

Advice for a Shy Guy

(Two friends talking over lunch)

John: I just don't know what to do. She's so beautiful, but I don't know what to say...

Alan: It can't be all that bad. She's just a person like you or me...

John: What should I do? Should I ask her on a date?

Alan: Why don't you go a little more slowly? Just sit down next to her in the cafeteria, or in class. Anywhere. Say, 'Hi, how are you?', 'My name is John.' You know the simple things.

John: But she'll just turn away.

Alan: No, she won't. She'll say 'Hi, nice to meet you.' You should be more confident.

John: That's easy for you to say.

Alan: Would you like me to speak to her first?

John: NO, you are too dangerous!

Alan: What? Dangerous? What are you talking about?

John: Oh come on, you know all the girls are crazy for you.

Alan: Please ... you're joking!

John: Anyway, what should I do?

Alan: You should go over there now. You should introduce yourself and have a conversation. It's as easy as that.

John: OK, here I go ...

Alan: Good luck. And remember, SMILE!

~Vocabularies~

Beautiful- Excellent; wonderful.

Cafeteria- a restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier

Confident- very sure

Conversation- the use of speech for informal exchange of views or ideas or information

Practice

A. What should I _____? Should I _____ her on a date?

B. Why don't you go a little more _____?

A. That's _____ for you to say.

B. Would you like me to _____ to her first?

A. Anyway, what _____ I do?

B. You should go over there now. You should _____ yourself and have a _____. It's as easy as that.