

# Female seeks Male

Julia was 12 years old. Her best friend Betsy was 13. Summer was almost over. School was about to start. Julia and Betsy were **about to** eat lunch at TacoBell. Betsy decided that Julia needed a boyfriend.

“But why?” asked Julia. “I’m okay without one. What good is a 12-year-old boy? All they’re interested in is playing baseball or riding their skateboards. Where does a girl **fit into that picture**?”

“Don’t be silly,” replied Betsy. “**As to** 12-year olds, forget about them. They’re **immature**. You should have someone **more experienced**— you’ll be **better off** with someone at least 13 years old. Someone who will carry your books and walk you to your classes. You need someone who’ll give you a **Valentine’s Day** card and remember your birthday.

“I’ve got a backpack to carry my books, and I know where all my classes are. I don’t want a **Valentine’s Day** card from someone I don’t love. I’m too young. **Besides**, you don’t have a boyfriend. Why should I?”

“Because you’re my first **client**. I’ve decided that I’m going to be a **matchmaker** when I grow up.”

“Well, if I’m your first **client**, that means I’ll **probably** be your first mistake. No, thank you.”

## Vocabulary

**about to:** almost ready to do something

**fit into that picture:** fit in, make sense

**as to:** with regard to, according to

**immature:** not mature, childish

**more experienced:** mature, knowledgeable

**better off:** better, in a better situation

**Valentine’s Day:** romantic holiday on February 14th

**besides:** also, in contrast to

**client:** customer

**matchmaker:** a person who tries to match people romantically

**probably:** likely