

How to Plan a Date



Cristina



Jacob

In this booklet, Cristina and Jacob help us learn what we need to think about when planning a date.

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Meet Cristina and Jacob.

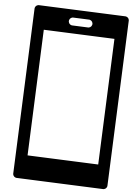


Cristina likes Jacob. She wants to go on a date with him.

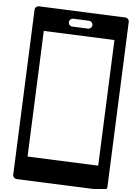
She decides to call Jacob on the phone and ask him on a date.



Hi Jacob! Would you like to go on a date with me?



Yes!



*When you ask someone on a date, ask them in person or call them on the phone. Do **not** ask them in front of other people or on Facebook or other social media.*

Cristina and Jacob need to decide **WHEN** they will go on their date.



When would you like to go out?



**I am free on Saturday night.
Are you free?**



**I think I am free,
but I need to check with my
parents.**

Cristina and Jacob end their phone call. Jacob checks his schedule and talks with his parents.

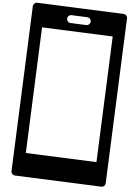


It is important to check your schedule before agreeing to go on a date. It is ok to ask for help from a parent, helper, or other trusted adult.

Jacob calls Cristina back.



I talked with my parents. I am free on Saturday night!



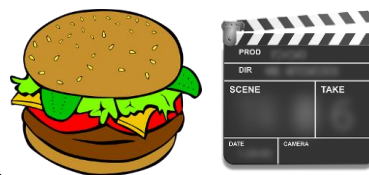
Next, they need to decide **WHERE** they will go on their date and **WHAT** they will do on their date.



Let's get pizza and go bowling.

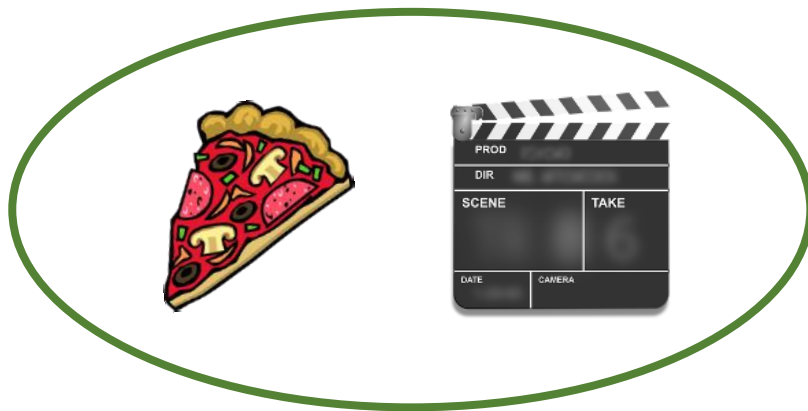
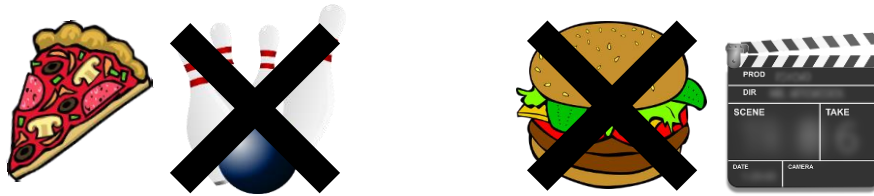


Let's get burgers and see a movie.



Cristina and Jacob want to do different things on their date. **What should they do?**

Cristina and Jacob decide to do part of both of their ideas. They decide to get pizza and see a movie. This is called a **compromise**.



We are going to get pizza and see a movie.



It is important to think about what the person you are dating wants, too. When we compromise, we do not get our way all the time. Compromise can be hard and may take practice.

Next, Cristina and Jacob pick a restaurant to eat at and a movie to see.



Would you like to go to Pizza House? They have gluten-free pizza choices.



That sounds great! Thank you for remembering that I eat gluten-free. The restaurant is also close to the movie theater. We both like funny movies. Do you want to see the new movie with Jim Carrey?



Yes! I have been looking forward to seeing that movie.



If you have certain dietary needs, make sure the restaurant has foods you can eat. Most restaurants have websites with their menus on them.

Cristina and Jacob talk about how much their date will cost.



We should look at the menu for the restaurant and the website for the movie theater to figure out how much our date will cost.



It looks like \$50 should be enough to pay for:

- **Pizza**
- **Salad**
- **2 drinks**
- **Tax and tip**

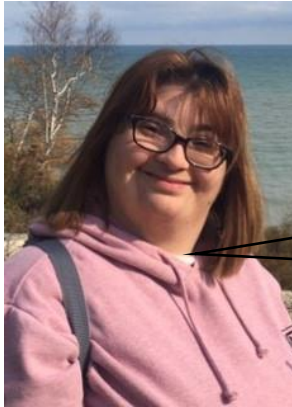


Movie tickets cost \$14 per person.



