



Bad Date

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Date 1

1 2 3
Mmmm, what are
4 5 6 7
you going to order?
Mike's Word Tally: 7

1 2 3 4
I don't know, the
5 6 7
fish looks good.
Isabella's Word Tally: 7

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
150	
125	
100	
75	
50	
25	7
0	7

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
I don't like fish. I was fishing off the coast
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
of Alaska when my dog jumped in the
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
water and he was all wet and it reminded
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42
me of this song about a man whose
43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
dog dies and his truck stops working, and
51 52 53 54 55 56 57
there was something about a train, even
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
though my dog didn't die and I don't have a
68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77
truck because I was on a boat, but it made
78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87
me really sad, so once I listened to it backwards
88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98
to see if the truck would start working and the dog
99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110
didn't die, but it just sounded weird and I was still sad.
Mike's Word Tally: 110

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111 112 113 114 115
Do you ever listen to
116 117 118
country music backwards?
Mike's Word Tally: 118

8 9 10 11
What are you even
12 13
talking about?
Isabella's Word Tally: 13

119 120 121 122 123
FISH! I'm talking about fish!
Mike's Word Tally: 123

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
150	
125	123
100	
75	
50	
25	13
0	

124 125 126
Because it reminds
127 128 129 130 131
me of when my dog
132 133 134 135
died like that movie
136 137 138 139 140 141
that had that guy in it
142 143 144 145 146
from another movie that was
147 148 149 150
hilarious - remember it was
151 152 153 154 155
about space and there was
156 157 158 159 160 161
the woman with the blue hair.
Mike's Word Tally: 161

162 163 164
I laughed so
165 166 167
hard, milk came
168 169 170
out my nose.
Mike's Word Tally: 170

14
Oh.
Isabella's Word Tally: 14

15 16
My phone
17 18
is ringing.
Isabella's Word Tally: 18

171 172 173 174 175
I don't hear a phone.
Mike's Word Tally: 175

19 20 21 22 23 24 25
No, really...I have to take this.
Isabella's Word Tally: 25

That entire time, I spoke **25** words to his **175**. That means for every **1** word I spoke, he spoke **7** words. He spoke **7** times as much as I did!

SEVEN TIMES!

25:175
1:7

It was like, "Me: Talk." "Me: Talk."

"Him: Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk." "Him: Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk."

Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk.

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
150	175
125	
100	
75	
50	
25	25
0	

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Date 2

1 2 3 4 5
So, do you like fish?
Isabella's Word Tally: 5

1 2 3
Don't like fish.
Diego's Word Tally: 3

6 7 8 9 10 11
I asked the last guy I
12 13 14 15
dated about fish, and
16 17 18 19
he rambled on about
20 21 22
trucks all night!
Isabella's Word Tally: 22

23 24 25
Have you ever
26 27 28
dated someone who
29 30 31
talks too much?
Isabella's Word Tally: 31

4 5 6
Can't trust fish.
Diego's Word Tally: 6

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
30	
31	
24	
18	
12	
6	6
0	

32 33
Hmm. My
34 35
phone is
36
ringing.
Isabella's Word Tally: 36

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That entire time, I spoke **36** words to his **6**. For every **six** words I spoke, he only spoke **one** word. I spoke **six** times as much as he did!

SIX TIMES!

36:6
6:1

It was like, "Me: Talk. talk. talk. talk. talk. talk. talk. talk. talk. talk." "Him: Talk."

Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk. Talk.

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
30	
24	
18	
12	
6	6
0	

All I want is a guy that can talk with me at a **one-to-one** ratio!

Date 3

1 2 3 4 5
So, do you like fish?
Isabella's Word Tally: 5

1 2 3 4
I don't like fish...
5 6
My roommate
7 8
does, though.
Harvey's Word Tally: 8

9 10 11 12
Do you like fish?
Harvey's Word Tally: 12

13 14
Funny, my
15
roommate
16 17
says the
18 19
same thing.
Harvey's Word Tally: 19

6 7 8 9 10 11 12
I do like fish. Gosh. I've been
13 14 15 16 17
on some bad dates lately!
Isabella's Word Tally: 17

18 19 20 21 22 23
Do your dates talk about fish?
Isabella's Word Tally: 23

20 21
Not really.
22 23
Do yours?
Harvey's Word Tally: 23

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
50	
40	
30	
20	23
10	23
0	

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
 One date talked about fish, had a truck,
 32 33 34 35 36 37
 and listened to country music backwards.
 Isabella Word Tally: 37

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
 My roommate talks about fish, has a truck,
 32 33 34 35 36 37
 and listens to country music backwards!
 Harvey's Word Tally: 37



38 39 40 41 42 43
 I think I dated your roommate!
 Isabella's Word Count: 43

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
50	
40	
30	
20	
10	
0	
43	43

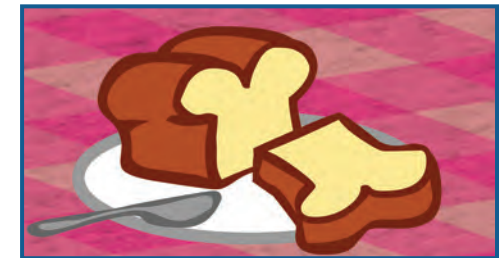
38 39 40 41 42 43
 I think you dated my roommate!
 Harvey's Word Count: 43

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44 45 46 47 48 49 50
 Have you noticed we talk about the
 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
 same amount? A **one-to-one** ratio.
 Isabella Word Tally: 57

44 45 46 47 48 49
 50 51 52 53 54 55 56
 Indeed! We do talk about the same
 amount, a **one-to-one** ratio.
 Harvey's Word Tally: 56

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
57	56



57
 Bread!
 Harvey's Word Tally: 57

1:1

Word Tallies	
Hers	His
50	
40	
30	
20	
10	
0	
57	57

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