

## “BUT THERE’S NOTHING ELSE TO DO”

### Eight great cheap dates that don’t require having sex to be a good time

One way to avoid finding yourself in an unwelcome sexual situation is to avoid activities that put you and a potential sexual partner in a time and place that makes it all too easy for sexual activity. Instead use a little imagination, adopt the right attitude and have some fun with these ideas:

**RETRO CLOTHES SHOPPING** - with a preset budget, cruise through as many thrift shops as you can in one afternoon, searching for that wonderful or wacky pair of pants you can’t live without.

**ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT** - rent a canoe somewhere, bring along a book of poetry, and once out of the earshot of others relax and read poems to each other.

**CLAY PLAY** - head to the hobby store and buy a big block of clay and a couple of sculpting tools. Back home cover the table and floors with a plastic drop cloth and sculpt something wonderful together.

**BAKE A CAKE** - from the box, or with your own ingredients, bake an outrageous cake together. Better yet, have a bake off to see which of you has what it takes in the kitchen.

**THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION** - both of you write down a dozen personal questions on separate scraps of paper. Roll them up and drop them into separate bowls. Take turns pulling a question out of your date’s bowl and answering it. Each can exercise the right to not answer one question. What a great way to get to know each other!

**PICASSO YOU AIN’T** - buy some face paint at the craft store and go crazy on each other. Add to the fun by heading off to the local mall together complete with your freshly painted faces.

**READ ALL ABOUT IT** - pick any page of the newspaper. Circle the words that catch your eye, and then base your activities for the date on those words. For example, you might have circled “crowds,” “dogs,” and “dairy products,” which clearly indicates a date to the mall pet store followed by a milkshake run!

**GET BENT OUT OF SHAPE** - pitch in a couple of bucks and buy the game “Twister”. No fair playing alone though - it’s you, your date and your parents.