

At such time that a student is expressing his or her opinion, the facilitator should be sure that others are listening respectfully and allowing the participant the opportunity to be heard.

Stay or Go

1. Ever since school started this year, you've been interested in getting to know a particular person in your 3'd hour class. They have just moved into town, you think they're pretty hot and they seem very cool. One of your friends knows how you feel and tells you they heard this person might like you as well. You see the person you're interested in at lunch and the two of you strike up a conversation. They tell you about a party this weekend and ask if you'd like to meet them there.

Participants who accept this invitation should move to the "stay" side of the room.

Participants who do not accept should move the "go" side.

2. When you get to the party, this person is already there. You were kind of nervous about how things would go but as soon as you get there, they smile and walk right over to you. The two of you talk all night and really hit it off. Before your ride leaves, they ask if you'd like to do something else another time; they don 't care what, they just want to hang out with you.

Participants who accept this invitation should move to the "stay" side of the room.

Participants who do not accept should move the "go" side.

3. It's your first real date. You've decided to go to the movies Friday and then hang out with some friends. The movie they want to see is not the movie you want to. You ask if maybe you two could decide on another movie that both of you would want to see. They tell you that they really want to see that particular one, there's nothing else out, and the movie you want to see looks really stupid. "I can't believe you'd want to see that," they say, "let's just go to the one I want to see

and you can pick one later". The fact that they said you'd be going to other movies later doesn't escape you and you think this might be a good sign.

Participants who go to the movie that the other person wants to see should go to the "stay" side.

Participants who insist on doing something else entirely or going to their movie, should go to the "go" side.

4. The movie wasn't really that bad, actually and you've been dating for about two weeks now. You've had lunch together everyday and every night when you get home from school, this person calls you and the two of you talk for hours. You can't seem to spend enough time together. You're talking on the phone one night when they get very quiet on the other line. You ask if something is wrong and they say that nothing is, it's just that they want to tell you something but they are afraid to. After much coaxing, they tell you that they think they love you.

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Participants who stay in the relationship: "stay"

Participants who leave the relationship: "go"

5. Some of your friends have been complaining lately that they haven't seen you in a while. You realize that they're right. For the past two weeks, you've spent most all your time with the person you're dating. You promise them that you'll go to a movie with them this weekend. When you tell the person that you're dating about your plans, they seem to get very disappointed. They tell you that they had something special planned for the weekend and that they wish you would have checked with them first. You try to explain that your friends miss you and you miss them but they tell you not to worry about it, if you'd rather hang out with your friends then go ahead.

Participants who go out with friends: "go"

Participants who break plans with friends for partner: "stay"

6. You and your partner are still talking most every night and having lunch with each other every day. Your friends ask if you'd like to hang out with them the following weekend and you want to say yes but you're kind of afraid of how the person you're dating will react. You explain this to your friends and they say that the person is too jealous and is taking up too much of your time. You decide that you will go out with your friends no matter what this time. When you tell the person you're dating that you'd like to hang out with your friends this weekend, they get angry and start yelling at you. "I thought we talked about this," they say, "if you'd rather be with them, fine but you have to make a decision. Is it them or me?" You hang up ; confused and disappointed. When you are out with your friends that weekend at a party and the person you're dating is there as well. Before you can go up and speak with them, a friend from a neighboring town whom you have not seen in some time approaches you. You are very excited to see this friend and you exchange hugs and then talk for ten minutes or so, catching up. Your friend explains that they are expected elsewhere and that they have to leave. You exchange hugs again and promise to call them. As your friend leaves you search for your dating partner. You go up to talk to them but they're very rude to you and say, "I think I understand why you didn't want me around. If you want to be with that person you were just hanging allover, go follow them. You didn't want to come to this party with me, so why are you talking to me now, you hoT They then storm off.

Participants who stay in the relationship at this point: "stay"

Participants who leave: "go"

7. The next night, the person calls to ask if the two of you could go somewhere to

talk. You agree and when you meet, they apologize for the way they acted. They explain to you that they really love you and want to spend all their time with you.

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They hate being away from you and they don't really like your friends. They tell you that they think your friends are trying to keep the two of you apart and that's what made them so angry. They explain that in the town where they moved from, they were cheated on by their ex partner and that's why they have such a difficult time with trusting you. They tell you they wouldn't blame you for leaving them but they hope you don't. Especially today. When you ask what is so special about today, they tell you that it marks three months since you first started dating and hand you your anniversary gift. It's a cell phone with unlimited minutes.

Participants who stay in the relationship: "stay"

Participants who leave: "go"

Summary:

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Identify and discuss some of the behaviors that made people leave (jealousy, name calling, possessiveness, etc.).

Identify and discuss some of the behaviors that made people stay or return after they left (apologies, gifts, etc.).

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