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**DATING**  
**DICTIONARY**

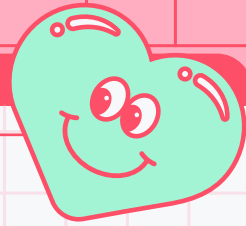
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How to date Gen Z ————— Tinder Dating Dictionary



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***Every generation uses language differently, puts old familiar phrases into new contexts, and enriches interpersonal communication with zeitgeist.***

***With all of the different ways of connecting and communicating, entirely new words and descriptions are emerging all the time - especially in the world of dating!***

***We're here to help arm you with all the lingo and to encourage cross-generational dating dialogue by introducing the Tinder Dating Dictionary - which defines the biggest terms and trends in the dating world today.***

**AF** Abbreviation for "as f\*ck" (meaning: "to the highest").

"Prioritising values is sexy **AF**."

**Affor-dating** Short for "affordable dates" and refers to dates like coffee catch ups, walks or sober dinners that don't break the bank.

"**Affor-dating** is the only way I'm going to be able to ask this girl out."

**Ally** A person who supports marginalised, discriminated or oppressed people (groups) 🧡.

"He is an **ally**, I trust him."

**Astrology Babe** For people (usually women) who passionately believe in zodiac signs 🌟.

"She is such an **astrology babe**, the first thing she asked me was my star sign."

**Bail** Cancelling plans, often at the last minute.

"I actually cannot believe they **bailed** on me again."

**Beige flags** Beige flags are early warning signs of incompatibility and are often found in people who are quite basic and boring.

"I got immediate **beige flags** when her bio said, live, laugh, love."

**Benching** Keep someone warm or on the "reserves bench" without really meeting up. This often happens through constant but irregular communication, with no binding date set for a meet up 🛋️.

"He's either legitimately busy 24/7, or he's **benched** me."

**Breadcrumbing** A low-effort form of flirting, with non-committal messages or signals which show potential interest without the intention to actually date someone. Breadcrumbing keeps someone interested without actual commitment to pursuing flirtation further. 🍴 / 🥄

"This guy has been liking my Insta stories for months now, I wish he would stop **breadcrumbing** me and ask me out already."

**Catfish(ing)** A person who uses a completely falsified identity online to seduce people with emotional/romantic relationships.

"He's a **catfish** and I completely fell for it."



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**Cringe** A person who behaves so embarrassingly or strangely that you feel secondhand shame. A situation can also be referred to as cringe/cringy if it is perceived as particularly embarrassing 😬.

"And then he suddenly licked my cheek in the restaurant."

"Wow, **cringe!**"

**Crush** A person you're keen on 😍.



"I have a new **crush.**"

**Cuffing season** The cold season when everyone's coupling up, so you settle for a new romantic relationship that could be below your usual standards.

"Are you single?" "Not for long. It's **cuffing season.**"

**Cushioning** Refers to keeping several alternatives or backup relationships (safety pillows) in case the main relationship isn't permanent.

"I don't know why he's still going when she calls."

"**Cushioning?**"

**Daterview** A date that feels more like an interview because no natural conversation develops, but a person constantly "processes" their questions 🗣️.

"It was an absolute **daterview**, I won't be seeing them again."

**Dealbreaker** A term used to describe the event which led to a breakup with someone.

"I really liked him but the fact that he smokes is a total **dealbreaker.**"

**Dip / dipping / dipped** Slang for leaving.

"I was only at the party for an hour before I **dipped.**"

**Dogfishing** When someone poses with a dog or dogs that aren't their own for dating app profile pics to attract someone who likes dogs.

"How was the date?"

"Terrible! I wanted to go to the dog park with her and keep it chill but she **dogfished** me - it's her cousin's dog in every photo!"

**Done** To be finished or through with someone or something 🗑️.

"I'm so **done** with dating horse girls."



**Dry Texter** People who write text in a very "dry" or bland manner, for example rarely using emojis and not maintaining flowing conversations 🙄.

"I hate talking to **dry texters**."

**Eco-dumping** It effectively involves ending a date because of someone's lack of commitment to the environmental cause.

"I **eco-dumped** him after he said climate change was fake."

