

## Interpreting the Results

If you have more As, you are in the **Lara Croft category: girls who are perceptive.**

What a self-confident girl you are! You know yourself well and can differentiate between a true "prince charming" and a "charming manipulator." You know the difference between flirtatious behaviour and an attitude indicative of sexual exploitation; you can tell who's part of a gang with bad intentions and then avoid these types of people. Congratulations! It's girls like you who experience true love stories with boys who will really be in love with you (yes, it happens!).

If you have more Bs, you are in the **Princess Mia category: girls who are informed.**

You are a reasonably well-informed person. You make mistakes from time to time but in the end you are rarely duped. Continue to be vigilant and make it a habit with your girlfriends of taking care of one another. It's better to experience beautiful love stories and avoid sad and dangerous ones.

If you have more Cs, you are in the **Moaning Myrtle category: girls who are isolated.**

You have to work on your self-esteem and become more perceptive. It's a well-known fact that gang members can pick out girls who have low self-esteem and who are likely to dance naked or get into prostitution for them. They think that if they give these girls just a little bit of love, they will do anything that is asked of them. Remember, however, that no girl deserves to be duped by a "charming manipulator" who uses her feelings to sexually exploit her.

What can you do to avoid being in a false love story?

- Be assertive and clearly express what you want, what you like and what you don't like.
- Never do anything you feel pressured into doing.
- Make sure that at all times you can go home or to a girlfriend's house without the help of your boyfriend.
- Above all, don't hesitate to talk to trusted friends or people about fears or doubts you may have regarding your relationship with your boyfriend.

Don't forget that there are several signs that help identify warning signs of recruiting. Direct or not, several messages can be used to lure you into prostitution or to sexually exploit you. Examples: *I need you to help me, I have big money problems, if you love me, you should help me pay... if you could just dance, there's a lot of money to be made in dancing... you're so beautiful and you have such a great body, that could bring in so much money... I know an easy way to make money...* Some behaviours and attitudes can also be good indicators of recruiting. Examples: great generosity in terms of attention and gifts (lodging, clothing, jewellery, outings, alcohol, drugs) social and economic control (isolating you from your friends and loved ones, controlling your money), psychological or verbal abuse (yelling or insulting), physical violence, etc.

## Break the Silence!

What do you do if you've trusted appearances too quickly and you think you're experiencing a false "love story"?

To get out of a difficult situation, the first thing to do is talk about it. You can talk to people you trust like:

- your parents;
- a friend;
- a teacher;
- the school nurse or social worker;
- a youth counsellor from your neighbourhood C.L.S.C.;
- your neighbourhood police officers
- a youth help line.

You want to know more about gang-run juvenile prostitution? You're worried about yourself or your best friend? You need support or would like to help your best friend? Don't hesitate to talk about it or to ask for somebody's help. In addition to the help you can get from a friend, a parent, a teacher or a counsellor, here are some organisations that can help you as well:

### Information and Referral Centre of Greater Montreal

Information on resources in the Montreal area  
(514) 527-1375  
www.info-reference.qc.ca

### Chez Pops

Day Centre for youths up to 25 years of age  
(514) 526-pops 7677  
www.danslarue.com

### Youth Action Committee, Montreal Youth Centre

Receiving and processing of reports on youths up to 18 years of age,  
24 hr/day (514) 896-3100  
www.centresjeunesse.qc.ca

### En Marge 12-17

Personalised supportive care and attention and lodging service for 12 to 17 year olds  
(514) 849-7117

### Kids Help Phone

1 800 668-6868,  
www.kidshelpphone.ca/en/a

### Le Bunker

Lodging service for 12-19 year olds  
(514) 524-0029, www.danslarue.com

### Street PACT

Service for street kids:  
Supportive listening, care and attention  
(514) 278-9181

### P.I.A.M.P. [I.P.M.P.]

Intervention Program for minors and prostitutes (514) 284-1267

### Tel-Jeunes

(514) 288-2266, www.teljeunes.com

### Spectre de rue

Service for street kids: Day Centre, coaching and reference  
(514) 524-5197, http://cam.org/spectre

### Montreal Sexual Assault Centre

24-hour emergency line  
(514) 934-4504

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Would you be able to tell the difference between a real Love story and a horror story?



