



Pick-up Places

Jeff and Jonathan discuss the best places to meet women.

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Jonathan: You know, that's hard to say, I mean, there are all kinds of things that work for other people that they haven't necessarily worked for me. I mean, I talk to people who say that met girls in libraries, but I don't really want to go to a library. Usually they've got a silence rule. I don't want to go up and try to talk to a girl and have the librarian say, SHHH!

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Jonathan: That seems to be a really unnatural kind of

way to meet women in a grocery store. Maybe if a woman sees that you're buying individual portions of something and you're buying like little TV dinners that are only put in the microwave oven, she knows that you don't have someone at home cooking for you, but if I go out and I see a woman filling a basket with lots of tomatoes and cucumbers and so on, then I imagine she's probably cooking for a family.

Jeff: Well, why don't we go do something like bowling. Bowling! Women love to bowl. I'm sure we can meet some nice ladies at the bowling alley.

Jonathan: Oh, but women don't like putting on those ugly shoes.

Jeff: Well, then...

Jonathan: It's unfashionable when they go to the bowling alleys.

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Jonathan: Girls love shopping but then they're gonna make you hold their

bags for two hours while they go and try on different things. That's no fun.

Jeff: OK. Let me...

Jonathan: How about a concert?

Jeff: Ah, no, too noisy.

Jonathan: Yeah, I guess you can't talk to women there.

Jeff: Well, I think actually, another one of my friends once met a lady at a bank - the bank teller.

Jonathan: Bank teller?

Jeff: Yeah.

Jonathan: That would seem like a little bit of a strange thing, and there I think the woman would be judging you by how much money you have in your account. She'd be able to see all of your information.

Jeff: Well, actually, I think let's just go to the pub.

Jonathan: OK.

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**Task 1**

Read the text or listen to the audio. Where do Jeff and Jonathan consider going? Is it a good or bad place to meet people? What are their reasons?

1) Place	Good / Bad	Reason
[] supermarket		
[] library		
[] music concert		
[] bowling alley		
[] shopping center		
[] pub / bar		
[] park		
[] gym / health club		
[] bank		
[] cafe		

Bonus: Do you agree? What about the other places on the list? Discuss with a partner.

**Task 2**

What are the best spots for the places below? Give a reason for each one and then share your ideas with a partner.

ex) The best place to take photos is Central Park because it has lots of trees and flowers.

- 1) The best place to meet people is _____ because
- 2) The best place to buy clothes is _____ because
- 3) The best cafe is _____ because
- 4) The best place to relax is _____ because
- 5) The best place to work out is _____ because
- 6) The best place to study is _____ because
- 7) The best place to buy _____ is _____ because
- 8) The best place to _____ is _____ because

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Word Completion: Complete the missing words. Option 1: Read the text and try to predict the missing word. Option 2 : Listen the audio from ello.org and complete the gaps.

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**Part 1**

Design a college town. Think of places that would be a good match for a town with a university in it. Fill in the map with the places you think of. Places might include a pizza parlor, cafe, bookstore, park, laundry mat, grocery store, etc. If possible, design the town with a partner.

Campus			
University Avenue			
	A Street		B Street
			C Street
College Boulevard			

**Part 2**

Share your ideas with a new partner. Compare your maps and then combine your ideas. Discuss what places to keep and what places to remove from the map.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bowling alley	bad	ugly shoes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shopping center	bad	must hold bags
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pub / bar	???	
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