

# 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

