

The Unspoken Dialogue Between Men and Women

1. Males Name _____
2. Females Name _____
3. Event _____
4. Event _____
5. Number _____
6. Exclamation _____
7. Exclamation _____
8. Noun _____
9. Adjective _____
10. Noun _____
11. Noun _____
12. Verb _____
13. Month _____
14. Car Part _____
15. Exclamation _____
16. Fluid _____
17. Body Part _____
18. Noun _____
19. Past Tense Verb _____
20. Car Part _____
21. Number _____
22. Verb _____

23. Adjective

24. Number

25. Feeling

26. Feeling

27. Number

28. Color

29. Animal

30. Noun

31. Noun

32. Number

33. Exclamation

34. Females Name

35. Body Part

36. Present Tense Verb

37. Adverb

38. Feeling

39. Noun

40. Present Tense Verb

41. Packaged Food

42. Sport

43. Adjective

44. Number

45. Sport

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Let's say a guy named males name is attracted to a woman named Females name. He asks her out to a/an Event; she accepts; they have a pretty good time. A few nights later he asks her out to Event and again they enjoy themselves. They continue to see each other regularly, and after a while neither one of them is seeing anybody else.

And then, one evening when they're driving home, a thought occurs to females name and, without really thinking, she says it aloud: "Do you realize that, as of tonight, we've been seeing each other for exactly Number months?"

And then there is silence in the car. To females name it seems like a very loud silence. She thinks to herself: Exclamation I wonder if it bothers him that I said that. Maybe he's been feeling confined by our relationship; maybe he thinks I'm trying to push him into some kind of obligation that he doesn't want, or isn't sure of.

And males name is thinking: Exclamation. number months.

And females name is thinking: But, hey, I'm not so sure I want this kind of relationship, either. Sometimes I wish I had a little more Noun so I'd have time to think about whether I really want us to keep going the way we are, moving Adjective toward . . . I mean, where are we going? Are we just going to keep seeing each other at this level of intimacy? Are we heading toward Noun? Toward children? Toward a Noun together? Am I ready for that level of commitment? Do I really even Verb this person?

And males name is thinking: . . . so that means it was . . . let's see... Month when we started going out, which was right after I had the car at the dealer's, which means . . . lemme check the Car part. . . Exclamation! I am way overdue for an Fluid change here.

And females name is thinking: He's upset. I can see it on his Body part. Maybe I'm reading this completely wrong. Maybe he wants more from our relationship, more Noun more commitment; maybe he has sensed -- even before I sensed it -- that I was feeling some reservations. Yes, I bet that's it. That's why he's so reluctant to say anything about his own feelings. He's afraid of being Past tense verb.

And males name is thinking: And I'm gonna have them look at the Car part again. I don't care what those morons say, it's still not shifting right. And they better not try to blame it on the cold weather this time. What cold weather? It's Number degrees out, and this thing is shifting like a Verb garbage truck, and I paid those Adjective thieves \$.

And females name is thinking: He's Feeling. And I don't blame him. I'd be feeling too. God,

I feel so _____ Feeling putting him through this, but I can't help the way I feel. I'm just not sure.

And _____ males name is thinking: They'll probably say it's only a -day warranty. That's exactly what they're gonna say, the scumballs.

And _____ females name is thinking: Maybe I'm just too idealistic, waiting for a knight to come riding up on his _____ Color _____ Animal when I'm sitting right next to a perfectly good person, a person I enjoy being with, a person I truly do care about, a person who seems to truly care about me. A person who is in pain because of my self-centered, _____ Noun romantic fantasy.

And _____ males name is thinking: Warranty? They want a warranty? I'll give them a damn warranty. I'll take their warranty and stick it right up their

'##@males_name">, _____ females name says aloud.

"What?" says _____ males name startled.

"Please don't torture yourself like this," she says, her eyes beginning to brim with tears. "Maybe I should never have . . Oh God, I feel so"

(She breaks down, sobbing.)

"I'm such a _____ Noun _____, ' _____ females name _____ sobs. "I mean, I know there's no knight. I really know that. It's silly. There's no knight, and there's no _____ animal _____,

"There's no _____ animal, says _____ males name

"You think I'm a fool, don't you?" _____ females name says.

"No!" says _____ males name glad to finally know the correct answer.

"It's just that . . . It's that I . . . I need some time," _____ females name says.

(There is a -second pause while males name thinking as fast as he can, tries to come up with a safe response. Finally he comes up with one that he thinks might work.)

" Exclamation ,' he says

(, deeply moved, touches his Body part .)

'Oh, males name do you really feel that way?" she says.

"What way?" says males name . "That way about time," says females name

"Oh,"

says males name. "Yes."

(turns to face him and Present tense verb Adverb into his eyes, causing him to become very

Feeling about what she might say next, especially if it involves a animal. At last she speaks.)

'Thank you, males name, she says.

"Thank you," says males name.

Then he takes her home, and she lies on her Noun a conflicted, tortured soul, and Present tense

verb until dawn, whereas when males name gets back to his place, he opens a bag of Packaged

food turns on the TV, and immediately becomes deeply involved in a rerun of a Sport game/match between

two Czechoslovakians he never heard of. A _____ Adjective _____ voice in the far recesses of his mind tells him that something major was going on back there in the car, but he is pretty sure there is no way he would ever understand what, and so he figures it's better if he doesn't think about it. (This is also _____ males name _____ policy regarding world hunger.)

The next day _____ females name _____ will call her closest friend, or perhaps two of them, and they will talk about this situation for _____ Number _____ straight hours. In painstaking detail, they will analyze everything she said and everything he said, going over it time and time again, exploring every word, expression, and gesture for nuances of meaning, considering every possible ramification. They will continue to discuss this subject, off and on, for weeks, maybe months, never reaching any definite conclusions, but never getting bored with it, either.

Meanwhile, _____ males name _____ while playing _____ Sport _____ one day with a mutual friend of his and _____ females name _____, s_ will pause just before serving, frown, and say,

"Norm, did _____ females name _____ ever own a _____ animal _____?"