











Happy Valentine's Day!

Looking for some ideas to spark your creativity?
You're in luck. We present you with:

10 Date Night Ideas That Won't Stress You or Your Bank Account

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1. Grab some drinks and a blanket. Then ask each other these questions:

-  Who was your favorite teacher in elementary school and why?
(You can keep this one going for high school and college, or move on if it's a dud.)
-  Who was your first crush? Tell me all about him or her.
-  What is one thing you don't do anymore that you wish you still did?
-  What is one thing you have to do before you die?
-  What is the nerdiest thing you used to do in high school?
-  What is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you growing up?
-  What is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you last week?
-  How do you feel about your job right now?
Do you love it or long for something different?
-  Who is your celebrity crush?
-  What was your favorite cartoon when you were a kid?

2. Go to the first restaurant you ever ate at together and reminisce about how you felt that night. If this one is impossible, try to recreate the experience by ordering or cooking the same meal.

3. Make a playlist of your favorite mood-setting songs.
Wait until the stars come out. Dance under them.

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4. Let one person plan his or her idea of a perfect date night, and do everything he or she plans without complaining. Watch your partner light up instead of thinking about yourself and what you want. Be present. Remember when you used to do that all the time? It feels good to stop and listen. Let it be about the other person sometimes. (This one counts for two because you can switch who gets to plan the next date night!)
5. Get cozy, and do a double feature with a pick from each of you. Don't forget the popcorn! And no complaining about your partner's choice.
6. Act like tourists, and visit a spot neither of you have ever visited in (or near) your hometown. Don't stress about this or overthink it. You're looking for a new experience. Look online or at the library for ideas if you're stuck.
7. For one night, act like it's your first date again from start to finish. It doesn't matter who initiates, but it does matter that you act as if it's the first date you've ever had. It sounds hokey, but trust us. It'll be fun. You'll look at each other differently, and it just might lead to an unexpected spark you've been missing.
8. Sit together, and write a letter to each other. If one of you happens to be better with pictures, draw instead, but make it a positive letter or picture. This is about building each other up, not embarrassing, tearing down, or airing grievances. Then, talk about your letters/pictures. You might want to have some ice cream on hand to reward all that hard work.
9. Spend the day leading up to date night looking for interesting topics to discuss together over coffee. Choose a variety to keep it interesting. Don't pick all heavy or light topics. Remember when you used to have more to talk about than bills and work and kids? This is your chance to connect on an intellectual and/or humorous level again.



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10. Go shopping for each other. If you can't afford retail, go to Goodwill, and pick out clothes for each other. Be open to your partner's suggestions, and try on your partner's picks at the very least. (Hint: The outfits don't have to be legitimate.)

Bonus Idea: Go for a walk in the rain.

Double Bonus: Make out in the rain.

Triple Bonus: (Can you hear us clearing our throats?)

Be sure to come back, and let us know which dates worked and which ones didn't. You can even take pics or video to share.

(Please no videos of the double or triple bonus.)

We'd love to hear all about your experiences!

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