



DATE NIGHT

SERIOUS FUN

Welcome to Date Night – Serious Fun! Having fun is one of the best ways for couples to draw closer to one another. Tonight, we hope that you have a great time laughing, making memories and connecting with one another. Along the way tonight there will be opportunities to earn bonus points. The couple with the highest point total of the night will earn a “valuable” prize. Let’s start the night off right with a little game of Mad Libs® - marriage style. Enjoy . . .

PART 1

(While Driving to Dinner)

MAD LIBS®

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start driving to your dinner destination.
2. While driving, the passenger asks the driver to provide a word for each of the required blanks.
3. As the driver gives each answer, the passenger writes down the answer in each blank spot.
4. 10 bonus points if you post your answer to #10 on the Date Night Facebook event page wall.

Mad Libs®

10 Tips for a Fun Marriage!

1. Guys, make sure you help around the house by _____ in a _____ costume.
chore ending with "-ing" favorite super hero
2. Gals, you will drive your husband wild when you wear your wool _____ and your _____ jersey to bed.
article of clothing favorite sports team
3. Gals, he loves it when you call him pet names like "little _____" or "big _____."
farm animal fruit or vegetable
4. Guys, remind your mother-in-law often how much she reminds you of _____.
favorite movie villain
5. Gals, remind him daily that you really appreciate his ability to _____ while _____.
verb verb ending with -ing
6. Guys, no matter how bad her cooking tastes, never tell her it tastes like an old pair of _____.
favorite type of footwear
7. Admire your spouse's _____ every chance you get.
adjective bodypart(s)
8. Speak in a _____ accent each time you _____ together.
foreign language verb
9. Each morning, give your spouse a _____ kiss and a _____ hug.
adjective adjective
10. Have sex like a couple of wild _____ every chance you get.
animal plural

If you still have some time left after playing Mad Libs®, both of you answer these questions:

- What was the most fun you remember having with me during our first year of marriage?
- During childhood, which activity was the most fun for you?
- Who is the funniest person you have ever met?

PART 2

(While Eating Dinner) WOULD YOU RATHER?

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start to play this game after you have ordered your food.
2. Each of you will read one another six questions (we suggest each of you take turns answering a question).
3. You must pick one of the two options and give your reason for picking that option.
4. Go on to part three during dessert.

GUYS

*Ask your wife
these questions . . .*

1. Would you rather go for a walk outside together or sit and drink coffee together?
2. Would you rather be stuck in an elevator with two wet dogs or two men with really bad breath?
3. Would you rather have 24 hours away by yourself, or have 24 hours away with your closest girlfriend(s)?
4. Would you rather be a giant hamster or be a tiny rhino?
5. Would you rather I go "all out" for your birthday or Christmas?
6. Would you rather have a tattoo on your arm of Wonder Woman or Bat Girl?

GALS

*Ask your husband
these questions . . .*

1. Would you rather have 24 hours away, by yourself or have 24 hours away with your buddies?
2. Would you rather ride a roller coaster for 24 hours straight or eat nothing but Spam for 3 days?
3. Would you rather give up the internet/email for a week or give up coffee/tea for a week?
4. Would you rather be a Ninja or a Pirate?
5. Would you rather have a reputation as being someone who is "smart" or being someone who is "funny"?
6. Would you rather have to shout everything you said or hop everywhere you went?

*If you still have some time left after playing Would You Rather?,
both of you fill in the blanks on the following:*

- The most fun I have serving you is by _____.
- I love seeing how _____ brings you so much joy.
- My favorite inside joke that we have is _____.

PART 3

(While Eating Dessert)

CRANIUM®

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Each of you will either draw or sculpt something related to each question below.
2. You either have to draw with your eyes closed or draw with your non-dominant hand.
3. If your spouse correctly guesses what you drew or sculpted, you get 3 bonus points.
4. Submit photo evidence of your best sculpture...overall best sculpture gets a "valuable" prize.

GUYS

*Draw in the space below.
Sculpt with included tin foil.*

1. DRAW: My favorite gift I have ever received from you was . . .
2. SCULPT: The most fun I think we've had over the past 12 months is _____.
3. SCULPT: I would like for us to spend more free time doing _____.

GALS

*Draw in the space below.
Sculpt with included tin foil.*

1. DRAW: The kindest/most thoughtful thing you have ever done for me is . . .
2. SCULPT: The most adventurous thing I think we've ever done is _____.
3. SCULPT: If I could go anywhere in the world on vacation (money is no object), I would like to go to _____.

If you still have some time left after playing Cranium®, both of you answer the following:

- On a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible and 10 being perfect), how well do you believe we do at having fun together?
- What do you believe gets in the way of us having more fun together?
- Now go home and have fun. No, *seriously*, go home and have fun!

HOMEWORK

For more fun things to do in Dallas, visit www.watermark.org/datenight

Like all things in marriage, having fun requires intentionality and effort. Tim and Emily Loerke (www.todaysletters.com) have a great habit. Each Tuesday night, they sit down and ask themselves four questions. This is their way of keeping short accounts, being intentional and staying connected. There is nothing "special" about the questions. What's "special" is what happens when a couple regularly set aside time to sit down and talk about their relationship. The consistency and frequency of these conversations is what is so helpful.

Our homework for you is to add these four questions (plus one we've added) to your routine. Pick a night during the next week to review these questions and make these questions a part of your weekly routine.

1. *How did you feel loved this past week?*
2. *What does your upcoming week look like?*
3. *How would you feel most loved & encouraged in the days ahead?*
4. *How would you best feel pursued in sex / intimacy this week?*
5. *What can we do to have fun this week?*