

# The Bechdel Test



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# What is the Bechdel Test?

- Created by cartoonist Alison Bechdel in 1985.
- Introduced in her comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For."

# Criteria



**THE WORK MUST HAVE  
AT LEAST TWO WOMEN.**



**THESE WOMEN MUST  
TALK TO EACH OTHER.**



**THEIR CONVERSATION MUST  
BE ABOUT SOMETHING OTHER  
THAN A MAN.**

# SOME MORE ABOUT

## Purpose

- To highlight the gender bias in fiction.
- To promote the inclusion of more substantial female characters and interactions.

## Limitations

- Passing the test does not necessarily mean the work is feminist or free of sexism.
- It's a minimal benchmark rather than a comprehensive measure of gender representation.

## Impact

- The Bechdel Test has increased awareness of gender representation in the entertainment industry.
- It has inspired more nuanced analyses and further tests for diverse representation in media.