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Introduction

I'm Mr.G, the hopeless romantic gentleman behind MrGentlemansGuide.com. I'm here to inspire people to become better forms of themselves, while at the same time, encourage them to actively show that chivalry is not dead and that romance should still be part of a great relationship. But let's take it one step at a time; this guide will focus on texting women, the gentleman's way.

I grew up during the time where people actually talked on landlines. I don't know how many of you guys reading this had to deal with those moments where you were trying to talk to a girl on the phone, then all of a sudden you hear one of your parents pick up on the other line in the house to "accidentally" listen in on your conversation.

"Ma! I'm on the phone!"

Luckily, those days are long over. Everyone has their own cell phones but most don't even use it to talk; texting quickly became the preference to communicate. Time and change make us adapt and this is an area where I've spent years trying to perfect the texting art form through success and (many) failures on what has worked for me.

The purpose of this guide is to share with you my experience to help turn text messages into first dates as well as what I've learned when it comes to texting in relationships.

Getting a woman's number is great, but don't let it stop there. You want to be able to see her again, possibly start dating and turn it into a relationship.

Let's help you get there!

Please note: We're assuming you already got her number by asking her (and not doing it the creepy way by getting it without her knowledge) so let's get started.

10 Tips On Texting Her (For A Date)

So, you hit it off with her, made a good impression and built up that courage to ask her for her number. She gave it to you... Now what do you do?

1. Don't Wait Too Long To Text

I'm sure everyone has heard of the three-day rule, where a guy waits three days after he's gotten a girl's number to get in touch with her. *Don't do that*. If a young lady is into you, she *wants* to hear from you. It's really that simple.

To debunk that three-day myth, there was a survey done by datingmetrics.com of women from 18 to 28 that showed 89% who wanted to be contacted *within* 48 hours (73% wanted a text as the first form of contact) of exchanging numbers.

So, when should you text? 46% from that same survey wanted a guy to **contact them in the next day** while the second highest percentage of 30% wanted to be contacted in two days.

Every situation is different but if you two really had a good connection, I would say to contact her within 24 hours. A simple personal message is always best, and if you can, reference an inside joke or something specific from your interaction so she remembers exactly who you are, making you stand out from the crowd.

Example: If you met and had the chance to dance with her a bit, reference something fun/funny from that.

You **shouldn't** text her saying "Hey, it's John" because that doesn't exactly stand out and it doesn't give her much to work with for a reply.

You **should** text her saying something like, "Hey Jane, had fun dancing last night. You got some moves! Glad you could keep up (sorry about your toes haha)! - John"

With this text, you made it personal, complimented her and tossed a small inside joke.

2. Don't Seem Desperate/Needy

Did you know one of the top reasons why guys don't end up getting that first date after getting her number is because he seems too desperate/needy? *Now you know.*

That includes sending a bunch of romantic or steamy type texts. You just met her; it comes off a little desperate.

If you happen to be desperate or needy, *do not show it*. I repeat... *Do. Not. Show. It.* Don't show it during texting or in person.

Gentlemen, we like "the chase", "the challenge", "the mystery", right? Women do too. Experts suggest the longer the chase, the more likely love will blossom. With that said, don't make yourself too available.

If it took her all day to text you back, it's perfectly fine to wait a little while to reply, especially if you are in the middle of something.

The same goes for when you set up a date. Your schedule shouldn't be wide open like you have nothing else going on in your life (school, work, activities, friends, etc).

Like I said, don't make yourself too available because if there's no challenge, no chase, no mystery, she (and probably you) will get bored very quickly.

Additional tip: Don't sound jealous either because that's a big turnoff to women. It makes you seem insecure. Women like men who are confident.

Example: If you're setting up a day to hang out, pick a specific date to go with. Don't go "whatever day works for you works for me". Although, the gesture is nice that you're trying to work around her schedule, it makes you seem a little desperate and that you have nothing else going on in your life.

In addition, if there was a case in which she had a legitimate excuse to cancel, you shouldn't say "Oh okay. Well, I didn't make any other plans so if you're done early, let me know."

Instead, reschedule with a response like "No problem, but I'm stealing you away this Saturday. ;-)"

If a woman cancels or can't make it on a day you suggested, if she really wants to see you, she'll suggest an alternative date to meet.

3. Keep It Positive

If you're negative while texting, why wouldn't she think you're going to be negative in person? If you complain about everything, show a lack of confidence in yourself and just have a negative outlook on life, that negativity will more than likely spread... and you probably won't even get a chance for that first date.

Remember, *happiness and positive vibes are contagious*. You want her to be in a positive mood and be comfortable with you. Potential dates (and people in general) find it hard to walk away from happy people.

