

TAKE OUT

date



When you dated in high school, it was called "going out." Because that's exactly what you did with one another—you went out some place and had fun. In marriage, date night can quickly become "staying in." Not that there's anything wrong with that. But tonight, be young again. Take each other out somewhere on a date.

GROUND RULES

- ▶ **YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED** to discuss work, kids, money, or socks on the floor. That would spoil the fun.
- ▶ **MAKE SURE YOU** follow the instructions provided. Don't just go out to dinner and call it a night — work through the whole menu.
- ▶ **ENJOY TIME WITH EACH OTHER!** Before leaving, put your phone away so it doesn't become a distraction.

STARTERS *Get Ready*

Act like you're still trying to impress your spouse and put on some nice clothes. Now, pick out a place to eat. It could be a fancy restaurant or your favorite spot. You could even order take-out, but you have to eat it somewhere other than home. As you drive to the restaurant, play a game of "Would You Rather?" while listening to your favorite playlist.

WOULD YOU RATHER...

- ▶ Vacation in the mountains or at the beach?
- ▶ Be able to change the past or see into the future?
- ▶ Have more time or more money?
- ▶ Not eat sweets for a week or not eat meat for a week?
- ▶ Go a week without showering or a week without brushing your teeth?



MAIN COURSE *Go Out*

One of the best parts of dating is getting to know each other. Even if you know your spouse well, ask each other these questions to get to know them even better.

- ▶ What is the top thing on your bucket list?
- ▶ What's your favorite trip we've ever taken?
- ▶ What is the best gift you've ever received?
- ▶ What would your perfect date look like?
- ▶ What was it that first attracted you to me?
- ▶ What have I done lately that made you feel loved?

SIDES *Dare Me*

Are you ready to get crazy? Ready to go out on a limb and make this night memorable? Dare one another to do one of the following. These are totally optional, but might be fun to try.

- ▶ Pretend you're the manager at the restaurant.
Go up to another table and ask the people how they're enjoying their meal.
- ▶ Leave a generous tip for your server, more than you normally would. Write a note on the receipt telling them why.
- ▶ Pretend you're a tourist from another country.
Take a photo with a stranger because you want to "get to know the locals."

DESSERT *Keep it Going*

Over dessert, fill in the fortune cookie strip below. Write it or say it, just make sure you let your spouse know how fortunate you are to be married to them.



- ▶ I'm fortunate to have you
as a spouse because...