



BETTER DATE THAN EVER

ASIAN SINGLE SOLUTION'S DATING GURU JAMES PREECE'S TIPS ON HOW TO CLICK WITH SOMEONE ONLINE



Online cliches

- "I don't know what I'm doing on an online dating site." This makes you sound arrogant - as though you're too good to be on here. And it's insulting to other members.
- "I don't know what to write" or "I'm not sure what to say." This says you're indecisive and boring! so never write this. Work out what's special about you and show the world you're worth getting to know.
- "My friends and family are important to me." This is just stating the obvious? It'd be much more worrying if they weren't!
- "No time wasters please." No one knows what constitutes as being considered unworthy of your time?!
- "I'm open minded". You run the risk of sounding like you want something casual rather than a serious relationship.

BEATING THE COMPETITION

When I find someone attractive on dating events, there are always plenty of other girls who feel the same. How I can get past these other girls with their eye on the same prize? Firstly, remember that you've paid to buy a ticket so you have just as much right to talk to these guys as the other girls. Don't be afraid to just go up and say hello, even if you have to (politely) interrupt another conversation. He might even want an escape route anyway.

A great way of doing this is to use your Asiansinglesolution.com icebreaker card. Have a quick listen to what they are talking about then walk up and ask them both what card they have. Once conversation is started you can jump in with your own thoughts.

Also, if you can't attend with a friend make sure you use the staff. They are there to help you get dating success. If you tell them that you would like to meet someone then they can engineer things subtly. I would also recommend that you take part in the speed dating, even if the guy you like isn't in that particular round. It will give you good conversation practice and you might even meet someone better.

Finally, if you don't get a chance to speak to him on the night then take a note of his username so that you can email him the next day.

What is the best way to make sure the introductory message I send them will be read?

It's true that some people get lots of emails so it's important to make sure yours stands out from the rest.

So what do you do to catch their attention? It's simple really. Take a look at their user name and if they've used their real name then make a note of it. All you need to do now is put this in the subject line.

It's human nature to feel a "connection" if you see your name written down. By doing so you've helped form a subconscious bond before you've even started talking.

Of course, not everyone will use their real name so you can't always do this. However they'll sometimes sign off with their real first name at the end of their profile too, so play close attention to that. And never do "copy and paste" hello messages. Always personalise!

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PICTURE THIS

Should I have one photo or several on my dating profile? I've liked the look of someone but changed my mind after seeing one that was less flattering...

Some people like to add a vast selection – they add action shots, photos of them on holiday, or even with their pets. This is all very well and good, but keep one thought in mind every time you add one: does it add value?

Each photo you upload will be judged carefully by the viewer. If it raises alarm bells for any reason whatsoever then they'll quickly move on to the next profile. However, if it's an interesting shot it might serve as a fantastic

excuse for them to contact you – an instant icebreaker.

Stick to two or three images. One clear headshot (no sunglasses or hats please!) and one full body shot. A third one can be a holiday pic or photo of you doing something out of the norm. Too many can give a confusing idea of who you're meant to be.

Rotate your main photo periodically. That way you might get a second chance if someone has overlooked you before.

Of course, if you do only have one photo then you need to make sure it's the best photo you have. And avoid photoshop. Duping is not a good way to start any relationship...