

MEN: Initial Contact Basics:

1. FIRST MESSAGE

Just because you're online, does not change the essential dynamic. You approach the woman, introduce yourself and say something to begin a dialogue. This is not a monologue where you list your wants, needs, resume - you would never do that in real life just walking up to someone. Nor would you go up and say 'hey' - to a woman at a bar and just stand there. I suggest:

At least one full line of text, proper punctuation, capital letters and no slang: with your name signed:

“Wanted to drop you a note and say hello. {INSERT SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU LIKED IN HER PROFILE OR PICTURES}. Interested in learning more about you”, {INSERT YOUR NAME}

Other than a smile, I do not suggest discussing physical looks or your attraction (terms like beautiful, sexy, you look amazing, wow, etc)

Wait for the woman to respond.

- A NOTE ABOUT RESPONSE TIME. Depending on the website, there are different expectations as to how long you should expect to wait for a response. Generally speaking - as a man - I believe you should send your messages early a.m. or later in the evening or weekends. Messaging during the day sends an impression you are not too busy working. A good rule is to login no more than once in the morning and again at night, and write/return all messages then.

2. If the woman responds back: SECOND MESSAGE

2nd message should specifically ask a question requiring a response and be friendly, I suggest:

At least a few lines of text, offering up some more information as well as a question:

“Great to hear from you. [INSERT SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF AND A QUESTION]”

3. THIRD MESSAGE

Start to move this offline to set up a date. There is a way to appear interested and not pushy.

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“You seem great. I’d love to meet up with you for [coffee/a drink/tennis/etc]. Are you open to a quick phone call and we can set something up then? Let me know what you are most comfortable with, and we can take it from there. Have a great day.”

Do not just give a phone number. Do not ask for her phone number. If she is interested, she will ‘bite’ on your move to meet. If she hesitates or actually discusses wanting to keep texting longer, I would suggest;

“I understand your caution and wanting to take your time. My style is to move offline and see if we have a connection first through a quick phone call. And then, if that goes well - plan to meet. My full name is [insert]. Feel free to google me or find me on Facebook. I’ll wait to hear back from you.
{INSERT YOUR NAME}

Do not send more than 4 different texts without initiating moving offline. Do not allow the woman to keep you strung along without committing to moving offline for a call or date. Anyone genuinely interested in meeting you in person to date - will do so. Excuses are just that.

Remember - you are on here to meet people in person to date. Do not allow yourself to get caught up in excessive narrations, self disclosures, etc. Until you meet you have no idea if you have a connection. It’s fine as a man to take charge and direct this process (being respectful of course to the woman’s preferences.)

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

If on Match - no winks or likes. Message directly anyone you are interested in. No ‘favorites’. Looks like you are window shopping. You see a girl you like? Message her immediately.

Generally, no response = not interested. Responding at all - regardless of the message, = interest. Do not read into what they write. Some people are chattier/better at this than others.

4. IF THEY AGREE TO TALK/SET A DATE:

*****ALWAYS HAVE A PHONE CALL FIRST. Do not meet without a brief call. Keep the call under 20 minutes. Pick a time you are in your car/heading somewhere - to eliminate an expectation of a long call. Use talkmatch if there is a concern about giving out a phone number.

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