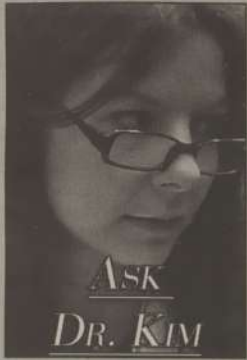


# Investigate during a first date



for the first date or he asked you out doesn't really matter. This isn't 1940.

Don't freak yourself out and start analyzing the fact that you had to make the first move. It's perfectly normal for a member of either gender to initialize a get-together. But this is where your investigative journey begins, so remember to leave some of the options open to give him a chance to reveal his true nature.

Does he offer to pick you up? If not, suggest it. A man's car is a very personal thing, and you can use the opportunity to be in it to find out more about him. If his car is trashed, it should send up some red flags to you. When a guy is excited about a first date, he cleans his car.

## Phase 2: The Event

Now, keep in mind—some guys are neat freaks. A clean car alone doesn't indicate absolute longing. This will also be a good time to find out if he smokes without having to ask him and cause confrontation.

So, his car was tolerably clean, and you were able to make idle chit-chat on the way to your date.

Once you get there, he will be feeling the pressure to impress. All kinds of crazy shit will be flying out of his mouth at this point about how wonderful he is, and why you should be tearing your clothes off and flying at him by the end of the date.

Turn your ears off. Forget about the content, and remember the context—you're on a date with this dude, and you can probably assume that he wants to see you naked.

He's not going to offer up any information that might make him

look less than desirable in your eyes. He will reveal *anything* but what is really important to him. What you have to do is distract him and make him forget all about the fact that you are analyzing his every gesture.

Be low-key. Pay attention to where he sits in relation to you and what he pays attention to in the room.

As the conversation runs on, watch his body language for little ticks or uncomfortable movements. The mouth lies, but the body never does. If you start talking about his mother and his leg starts ticking to the beat of the Macarena, it might mean he has some "mommy issues."

Ask him general questions that feel safe to him. Instead of "What do you plan to do with your future," ask him about what's going on in his life *right now*.

The word "future" should never be mentioned on a first date. But you can find out a lot about his work ethic and ambitious goals just by looking at what he's doing with his life presently.

Forget what he tells you about his big plans for success. He's sure not going to say, "I rarely have the motivation to shower, much less find a satisfying job. Hey—do you wanna move into my mom's basement with me?"

If he works in a gas station, lives with his mother and doesn't have goals right now, then chances are he won't have his ducks in order in another five years.

You also want to make sure that this new guy has confidence. He's going to try to put his best foot forward, so you might not notice an insecure weenie right away.

Here's the trick: Slightly offend him. I know it sounds crazy, but if you poke a little fun at him, and his nostrils flare with the fury of a thousand boogers, it can be an indication of someone who has some self-image issues—or he might just be a little bitch who can't take a joke.

Either way, be in the know.

## Phase 3: The Dwelling

I can walk into any man's apartment while he's not there and tell you everything about him—from political affiliation to how he likes his eggs.

You can start investigating him before you even walk through the door. Does he have a welcome mat? Lack of a welcome mat indicates someone who likes their privacy.

Think I'm crazy? Think about your friends who don't have a welcome mat... that's what I thought.

Once inside his home, try to pay attention to what he has on his walls. Not only will it tell you how grown-up he is (are the pictures and posters in frames?), but it will also allow you to delve into his psyche to determine how he feels about himself.

What we choose to put on our walls says a *ton* about who we are. Pictures of himself? (He's proud of who he is.) Too many pictures of himself? (Narcissistic boob.)

Are there more pictures of his family or his friends? This will tell you where his energy is focused.

Look around his living room. If there is a sparse amount of furniture, it means one of two things:

- 1) He's broke.
- 2) His attitude toward possessions is more utilitarian—and prob-

ably so is his attitude toward relationships.

The way a man behaves in his own home can greatly differ from how he acts out in public. When you arrive, does he gesture for a particular place for you to sit down? (Control freak.) Does he offer you anything to drink?

If he doesn't make an effort to make sure you're comfortable the first time you enter his house, how considerate do you think he will be the thousandth time?

The most important investigative tool I can give you is this one: Be accepting. If you hear something you don't like and he sees you react to it, he's going to shut down and hide as much about himself as he can.

If he tells you something awful about himself that you can't live with (i.e., he works at a gay strip club or enjoys collecting human teeth), don't react. Just remember that you don't have to date him again.

If you shut down his awful revelations before you know exactly how damaged he is, you will later convince yourself that he's not that weird, and another date will ensue. It could be months or years until you find out what a freak he really is, and then you'll end up sleeping on an air mattress in his mother's basement.

Just keep nodding and smiling, and allow him to feel completely comfortable telling you all of his disgusting habits and regretful stories. At least it will entertain you for the rest of the evening, before you high-tail it for home to change your cell phone number.

Well, ladies, good luck!  
Happy hunting!

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## Phase 1: Contact

Whether you've made a request

# Television: what to watch on the idiot box this fall season

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Now that the fall season has arrived yet again, the ever-faithful tube has risen up to provide fascinating new shows and bring back favorites.

But the question remains: Which programs are actually entertaining to watch after a long day of school or work? Collapsing on the couch to mindlessly view whatever happens to catch the eye is usually not the best system when attempting to find a pleasing show.

For a heaping dose of drama, watch the CW's new show *Gossip Girl* at 9 p.m. every Wednesday, or the re-airing on Sundays at 6 p.m., to see high school love triangles and backstabbing galore. Based on a book series of the same name by Cecily von Ziegesar, the show is set in the urban

backdrop of Manhattan, perfect for its filthy rich, designer-clad characters. The prep-school elite obtain all the local scandalous news via an online blog from the anonymous, self-proclaimed Gossip Girl.

*Moonlight* is an alluring broadcast from CBS which brings a fresh take to another private investigator show. The main character, Mick St. John, has a few things helping him along with solving the mysteries he undertakes... he is a vampire. However, he is one who does not follow the usual clichés that most of us would link with the undead. There is no chasing after and biting victims; he buys only the necessary amount from a friend at a blood bank.

The acclaimed show *Heroes* has returned to NBC for its second season, airing Monday nights at 9 p.m. and again on Saturday at 8 p.m. Claimed by many to be the best show on television, the new season is already shap-

ing up to be a fascinating one. The evolutionary-advanced characters are all following their own paths, yet they are more entwined in an intricate pattern than ever.

The Sci-Fi Channel's spin-off of *Stargate SG-1*, *Stargate Atlantis*, has started its fourth season. *Stargate Atlantis* is about an expedition into the Pegasus galaxy to the mythological city of Atlantis, built thousands of years ago by a technologically progressive people called the Ancients. The adventurers also explore many cultures through the Stargate—a portal to other worlds—where they often must battle alien life forms.

Tune in to these shows; they are well worth the watch. Television this fall has really stepped up to the plate to bring many great new programs.



The city of Atlantis in the Pegasus galaxy, with the explorers who came from Earth in the show *Stargate Atlantis*.



The glamorous cast of new CW show *Gossip Girl*, which is set in a Manhattan backdrop.



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