

## How to Be Funny Around Girls

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Girls like funny guys. Not funny looking guys, but funny guys. Guys that will make them laugh and smile. Some guys seem to be more naturally funny than other guys and it doesn't seem fair, right? Why does it come so easily to some guys while the rest of us are left cracking jokes that nobody gets? The funny guys get the ladies and the non-funny guys who try to be funny get the funny looks from the ladies. Luckily, being funny around girls is a lot easier to do than you think. I'm here to help you loosen up and develop a couple strategies that will help you be funnier around the ladies.

First of all, you have to do exactly that — loosen up. Chances are that if you're reading this article you're already a little bit stressed out by the fact that you aren't very funny around girls. That's ok, not everybody can be Jim Carrey or Jon Stewart, but thinking about it too much is just going to make your problem worse. The first thing you have to do is relax. Stop worrying about whether or not you are being funny. Once you've learned to chill out a little bit I think you'll find that you will begin to be funnier all on your own. Step number one then is to take a deep breath. Close your eyes for a second and just relax.

Now that we've gotten over the fact that you psyched yourself out by putting pressure on yourself, we can get into the more helpful advice. The first piece of advice is to drop the jokes. Don't spend your time memorizing jokes that you've heard or read on the internet. Unless you're doing a standup routine, you're very rarely going to have time to use prepared material. Besides, most of the time it would be really weird to just launch into a joke. That's not funny, it's just weird. So step number two, then, is to forget almost every joke you've ever heard.

Step number three is to open up your eyes and ears. Truly funny people are those that can make intelligent and amusing observations about every day life. You can't do that if you aren't paying attention to what's going on around you. Did something funny happen to you yesterday? File it away for future reference. Did you see something hilarious on your walk into school today? Make a mental note of it. The funniest people are astute observers of human behavior. There are tons of funny things that happen to you and the people you know everyday that you can draw from in your own efforts to be more humorous.

Lastly, you need to have confidence when you are around girls. Now, I know that's easier said than done. However, if you're nervous your efforts to seem funny are just going to be awkward. Like I mentioned before, you're not aiming to make jokes. You're looking to interject witticisms and amusing observations into natural conversation. That way your humor will seem natural and easy going, not forced. Forced humor is worse than not funny, it's sad.

One word of caution that I'd like to make is that relying on sarcasm can be risky. The occasional sarcastic remark will be funny once in a while, but being constantly sarcastic gets wearisome and predictable. Predictability and funny very rarely go hand in hand. Plus, it's fairly easy to be sarcastic and shows very little skill or imagination. It's ok to use every once in a while. The perfectly timed sarcastic remark can do a lot to increase your funny level. But an onslaught of sarcasm will just make you a bore.

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