**ENM (ethical-non monogamy)** Any form of romantic relationships that doesn't involve exclusivity between partners.

"I'm in an **ethical-non monogamous** relationship."

**Fielding Season** The opposite of cuffing season - this is all about playing the field through the warmer months. Is also sometimes referred to as a Hot Girl Summer.

"Look, the stability is fun but I can't wait for **fielding season** so I can get out and meet more people, I feel so restricted."

**Fizzling** Gradually creating distance in a relationship, through a lack of messages or meet-ups, until it eventually fizzles out.

"I'd honestly rather someone **fizzle** me than ghost me, it just feels less disrespectful you know."

**Flex / flexer** A person who often brags about their possessions 🧳.

"She **flexed** her handbag."

**Friends with benefits / FWB** A purely platonic relationship where both parties do have sexual encounters with each other.

"I thought you were dating that guy from uni?"  
"No we're just **FWB**."

**Friendtroduction** When you meet a new partner's friends 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻.

"Are you down for a **friendtroduction** this weekend?"

**Frugal flirting** Like affor-dating, frugal flirting is about dating within your means.

"**Frugal flirting** my way to this walking date."



**Gaslight(ing)** Manipulating someone by using psychological methods so that you end up questioning your own reasoning and abilities.

"He was the biggest **gaslighter** ever, every time she said something about wanting to break up he'd tell her that it was her idea to stay together."

**GF / BF** Abbreviation for girlfriend / boyfriend 💖.

"Is it fine if I bring my **GF** with me?"

**Ghosting** Stopping contact suddenly and with no obvious reason while dating, effectively disappearing.

"After that, she just **ghosted** me."

**Ghostlighting** A combination of ghosting and gaslighting, usually only combines when you see your ghoster in person.

"I can't believe Charlie **ghostlit** me at the pub the other day, they ghosted me without a word 3 weeks ago and now this?!"

**Grasscut / cutting someone's grass** Refers to a situation where someone, usually a friend who should know better, decides to try their luck with your crush or love interest.

"God I am so mad at Daniel right now, this is the second time he's **grasscut** me this year alone, can the guy not find his own matches?!"

**Green dating** Green dating is when you choose to date someone based on shared values, particularly when it comes to the environment.

"I think I have subconsciously been **green dating** my whole life."

**Green flag** A positive sign that indicates a good match.

"He absolutely adores dogs - the **green flags** are adding up!"



**Hard launch** A hard launch generally refers to the first official "couple photo" posted.

"I'm trying to figure out the best time to **hard launch** my new relationship."

**Haunting** Continuing to interact with an old flame on social media in the form of comments or likes in order to be remembered long after a relationship has ended 🍷.

"How is this guy still **haunting** you on Insta?"

**Hook up** An intentionally vague description applied to relationships where people want to remain unclear on what their physical progress is and could cover a range of possibilities. In Australia, it often refers to simply making out, in contrast to overseas where it means casual sex.

"I saw her **hooking up** with them at the party last night."

**Hubby material / Wifey material** Someone who you can see yourself being in a long-term relationship with.

"He was such a good cook, definitely **hubby material!**"



**Ick** A turn-off, which refers to more than just sexual turn offs.

"I thought I liked them but I watched them driving with their seat all the way forward and it just gave me the **ick.**"

**Keen** An Australianism meaning that you're romantically or sexually interested in someone.

"Are you still **keen** on that guy you met at Splendour?"

**Kittenfishing** Changing aspects of yourself to appear more attractive to others. Unlike catfishing, this refers to things such as falsely depicting your actual physical appearance rather than making up an entire identity 🐱 .

"Now that I met her in person, it's obvious that she was **kittenfishing.**"

**Lame** Boring 😞.

"How was the date?"

"So **lame**, he only wanted to talk about his job."

**LGBTQIA+** Abbreviation for "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual", while the "+" placeholder is for other gender identities. The letter sequence is a collective drawing for people who do not identify with cisgendered or heterosexual norms. ❤️💛💚💙

"I love that she is an **LGBTQIA+** activist."

**Love bombing** Bombard someone - especially at the beginning of the relationship - with expressions of love 💣.

"The **love bombing** from this man is a serious red flag."

