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IDEAS for a first date

Maggie Carr suggests some great (and cheap!) ideas for a first date.

Planning a first date? Congratulations! Here are some tips on things to do that are both fun and inexpensive.

1 **See a movie** I know, a movie is an obvious choice, but there are plenty of ways you can be **impressive** on your first date. First of all, be **thoughtful** and let your date choose the movie. Try to find a movie theater that has style and comfortable seats. And make sure you meet early—that way you'll have time to get tickets to the movie you want!

2 **Go ice skating or rollerblading** If you enjoy more active dates, why not suggest ice skating or rollerblading? If your date likes the idea, go for it! It means that you're both **energetic** and enjoy the same kinds of things. And don't worry if you can't skate. Sometimes it's fun to fall down!



3 **Go to the zoo** Everyone likes animals, right? So a trip to the zoo makes an ideal first date. You can show your date how **knowledgeable** you are about animal life, but first, make sure that you know what you're talking about!

4 **Have a picnic by a lake or river** Picnics are fun, and if you're a good cook, why not be creative and make the food yourself? If not, buying the right picnic items is also a useful skill. But remember, choosing the perfect picnic spot is **critical**. Pick a place where there's a nice view and opportunity for romance!

5 **Go to a talk** Do you want your date to think you are a **cultured** person who reads a lot? Why not go to a talk by a famous writer? Authors who have written a new book often talk at bookstores. Check the websites of your local bookstores to find one near you.

Read the article. Where do you think it is from? Choose the correct answer.

a. a textbook b. a magazine c. a newspaper

Read the article again. Choose (✓) the things that Maggie recommends.

- ☐ Always choose a movie you have already seen.
- ☐ Learn to skate before you take your date skating.
- ☐ Learn about animals in the zoo before you talk about them.
- ☐ Prepare or shop for your own picnic food.
- ☐ Write a book to show your date you are intelligent.

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