



Tie the knot: Female Leos the bravest to pop the question 結婚吧！星座求婚告白 獅子女最敢講

A survey shows that among the 12 astrological signs, female Leos are the bravest when it comes to popping the question, while Aries boys are the least afraid of hearing a "no" and the most likely to fight to the bitter end.

Mamajan, a blind date Web site, recently announced the results of a survey on marriage proposals. The survey found that a person's **horoscope** sign correlated with his or her eagerness for going on a blind date and courage to ask for a hand in marriage. The results also showed that an Aries never worries when proposing marriage while Leos are only too anxious to let the whole world know about their marriage proposal.

About 1,200 members of the Web site, half men and half women, were polled in May with male respondents born between 1966 and 1981 and female respondents between 1975 and 1983. Another survey conducted on more than 6,000 members with a university degree or higher revealed

that the combination of a male Cancer and female Leo accounted for the largest proportion of those who participated in one-on-one blind dates.

When asked whether or not they would want the girl to pop the question, 45 percent of male respondents admitted that they would because they are innately **passive**. However, 51 percent of male respondents said they were scared of being proposed to by girls because they felt like being forced to get married.

Interestingly, the results also showed that the best proposal gifts were "an engagement ring," "flowers" and "a memento shared by the couple." As many as 92 percent of male respondents said they preferred a light and surprising way of proposing while only one percent said they would humbly beg their lovers to marry them.

What kind of marriage proposals are most likely to be turned down by girls? Some examples of the top ten worst proposals are: "My mother said we should pick a day and get

married," "We should get the thing done," "If you don't marry now, you will be too old to give a birth to a baby," "I need someone to cook and do the laundry for me," and "Only I can endure your bad temper."

On the other hand, such proposals as "I want to see you first thing in the morning when I wake up," "I am so greedy I want to see you every day," "Can I put your name in the **spouse** column on my ID card?" and "I will try my best to give you happiness for the rest of your life," were generally considered by female respondents among the best marriage proposals for men.

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Grooms kneel down as they propose to their brides during a joint wedding ceremony at a tourist service center with a Mediterranean appearance in Hsinchu City on April 19. PHOTO: HUNG MEI-HSIU, LIBERTY TIMES
四月十九日，新竹市聯合婚禮在地中海型外觀的遊客服務中心舉行，新郎們下跪向新娘們求婚。
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調查顯示，十二星座中，最敢開口求婚的是「獅子座」女生；而牡羊座男生開口求婚，最不怕被女生說「No」，會勇於奮戰到最後一刻。

「詹媽媽·姻緣網」公佈「求婚大作戰」問卷調查結果，發現星座和「相親積極度」與「求婚膽識」有關。牡羊座求婚來天不怕地不怕，獅子座開口求婚則巴不得全世界都知道！

工作人員五月間訪問一千兩百名會員，男、女各半，男性受訪年齡介於五十五年次至七十年次，女性則為六十四年次至七十二年次。另統計大學及碩博士超過六千筆會員資料發現，巨蟹座男生和獅子座女生，參加一對一相親的人數比例分居第一。

希不希望女生開口求婚？四成五受訪男性坦承：「太希望了」，因為天生被動；不過也有五成一男性強烈反彈，認為女生求婚讓人害怕，有被「逼婚」的感覺。

有趣的是，男女心中最佳求婚禮物，依序皆為「婚戒」、「鮮花」、「兩人紀念品」。高達九成二的男性，會以稀鬆平常口氣及讓對方驚喜的方式，開口求婚，僅百分之一決定採苦苦哀求的求婚術。

何種求婚詞最易被女生打回票？「我媽說挑個日子結一結」、「我們該辦一辦了」、「妳再不結婚，孩子會生不出來」、「我需要一個人幫我洗衣燒飯」、「只有我可以忍受你的壞脾氣」等，都屬十大差勁求婚詞。

而「我希望一早起來就看到妳在身邊」、「我真是個貪心的人！我想每天見到妳」、「我身分證上的配偶欄可以登記妳的名字嗎？」、「我會用盡全力給你一輩子的幸福」等，則被受訪女性公認是男性必勝求婚詞。

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TODAY'S WORDS 今日單字

1. **survey** /sə've/ n.

調查 (diao4 cha2)

例: According to the survey, the majority of users were satisfied with the software. (調查顯示，多數使用者對這套軟體感到滿意。)

2. **horoscope** /'hɒrəskɒp/ n.

占星術 (zhan1 xing1 shu4)

例: George checks his horoscope every morning, and sometimes makes important decisions based on it. (喬治每天早上都會查他的星座運勢，有時還會根據占星結果來做重大決定。)

3. **passive** /'pæsiv/ adj.

被動的 (bei4 dong4 de5)

例: The teacher criticized her students for being too passive, and demanded they participate more. (那位女老師教訓學生說他們太被動了，並要求他們更主動參與。)

4. **spouse** /spaʊs/ n.

配偶 (pei4 ou3)

例: The regulations state that spouses are eligible to attend the meeting. (按照規定，配偶也有資格參加這場會議。)