**Lowkey** The expression "lowkey" comes from "to be low key" and means doing something secretly, or in an inconspicuous or discrete manner.

"He **lowkey** has a crush on her."

**Main character energy** A term that means focusing on and advocating for yourself and the things that make you happy, instead of wasting time on people who don't meet your standards or needs.

"I'm in my **main character energy** dating era."

**Misso / missus** A slang term for a female partner, typically used by friends who believe the male partner is whipped.

"Where'd old mate go?"

"He ditched us for his **misso** again."

**Mosting** A deadly combination where extreme lovebombing is followed by ghosting, leaving you wondering where it all went wrong.

"Remember that guy that I told you was the one? Yeah well he **mosted** me and I am so confused by what's happening right now."

# LOVE





### Netflix and chill

A typical date idea, spending a relaxed evening together on the couch and watching a film/series. In early dating usage, this is usually a synonym for a sex meet-up date, though in later phases of a relationship this will often be the literal act of Netflix and chilling, without any sexual interaction 🍿.

"Do you want to go out for dinner or should we just **Netflix and chill**. :)"

### Next on deck

A term for the next person in line to date if things don't work out with a current love affair 🍷🍷🍷.

"I really don't have high hopes for this boy."

"Yeah I guess he's been a bit hot and cold recently. Who's **next on deck**?"

### Non-binary (also enby)

A collective noun for people who don't identify with the binary genders of male and female 🏳️.

"They define themselves as a **nonbinary** person and would like to be addressed with they and them pronouns".

### "On ice"

From "putting on ice", this is a synonym for taking a break in a relationship 🛑.

"I've had to put him **on ice**, I just couldn't deal with his footy mates."

### ONS

Abbreviation for "one night stand" 🌙.

"I had the best **ONS** last night!"



### Open relationship

Open to a relationship where the parties are free to take new partners. (Committed but not exclusive to sex).

"We decided to have an **open relationship** so we could have new experiences."

### Orbiting

When a relationship has ended but one person keeps interacting with the other, whether that's texts or even just story views.

"God we broke up eight months ago and they're still **orbiting** me, can they just move on already."

## OTP

Abbreviation for the expression "one true pairing" (meaning dream couple). The term is often used to describe a romantic or platonic favourite couple in a story or film 📺 .

"Have you seen Wednesday yet? Wednesday and Enid are our new **OTP**."

## Pan(sexual)

A person who is sexually attracted to all people irrespective of gender ∞.

"I don't care what gender identity you have. I'm **pan**."

## Platonic partner

Some people prefer to share their life with someone who they don't have a romantic attraction to, and share very similar experiences to romantic couples with this person.

"Life is so much easier with a **platonic partner**, like I know what I'm getting with them because we've been friends for years so I don't need to worry about inconsistency."

## Poly(amory)

Open to having multiple romantic or intimate relationships at the same time. (Committed but not exclusive in terms of love and/or sex and/or commitment).

"I can't do a long-term relationship with just one person, I'd much rather be **poly**."

## Queer

A self-descriptor used by people of the LGBTQIA+ community that avoids clearly defined sexuality or gender descriptors, especially in cases where the person is unsure of which labels are most appropriate for them to use or prefers to reject labels.

"My brother told me yesterday that he is **queer**."

## Recycling

Returning to an ex-partner (this was particularly popular in pandemic times) ♻️ .

"Are you back with her again? We already spoke about not **recycling**!"

## Red flag

Warning signs ("red flags"), in which the alarm bells should ring 🚩 .

"I ignored all the **red flags** and then I found out he doesn't believe in feminism."



## Rizz

When someone has an ability to charm others easily. Can be referred to as 'game'.

"They have **rizz**".

## Roaching

When someone hides the fact that they've been seeing multiple people from a partner who believes the relationship has been exclusive.

"I just found out that he's been **roaching** me the whole time, I caught him at the beach with a girl I'd never seen before and he confessed everything."

## Sexting

Sending and exchanging digital nude pictures or sexy messages 🍑 .

"He is really into **sexting**, but I'm not about that."