Make it hard for anyone to walk away from you.

Example: Say you're texting and she tells you she's struggling with writing her paper, you **don't** want to respond with "That sucks." She is probably already stressed and struggling with her paper, that type of response isn't going to help.

Instead, respond with something like "I know it's hard trying to concentrate on that paper while thinking of me!" Then follow up with something like "Don't worry, I know you're smart and will ace it! I'm cheering for you! Let's celebrate with drinks when you're done."

That way you're keeping it playful, positive, encouraging and setting up a date too. You should be that positive source that gets her

excited about *wanting* to have fun with you when she's done. Almost like you're her excuse to take a break and smile.

4. Text With A Purpose (Like Trying To Get Her Out On A Date)

This is arguably the most important tip because *the purpose is to be able to see her again or go on a date*. Now, I'm not saying to ask her out on your first message that you send but try to text with a purpose each time.

The "purpose" could be a wide range of things. It could be to make her laugh. It could be to relate to her (especially if you're referencing something you two talked about when you first met cause it shows you paid attention to what she was saying). And most importantly, it should be to try to see her again or go on a date.

Have you ever texted "Hey, what's up?" or "How are you?" to her? Those type of texts aren't going to create any sparks between you two. More often than not, you'll end up getting that default response like "Nothing much. You?" or "Good. You?" and there's no way you're going to separate yourself from all the generic people in her life that asks those same questions on a daily basis.

If you don't have a purpose or anything of value to say, then don't say it. **Don't spend all your time trying to make a connection through text.** Save it for when you're face to face with her. That's the time where you two get to see if you truly connect or not.

Example: See the previous example.

5. Don't Be Pushy Or Come On Too Strong

I just mentioned not to ask her out on your first text message because that is coming on way too strong. You don't want to ever make a woman feel like she's being pressured into anything.

Don't come on too strong. Be confident, decisive but modest and patient. The reason why is because the more you push, the less

attractive you become. Once you get to that unattractive stage with a woman, especially in the beginning, it's basically over.

If you texted her and she didn't reply yet, don't continue texting her multiple times until she responds. Avoid triple and quadruple texting her!

Believe me, not only will she not respond, she'll tell/show (screenshot your text) all her friends and from then, you'll have that bad reputation with a bunch of women. Those rumors will spread.

If you thought it was a small world before, just wait until a group of women know about you being unattractively pushy. Definitely not a good look.

Example: You don't want to keep pressuring her to meet up or to reply to your last text. You shouldn't keep texting her if she hasn't responded at all. It **shouldn't** look like:

"Hey, when are you going to hang out?

- ... Hey, you busy?
- ... How's this Friday for you?
- ... Hello?
- ... Heeelllloooooo????"

The more you push, the more unattractive you become. Give her time to respond.

6. Be Playful And Flirty But Keep It Subtle

You want to be able to make her blush and smile. Being playful and flirty in a subtle way will definitely keep you on her mind in a good way. You want to be able to build up the mental attraction until she gets to see you in person.

You have to be able to connect in a way that you don't end up in the friend zone. If you can't make her blush or smile by being playful or flirty in a subtle way, then there's a risk she might simply get bored.

Remember, it takes time to build trust and make her feel comfortable, but playful messages will keep things interesting so she'll be on her toes until then.

Additional tip: Don't overdo it with emoji's. That doesn't mean you shouldn't use it but a smiley face or winking face should be used to emphasize a point (such as being playful or flirting) or let her know you were joking. It should not be on every single text that you send.

Example: Don't text her with "what are you wearing? ;-)", that's not being subtle and she'll probably think your intentions are purely physical.

Be playful but subtle like "I give you a lot of credit for being able to focus on studying while thinking of me :-)". (Yes, I know I used a similar example earlier. So?)

7. Don't Cross Lines - Avoid Dirty Talk/Pictures

If you're looking for a first date, **do not cross lines** by doing such things as talking dirty or sending inappropriate pictures. No woman that I know wants to hear dirty talk or see inappropriate pictures from guys they just met. And if they do, they're probably not the "lady" you're looking for.

How do you know if you're about to cross any lines? If you have to question whether you're about to, more than likely you are. This includes sending certain emoji's like an eggplant, banana, peach and other ones that may be misinterpreted. Yes, you know those emojis aren't used for food!

Remember how I mentioned she'll probably show her friends? She will definitely show/tell her friends so you should avoid doing it.

Additional tip: Avoid revealing too much like things that might be embarrassing or that will make her feel uncomfortable.

Example: Wait, do you *really* need one? Simply avoid dirty talk and pictures or she'll block you.

