

Chapter 9 Objectives

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1. Discuss two characteristics that are universally important in terms of sexual attractiveness.
2. Explain the role of symmetry, scent, and physical traits in assessing physical sexual attractiveness.
3. Explain the sexual strategies theory as it relates to male and female mate selection.
4. Discuss the criticisms of the evolutionary perspective on mate selection.
5. Describe differences in sexual desire by gender and sexual orientation.
6. Evaluate the effects of “hooking up” on satisfaction and other relationship qualities.
7. Explain why erotophilia lends to healthier sexual attitudes and behaviors than erotophobia.
8. Describe a variety of autoerotic activities.
9. Define the relationship between sexual fantasy, sexual drive, and sexual satisfaction.
10. Differentiate sexual fantasies by gender and sexual orientation.
11. Identify five functions of sexual fantasies.
12. Describe the relationship between education, ethnicity, religion, and age with masturbation.
13. Explain why masturbation occurs in the context of sexual relationships.
14. Differentiate complementary, traditional, soulmate, and emotionally expressive sexual styles.
15. Explain the relationship between kissing, frequency of intercourse, and relationship quality.
16. Evaluate the health benefits of sexual activity.

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17. Identify a variety of sexual enhancements.
18. Explain the issues that arise when choosing lubrication.
19. Differentiate between a vibrator and a dildo.
20. Identify sexual enhancement devices for men and women.
21. Explain why some sexual enhancement devices have animals on them.