

# Abstract of Dating Jungle Survival Texts

Communication Skills 1

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With the surge of mobile dating apps such as badoo, bumble and tinder, getting a match can be relatively simple, but for many singles, the hard part is the actual texting. It takes communications skills to survive.

After experiencing the online dating world, many reoccurring situations have been observed repeatedly. Watching YouTube videos of dating experts and with our own experience, a list of six text messages was compiled for many situations. Our purpose is to give a texting guideline.

Many people overthink their initial approach when it comes to online dating. As a woman she will ask herself if she should take the initiative and make the first move online. Because we are living in the 21st century, it's definitely a yes. But does it mean that a man can lean back and wait for the woman to take the first step? No, there are many women who appreciate the old school of dating. Keep the message simple and try to stand out so that you get his/her attention, i.e. "I have no idea if we get along, but I had to send you a message because you also love [insert common interest] ;)". In general, don't wait too long with the first message and keep up with the momentum. Text within 2 days after getting a match, so you won't be forgotten. Try out different approaches, play, and have great interactions with different types of people. Treat online dating as a fun place. So no hard feelings if someone is not answering you.

Often times your match steers the conversation into a sexual one quickly, after establishing the first contact. Texting "As hot as you are, I don't move that fast ;)". But I'd be happy to see your pretty face if you want to take me on a date sometime this week" is an easy way to stop overly sexual approaches without destroying his ego and still showing him interest. That's no rejection, you're telling him "not yet".

In this case the use of emojis is very important. It lightens the mood of the message and makes it playful. Use the emojis sparingly and appropriately. Don't use the kissing/heart emoji on a person you never met before.

When your match asks you what you're up to, answer "Just taking a bath...going to head out later". People tend to answer to the "what are you doing" question with a similarly boring text. But if you send this to him/her, you will implant an exciting impression in his/her mind without being overly explicit. It's said in a casual tone but makes him/her think about you in a way that creates desire. Teasing and flirting keeps the interest ongoing.

Sometimes you don't know what to talk about but want to keep the conversation ongoing. Then take a picture of yourself in a new outfit with the message "Just bought this, thoughts?" Just send a cute/handsome picture of yourself, nothing sexual. With this kind of message your match can respond with something flirtatious. It gives him/her the opportunity to compliment you in a way that doesn't seem out of the blue and it can shift the conversation into a flirty one.

The opposite is texting forever and there is no actual date in sight. Keep in mind that you are using texting with the goal to set up a date. Don't call. Calling can be pressuring or turn out weird/awkward too. Very high probability you will get a rejection. So be proactive and invite him/her to join you, i.e. "I'm doing [insert activity] today! You should come along :D You will love it!!!" But be prepared that (s)he is probably going to refuse you. After him declining you, just text him/her: "yaaaaaaaawwn". Your match will panic thinking that you think of him/her as boring and losing interest. Trying to reverse the situation, (s)he will invite you out.

Lastly, the worst case: It's the actual day of your supposed date. But your match didn't text you the time and place of your date yet. You were probably stood up. Speak up but be casual. Don't be angry and keep the option open to a possible date on another day and message something like "Hey you, should I assume we're not on tonight? I haven't heard from you and I have other things I'd like to do if not ;)". Negative emotions/topics are inappropriate. That stranger doesn't owe you anything. Dating should be fun. Keep it casual and light. Heavy topics and deep talk is meant for a later phase in the dating.

In summary, online dating should be treated light and fun. Keep the conversation alive but don't forget the first goal of texting is to setup a date to meet your match in real life and advance to the next stage in dating. Be proactive but don't invest more than your match is giving you. If (s)he is not interested than move on to the next match. No hard feelings necessary.