

# I'd like to talk about love and romance

My person is:

Date:

## Before the conversation I have...

- Had a think about what kind of relationship I would like and thought about what practical steps I might have to take in order to find this.  
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- Thought about how this is going to impact on me. How big of an issue is this for me? How strongly do I feel about it?  
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- Considered what I want for my romantic life. Companionship? Sexual activity? Family based? Do I have someone in mind? Or do I need some helping looking for a partner?  
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- Asked for some language or communication support if I need it.  
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- Got ready a pen and paper, glasses or hearing aids, and this checklist, so I can make notes on what is said.  
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- Asked for someone to be with me at the meeting, or listen in on the conversation if that is right for me.

## During the conversation I will remember to ask...

- My person to repeat things for me, or to say things in a way that makes sense to me. If I want to, I will ask my person to wait while I write things down.  
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- What support I will need? Will I need help to attend events to try to meet someone? Or to go on dates? Will I need access to online dating? Do I need help with this?  
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- If I am thinking about having more sex, do I need new clothing? Access to sex toys? Access to condoms? Access to erotica? Access to different medicines?  
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- Are there any other factors that affect how I might begin a new relationship? Is there anyone I need to tell? Can I do this or do I need to get help to do it?  
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- If my person knows of any new ideas that might be useful, e.g. dating sites, singles mixers, etc where I might meet someone who could be a potential partner for me.  
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- Do I understand any possible risks involved looking for a relationship? i.e. potential upset, rejection, or failure to succeed?

## Before I finish the conversation I will check...

- Have I told my person everything I wanted to say? Have I asked all my questions? Have I made a note of the answers and do I understand them?  
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- For more conversations or research, do I understand where I might need to go or what I might need to do to meet someone new? What I need to do in advance? e.g. Do I need to have a hair cut? Or some new clothes?  
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- Before I begin looking for someone to partner with, do I have an idea about what kind of person is right for me? Is there anything I know that I would not welcome in a potential partner?  
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- If I have a particular person in mind that I would like to pursue a relationship with, do I have a plan in mind about how I am going to approach that person?

