

Dating tips for teens

LOOK OVER THE LISTS, AND CIRCLE 10 IN EACH COLUMN THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.

Qualities to Look for:

Humility
Sense of Humor
Interested in your interests
Respecting boundaries
Being a friend first
Thoughtful about finances
Polite gestures to you
Shakes parents hands
Comes to the door (doesn't honk)
Kind to children and elderly
Communicates well (or willing)
Shares core values
Respectful
Charitable
Hard worker
Responsible
Respectful
Helps others
Kindness
Understanding
Loyal
Honest even in little things
Speaks nicely without profanity
Kind to animals
Speaks well of family/friends
Realistic career goals
Faith in Christ/Religious
Matching work ethic
Fights kind (no name calling)
Not needy
Loves God more than they love you
Adores you
Helpful
Positive outlook on life
Self reflective on challenges
Has a growth mindset
Expresses gratitude often
Interested in learning about people you love
Interested in the things that you love
Shares compliments with you
Observant about what you love

Relationship Red Flags:

They can't apologize
Controlling
Judgemental
If your family disapproves
Manipulative behavior (you don't love me if you...)
They tell you how perfect you are
Overemphasize your beauty/looks
Demeaning words/actions
They roll their eyes at you
Jealous of you being friends with others
Pressuring you to do things against your beliefs/values
Trying to keep up appearances in ways that don't matter
Foul language
They ask for your email/social passwords
Spends a lot of money (too freely)
Anger aggressive at all (even sports)
Talks about themselves a lot
Only wants to do their stuff
Struggles with pornography
Lots of talk, no action goals
They make you feel stupid
Tries to alienate you from your family
They need constant reassurance/validation
Checking up on you hourly/daily
Sexual pressure
Wanting you to change
Isolating you from others
Can't talk about everything (secret keeping)
Doesn't want to talk about hard things
Doesn't encourage you
Buys you things as an apology/Asks for gifts
Pressuring you for anything
Tells you who you can/can't hang out with
Possessive
Self centered
Disrespectful to their mom
Plays the blame game
Dismisses your feelings and opinions
Dishonest about little things
Always wants to be alone
Controlling of you/your schedule
Manipulates situations