8. Use Proper Grammar

There's a time and place to use all the chat acronyms in the book but trying to make a good impression to a potential date is not one of them. Well-written texts (and also emails and social media messages) make you look mature and intelligent.

Being sloppy can be both a turnoff and deal breaker. Why take the risk?

Remember, these texts are still considered the beginning stages of the first impression so take that extra few seconds to look over your grammar and autocorrections before pressing the send button. You don't want that autocorrect substituting a word you didn't mean.

Example: We all use chat acronyms and slang here and there but what first date wants to see something like "tbh nuttin much. wat u up 2 l8r? k, c u 2nite!" Exactly. Impress her with your grammar.

9. Pace The Conversation

You want to match the flow of the text and keep with the rhythm. If you're sending long paragraph-type-texts and she's responding with a couple of words, then you're not matching the flow of the conversation.

Now I'm not saying to match word count for word count but don't overdo it.

Same goes with response time; if it takes her an hour to respond, you don't want to immediately respond within seconds like you were just sitting and staring at your phone waiting to hear back. That makes it seem like you're way too eager.

I'm not saying to wait an hour to respond back but at least give it a few minutes. You don't want to take too long to respond or it might make her feel like you're not interested or you're too busy for her.

If you're genuinely busy (like at work or rushing to get to a meeting), don't be afraid to shoot her a quick text letting her know that you're rushing to your meeting and that you'll text her back when you're done. It shows you're able to communicate and you're not just sitting around doing nothing.

She's probably not used to guys doing that, which will make you stand out that much more. (Yes, guys have a bad reputation when it comes to communicating.)

Example: If you can, avoid sending paragraph texts. You know, those messages that are so long it takes a couple of texts to send. It **shouldn't** look like:

Her: "I won't be able to function without my morning coffee!"
You: "Me neither! Although, recently I've become more of a tea
drinker because I feel whenever I drink coffee, I end up adding way
too much sugar and I'm trying to cut back in general. On top of that, I
end up having about five cups of coffee by the time I leave work for
the day!"

You should save that type of conversation of getting to know each other more in depth when you meet in person.

It **should** look more like:

Her: "I won't be able to function without my morning coffee!"

You: "Same! Except with tea. Have you heard of Coolidge Cafe?"

Her: "I heard of it but never got a chance to try it"

You: "They have the best coffee/tea drinks I've ever had!"

Her: "I'll have to check it out sometime!"

You: "How about this Saturday with some amazing company?"

Her: "Haha, I'd love to!"

This keeps pace with the conversation and you get a chance to set it up for a potential date.

10. Put Some Effort Into Your Messages

I know that may seem like a given, and I'm not saying to research and over think what you're going to say, but if she takes the time to write you something personal or ask you questions, reply with some effort, a thoughtful response. Try not to respond with one word answers. Not only do women dislike that but it tends to kill the conversation flow.

If you don't put some sort of effort in something as simple as texting then what will she think about you putting effort in something more serious such as being in a relationship.

Example: If you often reply with one word answers like "Yes", "Ha!", "Okay" and nothing else, those tend to frustrate women. Yes, you're responding to her but it's almost as if you're cutting off the conversation right there.

It **shouldn't** look like:

Her: "I just had the best coffee cake ever. You should go to Pete's

Cafe and grab one!"

You: "Okay."

It **should** look more like:

Her: "I just had the best coffee cake ever. You should go to Pete's

Cafe sometime and grab one!"

You: "Best ever? I'll be the judge of that! Where is it?"

This shows you're interested in what she has to say. If you play your cards right, you can set it up for her to *show* you where it is and that could be your first date.

Questions On Texting Her (For A Date)

Why isn't she responding to my texts?

Honestly, there could be a ton of reasons. Maybe she's busy, maybe she lost her phone or maybe she decided she wasn't quite yet ready to date. Whatever the reason is, you did your part, no need to stress yourself out on trying to figure out a mystery you won't be able to solve.

If a woman doesn't respond, give it a few days and reach out again. If you still don't hear back, I would move on.

Why give me her number if she wasn't interested?

Women are typically not very confrontational and a lot simply don't like the awkwardness that comes with it. It's easier to ignore a text than to reject someone face to face.

Believe it or not, a lot of women don't enjoy rejecting a guy or hurting feelings. On top of that, have you ever seen a guy get rejected then they get mad and start calling her names and insulting her? I'm pretty sure no one wants to go through that.

Don't take it personal.

We text a bunch but it seems she's too busy to hang out. What should I do?

Maybe she is very busy or she's just not ready to date. More often than not, if a woman is actually busy but you just caught her on a bad day/week, she'll generally toss out a day that does work for her.

