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## **Date Ideas Under \$10**

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**O**ne of the most common “date” ideas is going to see a movie. Not only does it cost money (roughly \$15 to \$20 just for two tickets), but also it is impersonal. Two people stare at a screen — it’s not romantic or helpful in relationship building. If you want something more than that, then zit’s time for some new ideas. These date ideas are about as cheap as it gets.

\*Pack a picnic (or buy a lunch for two) and head to the beach or the park. Don’t forget the blanket! It may seem cliché, but it gives you time to sit and relax together, and time to talk. Take a camera, and take lots of pictures with each other! It gives you something to talk about now, and something to look back on later.

\*Picture a romantic dinner: soft music, candlelight, spaghetti for two, sounds expensive, right? It might cost \$5 for everything, candles and spaghetti included! You can cook the spaghetti together, or have it ready to surprise a date.

\*Along the same lines as cooking spaghetti, bake something together, such as a cake or brownies. It’s a little more involved, and you can talk while you stir!

\*If it’s a rainy day or you have no money to go anywhere, make something new together! You can draw a picture together (it doesn’t have to be Michelangelo you know), or write a story by taking turns writing a sentence or paragraph until the tale is complete. This demonstrates the creativity you both have and maybe what you have in common.

\*If you have a little money to spend, you can always go on a day trip. Just drive, or agree on a destination and go there. If the destination is free, all it costs you to go is gas. There are nature centers with trails, museums, and many other things just an hour or two away!

So just because there is little or no cash in your wallet doesn’t mean that you can’t have dates with your significant other. It just means you should be creative; they will never know that you’re saving money at the same time! **e**