversation away from the company?~

Woahh really? Like you spend most of your time drawing?
~ Omg i need to do that too, but now like really seldom draw already~ I do have one art style i wanna pick up and try though 😊

Oh yeahh, i think u would know this. When u go online to watch anime, which site do you usually go to? xD





STEP 6

Openers

In texting as well as dating apps, it is common courtesy for the man to initiate the conversation. (*Unless you are in Bumble, in which case you can out-source this burden to the ladies*). The common occurrences of what we generally do would be to start the conversation with a simple 'Hi', and that's basically it. If on the receiving end of the conversation, I would not know what to respond, the best I could do would be to reply 'Hi?'.

Yet, I see many guys do this. As if they are hoping the ladies would burst into sheer enthusiasm and ask you questions about yourself and suddenly pick up the slack of conversing with you. Just like how she was engaging with the last 2,526,127 guys before you who started the conversation with 'Hi'. Unless you are Brad Pitt, Robert Downing Jr or Johnny Depp, you would need something more engaging than a 'Hi'.



STEP 6 (Cont'd)

Openers

If you are on a dating app, ask her something on her profile. It can be anything, from a weird picture of her swimming in mud, her dogs/cats, something interesting in her bio or even a 'canned opener' such as asking if she had seen the latest frozen movie. THAT would already be better than a 'Hi'. If she has absolutely nothing on her bio, and just a pretty face, then you might have another problem on your hands, my friend. If you are in a tight spot, you can ask thing such as 'what her favourite Disney princess is' or 'what Myers-Briggs Type is she'.

Anything is better than a 'Hi'. Stop that immediately. And comment or compliment on her bio.



EXIT

STEP 7

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Texting can be hard work. Especially if you are texting multiple people at once. The key here is really to pace things out and to really qualify the other person. It is also okay to take a break from texting and let them know you are going to have to focus on your next pitch, going out for a swim or even playing world of warcraft with the boys for the next couple of hours!

Value your own time and also value her time. Let them know that you are going to be away for a while. Say things like you really have to 'be right back' or going to get some work done, and you will pick the conversation up later when you are done with your stuff. This does so many positive things, it demonstrates that you have other priorities in your life and you are a person who values your time and hers. This also paves a way for her to know that you are a reasonable person that she can have her own time to do her things, not having to tend to your replies all the time.





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Exit

Whilst most people would love to cling on to the conversation with the person that they like, this can cause burn out for the conversation really quickly. A 2 month conversation can really end within 2 weeks. Then it would all collapse into just morning texts, 'Hi', 'Byes', and 'good nights'. I am not saying to pace things out till you have only one text a day, but have things to do in your life.

Don't let texting take up your entire day, let her know that you will be back in a matter of hours as you need to get some stuff sorted. But when you do this, remember to pick up the conversation!

If you are the one doing the 'break calling', be the one to resume it! As the ball is still in your court after you have told her that you have to 'be right back'. She would not be able to assume when you are really back or not. So this part is really on you





THANK YOU

For Your
Attention

