

Cosmo Quiz

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Do You Make an Awesome First Impression?

1. You meet a blind date for a drink, and he starts things off by talking about his college days. You respond by:

- a Pointing out something you have in common: "I played club volleyball too!"
- b Mentioning that you were prez of your sorority, starred in a play, and wrote an honors thesis.
- c Waiting until he's done reminiscing, then steering the convo back to what he's up to now.

2. When people look up your Facebook profile, how much do your privacy settings let them see?

- a The basics: your name, your school, and a profile picture or two
- b Pics with friends and your guy and about-me info, like your fave bands
- c Everything: your wall posts, dating status, and latest wild party photos

3. Your new guy wants to show you off to his posse at an upcoming house party. What do you wear?

- a A slinky bandage dress that lets you flaunt your sick bod
- b Skinny jeans, a tank top, and ankle boots
- c The sexy mini your man loves you in plus a trendy tee

4. You're planning to attend a crucial networking event in your industry. Your score-a-better-job tactic:

- a Chatting up anyone you can and asking if they know of job openings
- b Handing your résumé to everybody who looks important
- c Introducing yourself to reps from your dream companies

5. You run into an ex you no longer talk to...with his new girlfriend. What do you do after he introduces you?

- a Reply "Oh, hi! Dave probably told you about me; we were a serious couple for years."
- b Go through the nice-to-meet-you motions, then say you have to rush to an appointment.
- c Ask how they're doing, and suggest a group hang in the future, just to be polite.

7 TO 10 POINTS

Shameless Self-Promoter

Obviously, you rock. But talking yourself up too much and putting all your personal info out there when you meet someone gives off self-absorbed vibes...and that shuts you out of cool opportunities. "People appreciate who you are more when they discover it naturally than if you force it on them," says Ann Demarais, PhD, coauthor of *First Impressions*. Instead of, say, bombarding strangers with your résumé, start to build a relationship—like by asking staffers at a company you're into what they enjoy about their jobs.

4 TO 6 POINTS

Super-Approachable

Babe, you had us, your blind date, and pretty much everyone else at hello. "Since you're warm and engaging, people feel at ease with you," says Diane Dreher, PhD, author of *Your Personal Renaissance*. Plus, you share the floor, like finding common ground with a guy you just met, which shows genuine interest and establishes a connection. No wonder your fan club practically rivals Justin Bieber's.

0 TO 3 POINTS

Turn Up the Charisma

When you encounter new people, your instinct is to direct the focus away from yourself, like by wearing a plain outfit or limiting your FB profile. You think you're being polite by hanging back, but you end up obscuring your personality. "You aren't giving others a reason to be attracted to you, so they probably won't be," says Dreher. Next time, divulge a passion or a fun experience. Sharing things you're excited about and quirky details about yourself creates a sense of intimacy, drawing potential friends, bosses, and dates to you.

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SCORING: 1. a-1, b-2, c-0; 2. a-2, b-0, c-1; 3. a-2, b-1, c-2; 4. a-0, b-2, c-1; 5. a-2, b-1, c-0