



VIDEO SESSION



the BIG BANG THEORY

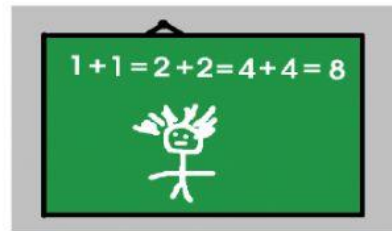
MEET THE CHARACTERS

THE FRIENDSHIP ALGORITHM



Sheldon Leonard Rajesh Howard Penny

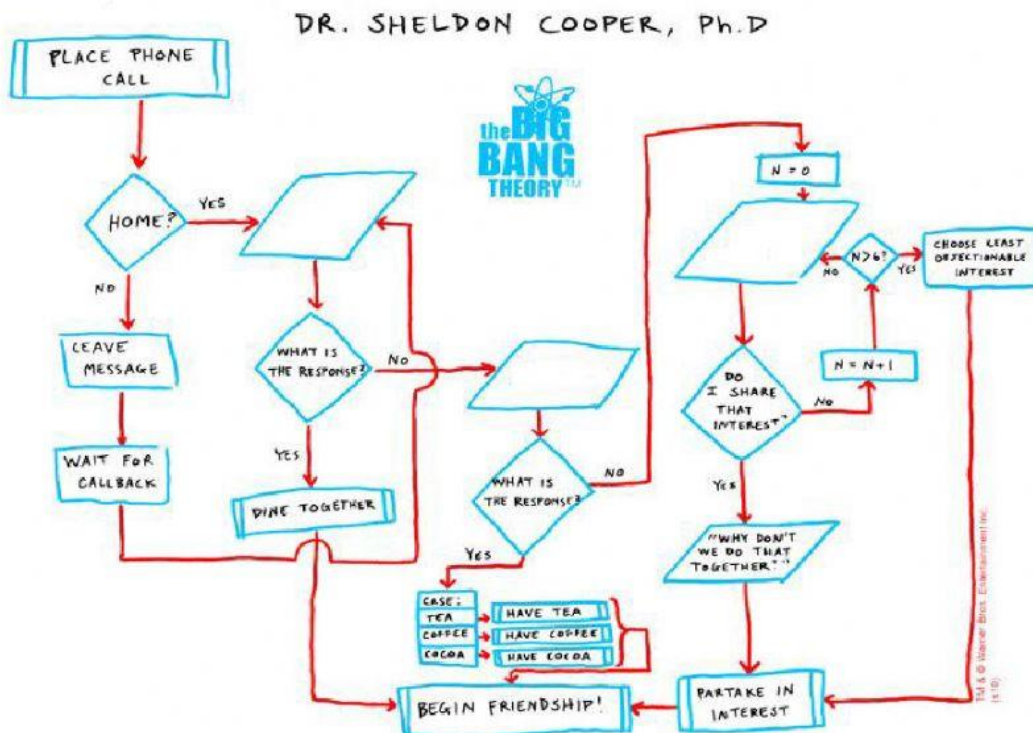
at Sheldon's apartment...



TASK 1: According to Sheldon's algorithm what steps result in a new friendship? Circle YES or NO

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| 1. Enjoy a hot beverage | YES | NO |
| 2. Study together | YES | NO |
| 3. Share interests | YES | NO |
| 4. Do the same recreational activities | YES | NO |
| 5. Share a meal | YES | NO |

TASK 2: There are three blank boxes in the algorithm; can you complete them using the ideas from the previous task?



TASK 3: Complete the script with the words below. Then watch the scene and check!

algorithm- friendship-monkeys-beverage - friends (2) - recreational activity-interest (2)

Sheldon: Oh good! You're just in time. I believe I've isolated the _____ for making friends.

Leonard: Sheldon, there is no algorithm for making _____!

Howard: Hear him out. If he's really on to something, we can open a booth at Comic-Con, make a fortune.

Sheldon: See, my initial approach to Kripke, had the same deficiencies as those that plagued Stu the Cockatoo, when he was new at the zoo.

Raj: Stu the cockatoo?

Leonard: Yes, he's new at the zoo.

Sheldon: It's a terrific book. I've distilled its essence into a simple flowchart that would guide me through the process.

Howard: Have you thought about putting him in a crate while you're out of the apartment?

Sheldon (on phone): Hello, Kripke. Yes, Sheldon Cooper here. It occurred to me you hadn't returned any of my calls because I hadn't offered any concrete suggestions for pursuing our _____. Perhaps the two of us might share a meal together... I see. Well then perhaps you'd have time for a hot _____. Popular choices include tea, coffee, cocoa... I see. No, no, no, wait. Don't hang up yet. What about a _____? I bet we share some common interests. Tell me an _____ of yours. Really? On actual horses? Tell me another interest of yours. Oh no, I'm sorry, I have no desire to get in the water until I absolutely have to. Tell me another _____ of yours.

Leonard: Uh-oh, he's stuck in an infinite loop.

Howard: I can fix it.

Sheldon: Mhmm. Mhmm. It's interesting. But isn't ventriloquism, by definition, a solo activity? Yeah? Tell me another interest of yours. Hmmm. Is there any chance you like _____? What is wrong with you? Everybody likes monkeys. Hang on, Kripke... a loop counter? And an escape to the least objectionable activity! Howard, that's brilliant! I'm surprised you saw that.

Howard: Gee. Why can't Sheldon make _____?

Sheldon: Alright Kripke, that last interest strikes me as the least objectionable and I would like to propose that we do that together. Tomorrow. Yes, I'll pay. Alright, goodbye. Alright! Time to learn rock climbing.

TASK 4: Who said what: Howard, Sheldon, Leonard, Raj?
(throughout the scene)

"There's no algorithm for making friends"

"Popular choices _____ include tea, coffee, cocoa."

"Gee. Why _____ can't Sheldon make friends."

"I can fix it."



TASK 4: Discuss the following questions with your partner:

1. Do you have new friends? Who are they?
2. What activities do you do with your new friends?
3. Do you believe in the existence of a friendship formula? What would this formula be?

Scene available at: <http://http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0xgiUhEG3U>