Now if it's excuse after excuse, then she's probably hinting to you. Respect yourself and your time. There's no point in getting aggressive or immature about it because it won't change anything.

Simply let her know if she wants to grab a coffee sometime when she's more free to get in touch. That way you leave the ball in her court.

We have a date, should I text her the day before (or day of) we meet?

When you have confirmed a date, keep it light and fun and text occasionally throughout the week leading up to the day. The reason why is you want to let her know you're still interested, and make sure she is as well.

You don't have to text every single day leading up to the date. Try to keep the "getting to know each other" questions for when you meet in person.

But yes, you should always text the day before or day of to confirm your date is still on. It would be a little disappointing if you got ready and cleared your schedule to find out last minute she had to bail.

Need ideas for dates? Check out <u>"10 Date Ideas For The Fall</u> Season" and "10 Great First Date Ideas For High Schoolers".

At the end of the day, be yourself and work with your strengths but know your flaws. If you keep working on bettering yourself, have your standards and stay positive, you'll find the right lady. We all strike out but it's only a matter of time till you get a hit. Just don't be scared to get up to the plate and swing!

Now if you're in a relationship and you're looking for additional tips on texting women *the gentleman's way*, keep reading to the next part! Matter of fact, keep reading even if you're single.

Tips On Texting Her (When You're In A Relationship)

You got that first date and now you're officially in a relationship. Does texting her change? Absolutely. Texting changes as your relationship does. The more you get to know each other, the more comfortable you become.

Of course, every relationship is different so you should have a general sense on what your girlfriend likes/does. Maybe she prefers to facetime or talking on the phone than texting. **Communication is the key!** But since this is a guide on texting women, let's stay on this topic.

There are some tips from the previous section that still apply such as keeping texts positive, flirting/being playful and proper grammar; but you're in a relationship now so here are some tips to help.

Keep It Light And Fun

She wants to hear from you and know what you're up to without asking you. Having some sort of communication throughout the day will help ease her curiosity but also keep you two connected.

It can be as simple as sending a meme or funny picture you'd think she would like or that reminds you of her or your relationship. Keeping it light and fun will keep you two connected throughout the day as a nice relief, especially if you two are at work/school or just having a long day.

Do Not Fight/Argue Through Text

In any and every relationship, there will be arguments and disagreements (although that should only be a small part of your relationship) but when it happens, it definitely **shouldn't** be done through texting.

There's so much miscommunication that can happen through text that it's better to discuss it in person or on the phone (after calming down a bit).

Also, imagine how many people she'll show those texts to; and the more people involved in what goes on between the two of you, the worse off it becomes.

Catch Her Off Guard With Sweet/Romantic Texts

Do you always text her first thing in the morning or last thing at night? Catch her off guard with a sweet text that will instantly put a smile on her face when she wakes up so she starts the day off right.

Same goes for night time texts so she ends up going to sleep with a smile on her face.

Check out "Sweet Things To Text Your Girlfriend In The Morning" for a bunch of examples if you need some suggestions.

Or maybe she's having a rough day, reassure her that things will get better and let her know you'll be there waiting to give her a nice massage with drinks when she gets home.

Check out "Romantic Love Quotes For Her" for some romantic quotes suggestions.

I know a couple that has been together for over 12 years and the lady still blushes and giggles when her gentleman calls/texts her "toots" randomly (he doesn't do it all the time) or sends "thinking of you" texts. Make your woman smile like that.

The whole purpose is to catch her off guard and be able to make her smile and gush a little even after months or years of being together. You should be able to make her feel that way in the beginning and decades of being together.

Respond To Things She Says

Even if she didn't ask you a question directly, you should still respond to it. Maybe she's just getting something off her chest or just has something random to say but you're her go-to-person that she wants to tell these things to so make sure you're responding to her regardless.

And remember, do *not* respond with that one word answer. That still applies here.

Respond Sooner Than Later

When you're in a relationship, you don't have to pace the conversation like you would when you're trying to get a first date. At this point, you should be close enough to each other that you should be responding as soon as you can. When you do that, she feels appreciated and knows you're reliable.

Even if you're in the middle of something, sending her a quick text like "I'm in a meeting, text you in a bit" will let her know you read her message and will respond as soon as you can so she's not assuming she's being ignored.

In case you're wondering, according to AT&T's survey, a slow response was the biggest texting turn-off.

Ultimately, every relationship is different and what works for some may not work for others. But I believe if you pay attention, put in effort, communicate clearly and don't overlook the small things, texting when you're in a relationship should be a piece of cake.

Contact Me

I hope you guys enjoyed this eBook on "Texting Women The Gentleman's Way" and hopefully it'll help you in more ways than one.

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