Different activities will cost different amounts of money. Planning for this may be hard so it is ok to ask for help from a parent, helper, or other trusted adult.

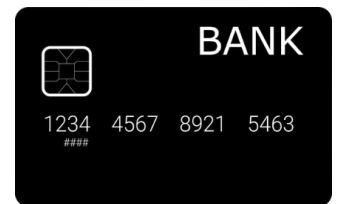
Cristina and Jacob talk about how they are going to **pay** for their date.



I will buy the movie tickets online before Saturday. I will bring \$20 in cash in case we want popcorn or other snacks!



I will bring my debit card on Saturday to pay for dinner.



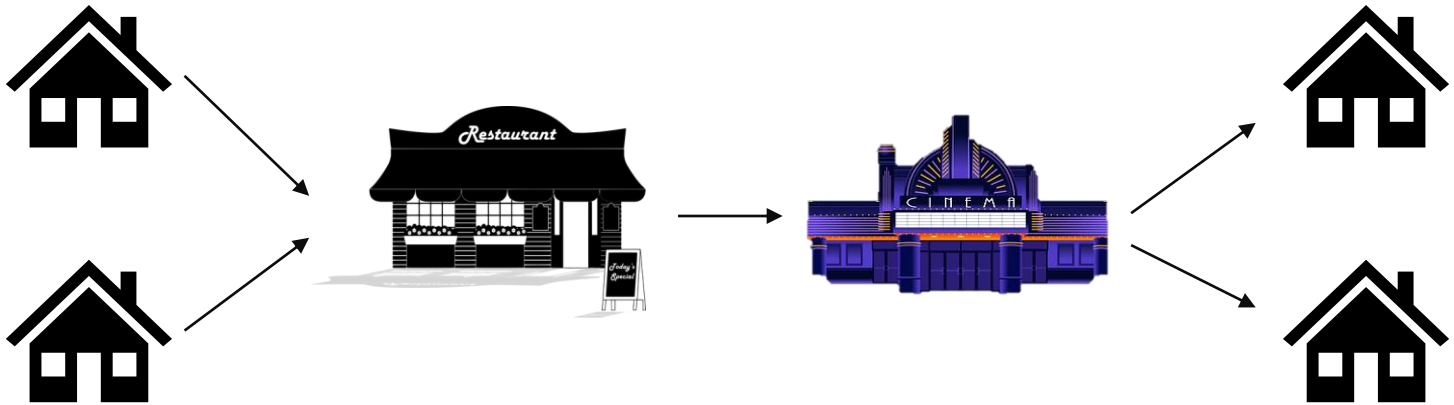
For some activities, you need to buy tickets or make a reservation in advance. Make sure to decide who will do each task. It is ok to ask for help from a parent, helper, or other trusted adult.

Cristina and Jacob also need to talk about **TRANSPORTATION**.



They talk about how they will get from:

- Their houses to the restaurant,
- The restaurant to the movie theater, *and*
- The movie theater back to their houses.



Let's ask our parents if they can drive us to the restaurant and drive us home after the movie.

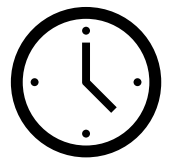


Good idea! The restaurant is close to the movie theater. We can walk from dinner to the movie.



*If you want someone to drive you to or from your date, it is important to ask **in advance** if they are available. If you take public transportation, you may need to look up your route and make sure you have money or a pass to pay for it.*

Cristina and Jacob's parents are available to drive them to the restaurant and pick them up from the movie theater. Lastly, Cristina and Jacob need to decide what **TIME** they need to arrive at the restaurant.



The movie starts at 7:00pm. We are going to eat dinner before the movie. What time should we get to the restaurant?



If we get to the restaurant at 5:00pm, we will have time to order, eat our meal, and walk to the movie theater. I will call the restaurant to make a reservation.

Cristina and Jacob had to think about the type of restaurant they were going to, how busy the restaurant might be, and how long the walk to the movie theater would take.



The amount of time needed varies depending on where you are going and what activity you are doing on your date.



**We are
excited for
our date on
Saturday!**



There are many things to think about when planning a date!

Here is a recap of what Cristina and Jacob did to plan their date:

- Cristina called Jacob to ask him on a date.
- Cristina and Jacob picked a day and time for their date.
- They chose where they were going to go and what they were going to do. They **compromised** by doing something that each of them wanted to do. Cristina wanted to get pizza and Jacob wanted to see a movie.
- They figured out how much their date would cost.
- They decided who would pay for each part of the date.
- They figured out how they would get to the restaurant and movie theater.
 - They had to make sure their parents were available to drive them.
- They figured out what time they should get to the restaurant in order to make it to the movie on time.

Planning a date takes practice! There are many steps to think about. Cristina and Jacob planned a date successfully by working together and asking for help from their parents when needed.