

Contents

- 1 game board
- 1 pink heart
- 1 black heart
- 110 question and activity cards
- 7 help chips
- 13 kissing lips tokens

A pencil and paper are required for recording your answers and wishes.



Heute schon geküsst?

Time for a rendezvous?

Game idea

Dear players and couples, in "Time for a rendezvous?" you will learn a whole new side of your partner that you never knew existed. Some things may surprise you, some will make you think, and some are sure to make you laugh. Especially if you have already known each other for a long time, you will have the opportunity to get to know your partner all over again. Even if you do not manage to score as high as you thought you would, don not give up; keep playing until you know your partner as well as you know yourself. Then you will both win—the game, and in real life.

I wish you lots of fun and success in your personal relationship.
Claudia Hartmann

Getting started

Place the **game board** in the middle of the table and the **pink and black hearts** on the starting position. Then, **one after the other**, assess how well you know your partner. Depending on how well you think you know your partner, the black heart gets a head start. If you think that you know one another really well, you advance the black heart by four spaces. If you think that you know one another fairly well, but still may be in for a few surprises, you advance the black heart by two spaces. And, if you think you do not know one another very well, the black heart remains on the starting position. Now it is your partner's turn to decide how well he or she thinks you know one another. Once you have both completed your assessment, the black heart should be anywhere from the starting position to 8 spaces ahead. Shuffle the **question and activity cards** thoroughly and put them into a pile. Put the **kissing lips tokens** and the **help chips** next to the game board.

Now both of you write down two personal wishes that you would like from your partner and let him or her know. Be creative, but also realistic, so that your wishes can be fulfilled directly following the game.

Aim of the game

If you manage to reach the goal with your pink heart before the black heart, you both win.

How to play

Together as a team you play against the black heart. Try to answer questions correctly and score points with activities. Decide who will begin. On your turn, draw the first card from the pile, turn it over and read the text on the reverse side. Depending on which card has been drawn, you do the following:

Question card

First, read the question quietly to yourself, without revealing it to your partner, and write down the answer on a piece of paper.

Two possibilities

- 1. You think your partner will be able to answer it right away**
Read the question aloud and let your partner answer. Usually it will not be possible to respond exactly as you have written down your answer. However, if you decide that your partner's answer is the same as what you have written down, just expressed differently, move your pink heart three spaces forward. If your partner cannot answer the question, or answers it incorrectly, move the black heart three spaces forward.
- 2. You think your partner will not be able to answer the question right away**
Help your partner by placing the number of help chips back into the game box you think he or she will need. For each help chip your partner has an additional attempt at answering the question correctly. Now, read the question aloud. If your partner uses up all attempts to answer the question correctly, move the pink heart three spaces forward. If your partner uses **less** attempts than the number of help chips allotted to answer the question correctly,

move the pink heart three spaces forward, **and, in addition**, your partner receives one kissing lips token. If your partner cannot answer the question correctly despite the help chips, move the black heart three spaces forward. All help chips allotted for this question are taken out of the game.

Example

You do not think that your partner will be able to answer the question on his or her first attempt, and you allot two help chips. Your partner now has three attempts to answer the question correctly: the initial attempt and an additional two attempts thanks to the help chips. If your partner is able to answer the question correctly on the third attempt, move the pink heart three spaces forward. If your partner is able to answer correctly with only one or two attempts, move the pink heart three spaces forward, and your partner receives one kissing lips token. If your partner cannot answer the question correctly, move the black heart three spaces forward.

Activity cards

Read the instructions aloud and write down on a piece of paper if you think you will receive one or two kissing lips tokens for this activity.

Now do the activity and let your partner decide how many kissing lips tokens you should get for it. Did you get the same number of kissing lips tokens that you wrote down? Then you get to move the pink heart one space forward. If you did not get the same number of kissing lips tokens that you wrote down, move the black heart one space forward, and return the kissing lips tokens that you just received. If there are no more kissing lips tokens left in the game, you have to give your partner kissing lips tokens from the ones that you have already received before. If you have not yet received any kissing lips tokens, you do not have to give your partner what you do not yet have. Once you have moved one of the two hearts forward, it is your partner's turn. Now your partner draws a card from the top of the pile and continues play as described above.

Wishes

If you have seven or more kissing lips tokens in your possession at the end of the game, you get to have one of your wishes that you wrote down throughout the course of the game fulfilled by your partner. Your partner gets to choose which wish he or she wants to fulfil. As soon as your pink heart has reached the goal the game is over. If the black heart reaches the goal before the pink heart, continue to move it forward onto the following spaces.

End of game

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How well do you know your partner?

The black heart did not make it to the end

Congratulations! It looks like you know each other really well. Relationships are not always easy, but you have a lot in common. Pick out a mutual project or goal that you can invest your time and energy into.

The black heart made it to one of the two purple spaces after the goal

Not bad! But I am sure you can do better. Maybe you just do not know one another all that well in the areas covered by the game. Or, maybe you have not been together for very long yet. It might be helpful to talk more and share more experiences with one another. If you play "Time for a rendezvous?" more often, you will get to know each other really well on all kinds of subjects.

The black heart made it to one of the two pink spaces after the goal

Unfortunately, the black heart reached the goal well ahead of you. You do not know each other very well, and do not know where you stand with your partner. Being honest about your feelings, having serious discussions and even arguments can bring you closer together.

The black heart made it to one of the two yellow spaces after the goal

You have managed to carry on a relationship without even actually knowing your partner. Respect! Not everyone can do that. Some pairs have not been together long enough, and some have been together too long, to know everything about their partner. Spend more time with one another, alone, and also among other friends. Sometimes it is the others who ask the questions that pique your interest. And often you will answer your friends more freely than you would your partner.

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