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## NOT SO LONELY PLANET

### Pronunciation

*"Do you come here often?"*

BEFORE

French: Tu viens ici souvent?  
Spanish: Viene aqui mucho?  
Italian: Vieni spesso qui?  
Swedish: Kommer du hit ofta?  
Portuguese: Voce vem aqui muito?

*Too ve-en eesee soovon?*  
*Bee-eh-neh ah-kee moo-choh?*  
*Veeay-nee spay-so kwee?*  
*Kommer dui heet ofta?*  
*Vos-eh veng ah-kee mwee-toh?*

*"Table for two, please."*

DURING

French: Une table pour deux, s'il vous plait.  
Italian: Un tavolo per due, per favore.

German: Ein Tisch für zwei Personen, bitte.

Swedish: Bord för två, tack.  
Welsh: Bwrdd i ddau, plis.

*Oon tabbluh pour dueh, sil voo play*  
*Oo-n tavo-lo payr doo-ay, payr fa-voray*  
*Ine tish fyour ts-vie per-zone-en, bitter*  
*Boord for tvuo, tack*  
*Borth ee thiy, plees*

*"Would you like to see my stamp collection?"*

French: Tu veux voir ma collection de timbres?

Spanish: Quieres ver mi colección de sellos?

Italian: Ti piacerebbe vedere la mia collezione di francobolli?  
*Tee peeache-rayb-bay vay-dayray la mee-a kol-laytseeo-nay dee fran-kobol-lee?*

German: Soll ich dir meine Briefmarkensammlung zeigen?  
*Sol ish deer mye-neuh breefmarkensamloong tsye-gen?*



*"How was it for you?"*

AFTER

French: C'était comment pour toi?  
Spanish: Que te ha parecido?  
Italian: Ti è piaciuto?  
German: Also, wie war es für dich?  
Danish: Hvordan var det for dig?

*Settay common pour twah?*  
*Keh teh ah pah-reh-three-doh?*  
*Tee e peeachyoo-to?*  
*Also, vee varr ess fur dish?*  
*Vordan var day for dye?*

*"I love you."*

GETTING SERIOUS

French: Je t'aime.  
Spanish: Te amo.  
Italian: Ti amo.  
German: Ich liebe dich.  
Swedish: Jag älskar dig.  
Welsh: Caru ti.



*Juh tame*  
*Teh ah-moh*  
*Tee a-mo*  
*lck lee-beuh dish*  
*Yaag aelskar dey*  
*Carl tee*

*"Is that a banana in your pocket or are you just pleased to see me?"*

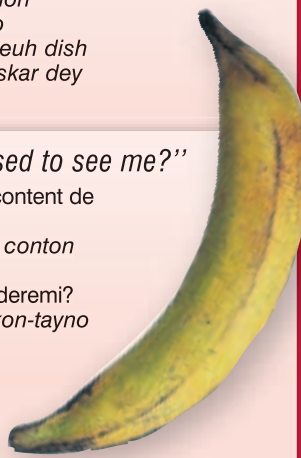
JUST PLAIN SILLY

French: C'est une banane dans ta poche ou tu es juste content de me voir?

*Set oon banane do ta posh oo too eh juste conton duh muh vwoir?*

Italian: Hai una banana in tasca o sei solo contento di vederemi?  
*Aee oo-na ba-nana een ta-ska o say so-lo kon-tayno dee vay-dayrnee?*

Finnish: Onks sulla banaani taskussa vai oletko vain iloinen mun nakemisesta?  
*Onks soolla banaani taskoossa vai oletko vayin iloynen moon nakemisesta?*



### GLOBAL SEX FACTS

● On average, European women expect sex four times a week. This pales in comparison with Catherine the Great of Russia who advocated sexual relations six times a day.

● An Australian study showed men who snore tend to have higher levels of testosterone.

● In some parts of New Guinea, pulling someone's penis is a gesture of goodwill.

● One in 10 of us think Brazilians are the sexiest people on the planet, followed by Americans and the French.

● A recent survey found that 44 per cent of adults worldwide have had a one-night stand, with 22 per cent claiming to have had an affair while married.

● Male inhabitants of the Western Caroline Islands are said to sing to their partners before and after sex.

● A medical study in Pennsylvania has shown that having regular sex helps to boost the immune system.

● Instead of kissing, the Tinquian people of the Pacific Islands place their lips closely to their partners and inhale.

### TRAVELLER'S TIPS

● If you're looking to get down and dirty, head to Greece. Last year's Durex Global Sexy Survey confirms Greece is officially the sexiest country with the Greeks having sex 138 times a year – well above the average of 103.

● If you're a red-blooded male looking for action, Australia is the place. Surveys suggest Aussie women have sex on the first date more than women the same age in Canada and the US.

### HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?



***"When having found yourself with someone you really care about, it's wise to apply your head to the endeavour – and to avoid the use of teeth."***

One of my best friends was once a prostitute. I was surprised to learn that in many cases her clients desired conversation, not coitus. Often, the hour at the hotel room consisted of listening to men disclose discontent about their lives. Her clients were seeking comfort: an emotional refuge where they would not be judged.

'How do you know when a man is falling in love with you?' my friend once asked me.

'Bling?' I replied, staring at my ring-less finger.

'No, you know he's falling when he begins opening up about his problems.'

I recently thought back to this when pulling beer at my local pub, something I occasionally do to escape the sedentary existence of being a writer. Now, one of the challenges a professional barmaid and a relationship have in common, is to master the art of perfect head. The degree of skill required in pouring a Guinness for example, cannot be underestimated. Nor can the degree of skill required in using our smarts to maintain positive relationships.

If it's true we all die alone, then who we love and who loves us along the way, is what matters. The problem with love is that people take each other for granted. We come to expect their goodwill and then feel ripped off when they're not there for us.

Who picks you up on rainy nights? Who listens to your problems about work? When your world feels like it's upside down, who takes you to the pub

and gets pissed with you?

Love is like a boomerang. And kindness comes in many forms. Often it's about the small things – but trips to Vanuatu and jewellery from Tiffany's don't hurt either.

As we well know, most relationships crash into abysmal flames, making us swear to never trust in love again. So, when having found yourself with someone you really care about, it's wise to apply your head to the endeavour – and to avoid the use of teeth.

● STOP trying to change your partner. Being on the end of operation you're not-good-enough sucks. We are who we are. And usually we're trying our best. Accept this, or move on.

● RESPECT your partner's interests. If for example, they go to Aikido four times a week, instead of resenting their time away from you, practice sparring with them in the bedroom. Use their brown belt to tie them up whilst scolding them for their negligence.

● ALLOW each other to gain energy, to rejuvenate, from the big wide world. Dynamic relationships don't come from watching DVDs on the couch all weekend. Give your partner space.

● DON'T bring up past faults every time a fight comes up. This is boring. And unfair. It works against the natural laws of change. Forgive.

● BE their friend. Not their parent. Not their child. Not their jailer.

● PERFECT the art of "head". Know when they're messing with your head, and know when to tell them to where to head.

– DR BELLA

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