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3 Tips to Ensure a Hot Date Night with Your Husband

Half the battle of having a hot date night is actually having a date night at all. Here's how to make it happen.

1. Snag a sitter — fast. Mom's busy, your standby teenage neighbor has a new boyfriend — now what? Go to sittercity.com or seekingsitters.com. Both sites post reviews from other parents and list babysitters who have CPR training. Or call your local YMCA to ask about nighttime programs for school-age children.>

2. Have "dessert" first. If you tend to conk out after dinner, have sex *before* your date, suggests Scott Haltzman, M.D., author of [*The Secrets of Happily Married Women*](#). Ask the sitter to arrive early so you can "get ready." "It'll relieve the will-we-do-it tension," he says. "And men feel more connected and talkative after sex." Women too!

3. Cure we-can't-afford-it syndrome. Skip the pricey dinner and do coffee and dessert instead, suggests Lindsey Rietzsch, author of [*How to Date Your Spouse*](#). More ways to find good, cheap fun: Check out groupon.com or livingsocial.com for deals on restaurants, couples massages, even dance classes.

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