

The Professional

You might have it all together, and know what you want in a man and exactly how to get it. Then again, you might be just like the rest of us, constantly trying to figure out what guys mean, why they do what they do, and what they think about you. Following are some tips and useful info about the types of guys you're drawn to -- insights on their personalities, conversation starters and how to decipher their man-speak. Some are perfect for a first date, some are more appropriate once you're in a serious relationship, but we'll let you be the judge of that.



- 1.** Guys with happening careers are into their stay-connected tools. Ask about high-tech gadgets – his BlackBerry, his new iPhone... Then send him a risqué text on it while he's at work. You'll be on his mind all day, guaranteed.
- 2.** Express interest in what he does for a living. "How was your day?" sometimes isn't quite enough. Instead, inquire how his current projects are going, whether his boss got back to him on that email, where he hopes to be career-wise one year from now... When he sees you're interested, he'll return the sentiment, which is what they call in the corporate world, a win-win situation.
- 3.** Be prepared for an occasional broken date when he has to work late. Keep in mind that he's not doing it on purpose, it's just that unfortunately, sometimes work has to come first. Don't guilt trip him. Instead, offer to meet him for a drink when he does finish up. Staying cool like this will cause him to work overtime on you, just like he does on his career.
- 4.** Treat him to a big night out by reserving a table at a trendy new restaurant, and insist on paying... it'll give him something to talk about at the office the next day. And it won't go unnoticed; he'll return the favor when you least expect it.
- 5.** Since this is a focused kind of guy who likes to get things done, why don't the two of you work on a joint project: book a romantic weekend away, take a class together... do something that will help him be as focused on you as he is on his work.
- 6.** Show interest in your own career. Let him know what your passions are, and how you can turn them into a moneymaking venture. He'll admire your ambition, and help you in any way he can.
- 7.** If you know that he has had a particularly stressful day at work, surprise him when he gets home by having a bath drawn for him with candles and relaxing music. Ask him if he'd like to unwind by himself or if he'd prefer a little company. Odds are, he'll choose option B.
- 8.** Understand that sometimes he might need to bring work home with him. Use this time to catch up on your reality shows, get a pedicure with the girls or get some much-needed sleep. It can't be dinner and drinks every night, after all, he has to make money to spoil you with.
- 9.** If he has to go away on a business trip, figure out a way to sneak a picture of you wearing one of his blazers (and very little else) into his suitcase. The rest will work itself out.

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