

Drive, Dine, Dessert:

A Date Night Adventure

Get ready to laugh, connect, and make memories together. Tonight includes three parts—a game to play while driving to dinner, one to enjoy during dinner, and another to wrap things up over dessert. *Take a few sheets of paper and a pencil with you. To kick things off, we're starting with a fun twist on Mad Libs®—marriage edition. Let the games begin!

Part 1: **Mad Libs®** (While Driving to Dinner)

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 using only the prompt in parentheses.
3. As the driver gives an answer, the passenger writes down the answer in each blank spot.

Mad Libs®

10 Tips for a Fun Marriage!

1. Guys, make sure you help around the house by _____ (*chore ending with “-ing”*) in a _____ (*favorite super hero*) costume.
2. Gals, you will drive your husband wild when you wear your wool _____ (*article of clothing*) and your _____ (*favorite sports team*) jersey to bed.
3. Gals, he loves it when you call him pet names like “little _____ (*farm animal*)” or “big _____ (*fruit or vegetable*).”
4. Guys, remind your mother-in-law how much she reminds you of _____ (*favorite movie villain*).
5. Gals, remind him daily that you really appreciate his ability to _____ (verb) while _____ (*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*).
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8. Admire your spouse's _____ (*adjective*) _____ (*body part(s)*) every chance you get.
9. Speak in _____ (*foreign language*) accent each time you _____ (verb) together.
10. Each morning, give your spouse a _____ (*adjective*) kiss and a _____ (*adjective*) hug.

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 most fun for you?
- Who is the funniest person you have ever met?

Part 2: Would You Rather (While Eating Dinner)

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.

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 closest buddies?
2. Would you rather ride a roller coaster for 24 hours straight or eat nothing but Spam for three days?
3. Would you rather give up the internet 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 Your 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: **CRANIUM®** (While Eating Dinner)

Instructions:

1. Each of you will draw something related to each question below.
2. You either have to draw with your eyes closed or draw with your non-dominant hand.

GUYS:

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

GALS:

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

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

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible and 10 being perfect), how well do you believe we do at having fun together?
2. 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

Like all things in marriage, having fun requires intentionality and effort. Once a week, sit down and ask yourselves five questions. This will help you keep short accounts, be intentional and stay connected with each other. There's nothing "special" about the questions. What is special is what happens when a couple regularly sets aside time to sit down and talk about their relationship. The consistency and frequency of these conversations is what is so helpful.

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?