

Read the text below and answer questions 1-8

Tired of returning to an empty home, after work? Fed up with being single? Maybe speed dating is for you, then. Try one of our speed dating events and follow these tips to meet your dream partners!

1. **Do your research.** Go on internet sites to check out where speed dating venues are in your town.
2. **Select a venue that is to your liking.** You're more likely to end up meeting like-minded individuals choosing somewhere you feel more at home.
3. **Take a friend if necessary.** It's always best to take a friend for moral support; especially if you are a novice speed dater. Friends can be a shoulder to cry on if things don't turn out well!
4. **Dress appropriately.** Dress in keeping with your personality, but the general rule of thumb is to not dress up too much; try to adopt a fairly low-key approach.
5. **Decide on what you want.** Before you go into a session, draw up a list of deal-breakers, such as drinking and smoking, so you can filter out incompatible partners.
6. **Have a list of conversation topics ready.** When a conversation dries up, especially with a stranger, it can be embarrassing, so have a few conversational gambits up your sleeve.
7. **Prepare how you want to present yourself.** Remember: each speed date is only 3 minutes, so decide what aspects of your personality you would like to emphasize.
8. **Go into it with the right mindset.** View speed dating as an ice-breaker and a first meeting; not a replacement for the entire dating cycle.
9. **Have fun.** Approach speed dating in a light-hearted way; you will have more fun and maybe meet a compatible partner.
10. **Keep notes.** Keep brief notes on daters' clothes and certain outstanding characteristics, like height; smile etc, to avoid confusion over dates.
11. **Mingle after the event.** This way you can further gauge reactions of potential partners towards you and make a more informed decision about them, too.
12. **Use feedback positively.** If a chosen date failed to pick you, review what went wrong. Maybe you need to change your approach or maybe they were just unsuitable.
13. **Forewarned forearmed.** If you weren't successful first off, check your speed dating website for further dating advice and good luck next time!

Questions 1–8:

Complete the sentences below. Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text for each answer. Write your answers on your answer sheet from 1 to 8 questions.

1. Choosing a suitable venue is important: it will attract..... people, more on your own wave-length.
2. Should the event not..... to be a success, it's good to have a friend there with you.
3. A style which is....., is preferable to one that is too dressy, on such occasions.
4. Compiling a list of your own likes and dislikes in a potential partner can help you..... those who may be unsuitable.
5. Keeping some extra topics for conversation....., can prevent embarrassing silences.
6. It is important that participants don't regard speed dating as a(n)..... Dating.
7. The identity of individual participants can be remembered by recording the..... which distinguish them from the rest.
8. Should you fail to find your desired partner..... you can obtain extra dating tips on your speed dating website.