



Relationship Questionnaire

Work in pairs. Discuss each question with your partner and choose one of the three options a, b or c. Then see page 63 to find out what kind of boyfriend / girlfriend you are!



1 It's your birthday. Your boyfriend / girlfriend has promised to take you out to see a film. You get to the cinema on time but they don't show up. When you call them, he / she says they forgot all about the date. What do you do?

- a) laugh it off saying, "It's no big deal. Let's forget about it. Maybe I got the time wrong anyway."
- b) explain that you feel let down and ask him / her to try and be more considerate next time
- c) slam down the phone and refuse to see him / her again

2 Your boyfriend / girlfriend says you are eating too many sweets and suggests you should stop eating chocolate. What do you do?

- a) cut out chocolates straight away and start eating salads
- b) agree to cut down a little but still eat chocolate when you feel like it
- c) tell him / her it's none of their business what you eat, go to the fridge and pig out on your favourite biscuits and cakes

3 Your boyfriend / girlfriend has picked up some really embarrassing habits from his / her friends, like belching after meals and sniffing loudly while you are talking. What do you do?

- a) smile and say that belching and sniffing are natural things to do
- b) bite your tongue in public but take him / her quietly to one side and explain that they should have better manners
- c) blow your top and tell him / her that if you wanted to date a monkey you'd go to the zoo

4 Your boyfriend / girlfriend is always putting you down in front of his / her friends. What do you do?

- a) put on a front and pretend that you don't care, even if it's really getting to you
- b) grit your teeth in public but ask him / her to talk it over with you next time you're alone
- c) give as good as you get and spill the beans about all his bad habits

5 Your boyfriend / girlfriend spends money like it's going out of fashion but always claims to be hard up. Now he / she wants to borrow money off you. What do you do?

- a) lend him / her the money happily, no questions asked
- b) lend him / her the money but ask them to pay you back before the end of the week
- c) turn him / her down and tell them to go and sponge off someone else

6 What do you do when you're angry with your boyfriend / girlfriend?

- a) bottle up your emotions and say nothing
- b) say what you're thinking, get it off your chest and then kiss and make up
- c) throw a wobbly, throw things at him / her and then storm out of the room

7 What do you usually do when your boyfriend / girlfriend introduces you to their friends?

- a) take to them straight away and go out of your way to be friendly
- b) hit it off with some of them, but not the others
- c) find them a pain in the neck and try to get out of seeing them again



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8 What do you usually do when you have an argument with your boyfriend / girlfriend?

- a) give in, throw in the towel and go along with what he / she wants to do
- b) try to see both sides of the argument and come up with a compromise
- c) stick to your guns, stand your ground and never give an inch

9 Your boyfriend / girlfriend gives you a present you really hate. What do you do?

- a) tell him / her a white lie and say, "It's wonderful – just what I wanted."
- b) come clean and explain why you don't like the gift
- c) hit the roof and throw the present back in his / her face



What do your answers say about you?

Mostly As

You are loyal and supportive. You'll stick with someone through thick and thin. But be careful. Sometimes your good nature lets people think they can just walk all over you. Your boyfriend / girlfriend can wrap you round their little finger and get away with murder. Don't let him / her push you around. Sometimes you might need to stand up for yourself a bit more. It's time to stop being a doormat!

Mostly Bs

You're cautious and thoughtful and believe in give and take. You always give your partner the benefit of the doubt but you won't be pushed around. You like to look before you leap and never jump to conclusions. You are cool, calm and collected and prefer to think through the issues involved rather than just blowing your top and losing your rag. Once you trust someone you stick with them through thick and thin. But if someone lets you down, you won't give them a second chance.

Mostly Cs

You are hot-headed and impulsive and fly off the handle much too quickly. Calm down. Try not to lose your rag so quickly. For you, everything has to be cut and dried and there are no grey areas. You always see things in black and white. You won't give people a second chance and you always want to have things your own way. Just remember, good relationships are built on give and take. Try to be more tolerant and understanding.

Match the definitions with the idioms taken from the analyses:

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| 1 to lose your temper | a) to stand up for yourself |
| 2 to consider all the alternatives before making a decision | b) grey areas |
| 3 in all situations, good and bad | c) to give someone the benefit of the doubt |
| 4 sharing | d) cool, calm and collected |
| 5 to characterise everyone and everything as either good or bad, with nothing in between | e) to see things in black and white |
| 6 things that are neither completely good nor completely bad | f) through thick and thin |
| 7 to treat someone badly, as if they mean very little to you | g) to wrap someone round your little finger |
| 8 to defend your rights as a person | h) to blow your top |
| 9 to have a strong influence on someone so that they do whatever you want | i) to look before you leap |
| 10 to behave badly but not be blamed | j) give and take |
| 11 controlled, rational and sensible | k) to walk all over someone |
| 12 to assume that someone has the best intentions, even though you can't be sure that is the case | l) to get away with murder |