

UNIT 2 Dating in the USA

Dating in the USA is a very complex act, where you have to respect the “dating rules”. There are many unwritten Do’s and Don’ts.

Dating rules

A girl goes out with her friends (*rule 1: never go out alone*) a dance-club. Where she met a very attractive, good looking and handsome boy. They flirted a little bit, had a “good time” and say good bye...

Her friend asks very greenly: „So, when are you going to meet him again?"

Girl: "I don't know."

Her friend: "Didn't you fix any date?"

Girl: "No!" (*rule 2: never make a firm date after the first date*)

Her friend: "So are you going to call him for fixing a date?"

Girl: "I don't have his number."

Her friend: "What! You haven't got his number...? Ooh! I see... he is going to call you."

Girl: "No, he doesn't have my number either."

...Her friend was shocked.

Girl: "As a girl you never give out your number to a guy you just met." (*rule 3*)

Her friend: Okay, but you should have gotten his number."

Girl: "As a girl you don't ask for a guy's number!" (*rule 4*)."

Her friend: "Well, so what now?"

Girl: "I have no idea... but he was soooooo cute."

Her friend: "stupid dating rules"

- ❖ What have you done if you would be in the same situation as the girl?

In the USA, it is easy to meet new people. You can go in bar or something else and after some minutes, new, friendly people come to you. But there are some important unwritten dating rules:

For men:

- ✚ “No” means “No.”
- ✚ The reason of the first date is the second date.
- ✚ Respect her friends

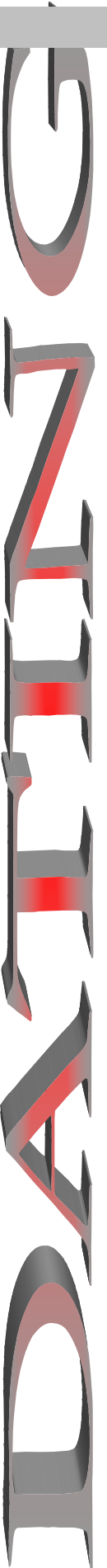
For women:

- ✚ The man must do the first step
- ✚ Don't call him. He must call you.
- ✚ The first two dates may not be in the week.

General:

- ✚ The man must bring you home. But the invitation in the house give you
- ✚ On the first date, everyone pays for oneself (very important)
- ✚ Wait one day, before you make the second date.

- ❖ Write five rules for dating in Germany?



Let's talk about grammar

| Tense | Signal words | Use | Mode of Formation |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <i>Simple Present</i> | every day, sometimes, always, often, usually, never,... | -regularly repeated actions -general findings -verbs with static meaning | infinitive he/she/it + -s |
| <i>Past progressive</i> | now, at the moment, ... | -actions happen the moment of speaking (now) | to be (am/are/is) + infinitive + -ing |
| <i>Simple Past</i> | 40 years ago, in 1990, yesterday, ... | -actions began in the past and are completed | unregular verbs: 2nd column |
| <i>Past progressive</i> | | -often an action which was taking place when a new action/event began | was/were + infinitive + -ing |
| <i>Present perfect</i> | just, yet, never, ever, so far, up to now, already, ... | -result of an action (the speaker isn't interested in the date) -action, which began in the past and still goes on until in the present | have/has + past participle (3rd column) |
| <i>Present perfect progressive</i> | | -similarity with Simple-Form BUT: special emphasis on the process, long and inconclusiveness of such operation | have/has + been + infinitive + -ing |
| <i>Past perfect</i> | | -action which had started before a certain date in the past | had + past participle |
| <i>Will-future</i> | | -prediction of future events or actions -spontaneous decision | will + infinitive |
| <i>going to-future</i> | | -existing deliberate/plan -implication | |

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tenses:

The sunnow. (*to shine*)

Ito visit you yesterday, but younot at home. (*to want*) (*to be*)

Ifor my girlfriend for two hours. (*to wait*)

Since 2003 they their son every year. (*to visit*)

The sunin the East. (*to rise*)

There are a lot of clouds! Itsoon. (*to rain*)

After Larry the film on TV, he decided to buy the book. (*to see*)

Wait a minute, I..... this box for you. (*carry*)

Answers:

1. The sun **is shining** now.
2. I **wanted** to visit you yesterday, but you **were** not at home.
3. I **have been waiting** for my girlfriend for two hours.
4. Since 2003 they **have visited** their son every year.
5. The sun **rises** in the East.
6. There are a lot of clouds! It **is going to rain** soon.
7. After Larry **had seen** the film on TV, he decided to buy the book.
8. Wait a minute, I **will carry** this box for you.