A FREE BONUS FOR US, OUT LOUD

The Just Us Kit



12 at-home dates for the two of you

+ a keepsake page for what you learned about each other

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How the kit works

Two little things for the two of you. Nothing to study, nothing to get right.

1. **Print it at home.** Plain paper is fine. Color or black and white, both work.
2. **Cut out the date cards.** Two to a page, cut on the dashed line. Fold them and drop them in a jar or a bowl.
3. **Pull one when you need it.** When the book gets heavy, or when you just want to do something together. Pull one at random or pick one on purpose.
4. **Keep it small.** Each date takes about an hour and costs $0 to $10. Skip any card. Change any step.
5. **Save the last two pages for the end.** When you finish the book, each of you fills in "What I learned about you." Frame them side by side.

THE TWELVE DATES

1. The Bake-Off
2. Three-Song Swap
3. The House Hunt
4. Teach Me Your Thing
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12. When You Were Little

Be honest. Be kind. Put the phones away. Take your time.

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1 JUST US DATE · NO. 01

costs: $5–10 time: about an hour

The Bake-Off

Nothing has to turn out right. That's the fun of it.

1. Pick one box mix together: brownies, muffins, cookies, anything.
2. One of you reads the steps, the other stirs. Switch halfway.
3. While it bakes, make score cards: looks, smell, taste, and "would we make it again."
4. Taste it like judges on a baking show. Be dramatic about it.
5. Give it a final score and a silly name.

ASK EACH OTHER

What's one thing you'd love to learn to make for real?

CUT ON THE LINE

2 JUST US DATE · NO. 02

costs: $0 time: about an hour

Three-Song Swap

Three songs can tell you more than twenty questions.

1. Each of you picks three songs that feel like you. Keep them secret.
2. Take turns. Before each song, the one who picked it says why.
3. The listener finds one line or one sound she likes, even if it's not her kind of music.
4. At the end, pick one song you both want to keep.

ASK EACH OTHER

Which song would play in the movie of your life right now?

3 JUST US DATE · NO. 03

costs: $0 time: about an hour

The House Hunt

You'll see your own home like it's the first time.

1. Set a timer for 20 minutes. Split up and find one thing for each box. Bring it back, or snap a picture.
2. Meet back at the table and show each other, one find at a time.
3. Vote on the best find. The winner picks dessert.

- [ ] Older than both of you
- [ ] The softest thing you own
- [ ] A pretty patch of light
- [ ] Shaped like a heart
- [ ] The color of your shirt
- [ ] Makes a funny noise
- [ ] Belongs to the other one
- [ ] Smells really good

ASK EACH OTHER

Which room in this house feels the most like you?

CUT ON THE LINE

4 JUST US DATE · NO. 04

costs: $0 time: about an hour

Teach Me Your Thing

She gets to be the expert. You get to be a beginner.

1. She picks one thing she's good at: a dance, a braid, a card trick, a cartwheel, a drawing.
2. She teaches. Mom follows along and asks questions. No fixing, no taking over.
3. Keep going until Mom can do it once. Badly counts.
4. Then switch: Mom teaches one small thing for ten minutes.

ASK EACH OTHER

Who taught you the thing you're best at?

5 JUST US DATE · NO. 05

costs: $0 time: about an hour

She Picks Every Turn

Kids hardly ever get to choose where you go.

1. Put on your shoes and step outside together.
2. At every corner, she picks: left, right, or straight. Mom just follows and keeps it safe.
3. Stop once for something small: a bench, a dog, a funny mailbox.
4. Halfway through, turn around and find the way home together.

ASK EACH OTHER

What did you notice today that the other one walked right past?

CUT ON THE LINE

6 JUST US DATE · NO. 06

costs: $0 time: about an hour

Fort Night

Some talks only happen under a blanket.

1. Gather every blanket, pillow, and chair you can carry.
2. Build it together. She's the boss, Mom is the crew.
3. Bring in a snack and a flashlight.
4. She picks the movie, or a book you read out loud, one chapter each.

ASK EACH OTHER

What did you love doing when you were little that you kind of miss?

7 JUST US DATE · NO. 07

costs: $5–10 time: about an hour

Backwards Dinner

Breakfast for dinner, and she runs the kitchen.

1. She plans the menu: pancakes, eggs, toast, fruit, anything breakfast.
2. She's the cook, Mom is the helper. Mom handles the stove if she wants a hand.
3. Mom sets the table and serves, like a waiter in a fancy place.
4. Trade seats for the meal, then clean up together.

ASK EACH OTHER

If you ran this house for a week, what's the first rule you'd change?

CUT ON THE LINE

8 JUST US DATE · NO. 08

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The $5 Gift Run

Ten minutes, $5 each, and a lot of giggling in the aisles.

1. Go to any store with a cheap aisle. Each of you gets $5.
2. Set a 10-minute timer and find a gift for the other one. Stay in the same store. No peeking.
3. Pay, hide it, and meet at the door.
4. Swap gifts on the way home and say why you picked it.

ASK EACH OTHER

What's something small that always makes your day better?

9 JUST US DATE · NO. 09

costs: $0 | time: about an hour

Five-Minute Portraits

Nobody draws well in five minutes, so nobody has to.

1. Sit across the table, each with paper and a pencil.
2. Set a timer for 5 minutes and draw each other.
3. For the first minute, look at her face, not your paper.
4. When time's up, swap drawings and give each one a title.
5. Go again with the hand you don't write with.

ASK EACH OTHER

What's one thing about my face you'd know anywhere?

CUT ON THE LINE

10 JUST US DATE · NO. 10

costs: $0 | time: about an hour

The Unplugged Hour

An hour with no phones only feels long for the first five minutes.

1. Both phones go in a drawer in another room.
2. Pull out one old board game or a deck of cards.
3. Don't know a card game? Mom teaches one she played as a kid: Crazy Eights, Go Fish, War.
4. Play best of three. Whoever loses picks the snack.

ASK MOM

What did you do for fun before phones?

11 JUST US DATE · NO. 11

costs: $0 | time: about an hour

Our Someday Trip

No budget, no rules. Just dreaming out loud together.

1. Grab one big sheet of paper and some markers.
2. Pick the place together: anywhere in the world, or somewhere made up.
3. Fill the sheet: how you get there, where you sleep, what you eat, one thing each of you has to do.
4. Sign it, date it, and stick it on the fridge.

ASK EACH OTHER

If it were just the two of us for a whole week, where would you go?

CUT ON THE LINE

12 JUST US DATE · NO. 12

costs: $0 | time: about an hour

When You Were Little

She's in every story. She just doesn't remember them yet.

1. Mom picks five photos of her from when she was small, printed or on the phone.
2. Sit close and look at one photo at a time.
3. She guesses first: where was this, what was happening?
4. Then Mom tells the real story, and what she remembers feeling.
5. End with one photo of Mom at about the same age.

ASK EACH OTHER

Which of these stories should we tell again someday?

What I Learned About You

Fill this in after you finish the book. Then frame it next to hers.

1 THREE THINGS I NEVER KNEW ABOUT YOU

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3 OUR NEW INSIDE JOKE

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