## Situationship

A romantic juncture that hovers somewhere between a steady relationship and an affair or friendship and remains undefined throughout 🗄️ .

"Are you actually together now?"

"Nah, it's more of a **situationship**."

## Slay

Killed it. Succeeded in something amazing.

"She **slayed** that date."



## Slide in the DMs

Flirt via direct messages on a social media platform (normally on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat or Facebook) 📧 .

"She **slid into my DMs** and so everything started."

## Sneaky link

Meet a person regularly to have sex with each other without anyone knowing about it 👁️ .

"To be honest, we have been seeing each other for about three months."

"Seriously? That's a long time to be a **sneaky link**."

## Sober first kiss

The first kiss in which both parties are completely sober. This stands in contrast to many first kisses that occur during drunken parties or clubbing nights 🍷 .

"Yesterday we had our **sober first kiss** - it actually went much better than I would've thought."

## Soft launch

Soft launching a relationship is when you drop hints online as to who a partner is, with only enough detail to discern that you are dating someone.

"I swear she's been **soft launching** this new guy for a month now, show us his face I'm sick of staring at the back of his head!"

## Stack dating

An emerging type of dating that sees singles "stack" dates with other priorities, whether that's running errands immediately beforehand.

"I swear **stack dating** is the best thing, it's soooo hard to run to the post office when I'm at work so I've got to find another way to make it work."

## Stashing

Describes a situation where a person spends long periods of time with a partner but never ends up meeting their friends or family 🏠.

"She's gone to her parents for dinner again but still didn't ask me if I wanted to come. Reckon she's **stashing** you?"

## Summer fling

A summer romance with no pressure of extending into a longer-term relationship 🍷.

"It was just a **summer fling** babe, I do not want to see them again."

## Sunday test

Testing your compatibility with a date by spending a Sunday together and doing absolutely nothing 🍷.

"I'm going to give him the **Sunday test** tomorrow, I'm actually excited to see how it turns out."

## Sus

Abbreviation for suspicious or suspect. The term became known primarily through the online game "Among Us" and is used when something is questionable, suspicious or noticeable 🕵️.

"I always found it **sus** that he'd leave the room to take calls."



## Thirsty

Someone who is desperate for attention, especially sexual attention.

"I literally can't take you anywhere you're such a **thirsty bitch**, this is the third time today you've run off with the first girl to look at you."

## Thirst trap

A sexy photo uploaded by someone to "trap" people who are thirsty about them

"There's legit nothing wrong with a **thirst trap**, I can't help that I'm so hot."

## Text-lationship

A relationship between people who will often text each other, but rarely (if ever) meet ✂ .

"Are you still in this this **text-lationship** deal with her or have you finally met up?"

## Toxic

A person or environment that is actively negative for your wellbeing.

"He always flirts with other people in front me of, I need to get away from this **toxic** guy asap."

## Trans

Abbreviation for "transgender": People whose gender identity does not match the gender they were assigned at birth 🏳️ .

"I am **trans** woman and I deserve to be treated as people would treat a cisgendered woman."

## Tune

Refers to a courting stage where both parties are aware of their attraction to each other but continue to participate in a pantomime flirting period.

"He's been **tuning** her for like two weeks now, it's so painfully obvious."

## Turbo relationship

A relationship that is in full swing within a very short time, with behaviours that would normally develop only after months together manifesting at the very beginning. This may be due to mitigating factors such as the pandemic or moving overseas ✂ .

"She's already moved in with me, we've gone hardcore **turbo relationship**."

## Vibing

Being connected or feeling comfortable with each other 🍷.

"The date was so good. We were really **vibing**."

## Whipped

Refers to someone who bends over backwards and is at their partner's beck and call.

"This is the third week in a row old mate has ditched training to hang out with his girlfriend, he's so **whipped**."

## Wokefishing

Pretending to be woke in order to gain the approval of someone who dates according to their values despite often being the complete opposite.

"I really thought she understood the nonbinary experience but turns out she's just been **wokefishing** everyone, I'm like the third person she's dated that she'll misgender to suit her story."

## Zombie-ing

Occurs when someone who has previously ghosted you reinitiates contact suddenly and unfoundedly, often months later.

