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# She's Just Not That Into You

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Boys of the world—I'm sorry. Girls are complicated. You never seem to know what we are thinking. I'll be honest: half the time, we don't know what we are thinking either.

But when it comes to whether or not we like a guy, girls know exactly how they feel and are usually quite blatant about it. Unfortunately, you boys don't often pick up what we are laying down. But that's why I'm here—to guide you.

When asked out on a first date, most girls will say yes. How do I know this? My mom told me that every guy deserves at least a first date. I had a roommate that would give a guy two dates before she decided if

she was interested. The majority of girls have something like that and won't turn you down. So go ahead, ask away.

Now for the big date. You are watching a movie with a girl of your choice. You wouldn't mind holding her hand. Rats! Her arms are crossed. Maybe you can slyly ... **WRONG.** There's your first hint. Did you miss it? Rewind. Her arms are crossed. That's it. If her arms are crossed, that's a pretty big sign that she's just not that into you. If she was, she would make her hands readily available for you to hold.

The end of the date is fast approaching. You are thinking about

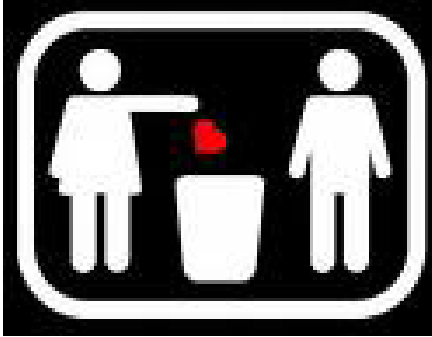
that great hug goodnight. You wrap her in a big hug, but she quickly ends it by two taps on the back. Bad sign. But even worse, a side hug. Nothing says "I'm just not that into you" like a side hug.

Like I said earlier, a girl will usually say yes to a first, maybe even a second, date. Let's say you really like this girl, and you decide to go for a third. She answers the phone. You ask her on the date—fairly confident that she's just dying to go out with you again—and she responds with "I'm just really busy. School's really getting me down."

Ouch. That's got to hurt. Wait. You still didn't get it? OK, here's an







expert to explain it.

“Honestly, if I like a guy, school work will fit in somewhere else in my schedule,” said Eunice. \* “I always use schoolwork as an excuse.”

Eunice may sound harsh, but she does her best to spare the feelings of boys who are not getting her not-so-subtle hints.

“If a guy still doesn’t get it, I just turn into a flake. I’ll bail out often, and I won’t call him back for a long time,” said Eunice.

Finally, the biggest hint: the word “friends.” If your date uses the word “friends” more than 20 times in one evening to describe your relationship, that’s all you are or ever will be.

So let’s recap on what we’ve learned: 1. Arms crossed, bad sign. 2. Tap-on-the-back and side hugs are budding relationship death sentences. 3. “I’m just really busy” means she’s just too busy for you. 4. She bails out all the time. Again, she’s not that busy. 5. The word “friends.”

Don’t let these hints get you down—girls also even more blatant hints when they like somebody, too. But that’s a subject for a different time. Good luck dating.



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