"I have not heard from her in literally six months and now she's in my DM's, why is she **zombie-ing** me now?"



# TINDER TERMS

## Are you sure? (AYS?)

*AYS? is a feature on the Tinder app that leverages AI technology to detect harmful language and warn the sender that their message may be offensive. This feature is aimed to help Tinder members pause and consider their actions.*

## Bio Guidance

*Offering Bio Guidance is an additional step in ensuring members understand what's acceptable on Tinder, while also helping protect their personal information.*

## Block Contacts

*Don't want to see your ex or colleague? This feature allows members to block known contacts they may not want to encounter while making new connections.*

## Block Profile

*Block Profile is an important step to give members the option to choose who they want to see on Tinder. Now, when profiles are suggested, before matching, members can block them so they don't show up again.*

## Boost

*When you use a Boost, your profile shoots up to the top so that you can come across more potential matches in your area!*

## Desk Mode

*Did you know you can access Tinder on your desktop? If your boss is coming, you can even click on the briefcase icon to replace your matches with a sneaky Tinder-made work report.*

## Does This Bother You?

*Does This Bother You? asks members this question when they receive a potentially offensive message on Tinder. When someone responds 'yes' to the prompt, they have the option to report the sender for their behaviour.*

## Explore

*Explore is a hub within the app that hosts interactive ways to use Tinder. Members have more control over who they meet by giving them the option to navigate through profiles arranged by interest and more.*

## Incognito

*Incognito Mode is a step up from fully hiding your profile. Members can still Like and Nope in the app, but only those they've Liked will see them in their recommendations.*



## Interests

The Interests feature allows you to select your favorite pastimes and share them on your profile. Interests are a great way to connect with potential matches and get the conversation started.

## Music Mode

Music Mode automatically plays your chosen Spotify Anthem.

## Mutual Matching

To start a conversation, two people must have mutually liked each other, thanks to the Swipe Right™ feature, meaning nobody is getting unsolicited messages from someone they haven't expressed interest in.

## Passport

Passport is a premium feature that allows you to search by city or drop a pin on a map and begin Liking, matching and chatting with others in the destination of your choice.

## Photo Verification

The Photo Verification feature means you can be more confident members are who they say they are. Members who Photo Verify their profiles get a blue tick.

## Reporting

Our enhanced reporting process was designed to give survivors more agency over what step they want to take next — whether it's making a formal report immediately or unmatching and making a report later.

## Rewind

The Rewind option lets you take back your last Like or Nope. If you accidentally passed on someone you wanted to get to know, they are no longer lost in the Tindersphere™ forever.

## Safety Centre

The in-app safety centre is the go-to destination for all things safety. Including local resources, articles, tips, quizzes and information about our safety and privacy features.

## Spotify Anthem

Through integration with Spotify, Tinder's Music Mode automatically plays members' chosen anthems - that one song that defines them inside and out.

## Super Like™

Have you ever come across someone that's completely irresistible and a simple Like just wouldn't be enough? Tell them how you feel when you Super Like™ them!





## **Swipe**

Use the *Swipe Right™* feature (sliding your finger from left to right across the profile card) to 'like' or accept someone; use the *Swipe Left™* feature to pass.

## **Swipe Surge**

A *Swipe Surge* is when activity naturally surges in your location, leading to faster matches and quicker conversations. Look out for push notifications.

## **Top Picks**

*Top Picks* is a premium feature, available for *Tinder Gold* and *Platinum* subscribers, designed to highlight your most *Swipe-worthy* potential matches.

## **Traveller Alert**

When *LGBTQIA+* members travel *IRL* or use *Tinder's Passport* feature to meet people a country with laws that penalise their community, they are alerted and given a choice to opt out before their profile is shown in the area.

## **Unmatch**

*Tinder* members are able to unmatch or block someone at any time for any reason, whether it wasn't a good fit or something more serious. Once unmatched, that person will no longer appear in the match list or message list, and they won't be able to see you or message you anymore.

## **Video Chat**

The in-app video calling feature allows members to meet digitally, verify their match is genuine and better assess whether the chemistry is there before an *IRL* date - all without giving out personal contact details.