Juvenile Prostitution and Street Gangs

Falling in love is wonderful. You think about him all day long. Every girl deserves to be in love with “**prince charming**,” and none deserves to be taken advantage of by a “**charming manipulator**” who, pretending to be a charming and thoughtful person, often has other intentions like recruiting girls to dance naked or to be prostitutes and who profits, along with his gang, from these activities. To avoid falling into such a trap, it is important to differentiate between real flirtatious behaviour and one that is indicative of sexual exploitation. Would you know the difference?

Some girls are more vulnerable than others and may fall prey to a “**charming manipulator**.” Are you one of them? What if your best friend fell for a “**charming manipulator**”? Would you be able to tell her that she's at risk?

To find out, fill out the following test to determine which of the three categories described in the results interpretation you belong to and to evaluate your degree of vulnerability.



## Definitions

### Prince Charming:



Someone who respects your feelings, opinions and limits, who is capable of making compromises and settling conflicts by talking about it and who accepts the fact that you may say no to certain things.

### Charming Manipulator



Someone who can be jealous and who sometimes puts you down, tries to isolate you and wants to use you.

### Prostitution:



Engaging in sexual activities in exchange for goods or services, mainly for reasons other than your own sexual or emotional needs.

### Street Gang:



More or less organised group of teenagers or young adults who, with some regularity, commit criminal or violent acts.

# .....Test.....

- Which of these personalities is more like yours?
  - Lara Croft?** A girl who is **perceptive**, who is well-informed and knows how to be respected.
  - Princess Mia of Genovia** (from the Princess Diaries)? A girl who is **informed** and sees things clearly but who may need support and encouragement from time to time to confirm her choices.
  - Moaning Myrtle** (from Harry Potter)? A girl who is **isolated**, constantly needs the approval of others and dares not assert herself.
- Which of these personalities is more like your best friend's?
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- What do you think real love is?
  - When there's a good balance between time for myself and time for my boyfriend.
  - When I spend a bit of time by myself but as much time as possible with my boyfriend.
  - When we're always, always together.
- To win the heart of the boy you're interested in, you have to be beautiful and...
  - Autonomous
  - Adorable
  - Sexy
- When you're having a conflict with your mother or father...
  - You don't always share their point of view but you can talk to them.
  - You slam the door to your room and stay in there all evening.
  - You don't even want to try talking to your parents, it's always useless anyway.
- Do your parents know your friends?
  - Yes and your parents even have the phone number of each of them.
  - Your parents know some of your friends.
  - Your parents know none of your friends, not even your best friend.
- Your best friend just got bad news and she's in a park crying all alone (yes, it happens). A boy that she doesn't know very well offers to help and suggests she come to his apartment to listen to some music. What do you think about this?
  - You think that she shouldn't follow him because she doesn't really know him and that she should call you instead and talk to you since you're her best friend.
  - You think that she shouldn't accept his invitation but that she could leave him her phone number.
  - He seems nice, so why not? After all, he could become a friend! Plus he's handsome and dresses fashionably. She could impress everybody with her new friend.



- Your best friend has been going out with her new boyfriend for a few weeks now. She calls crying and wants to see you. When she arrives, you realise that she has a black eye. She says that her boyfriend is stressed because he's broke. Now he wants her to help him make money. Because she's very much in love with him and that she understands that he's spent a lot on the gifts, she decides to help him by dancing naked for his friends. She'll do it only this once anyway. What do you do?
  - There's no way this guy loves your friend if he's asking her to do that! You tell her to talk to someone about it immediately and to get help. You offer to go with her to ask for help.
  - Does this guy really love your friend? You ask her to wait before she starts dancing and to get some information on the subject. You tell her she should go talk to an adult she trusts.
  - You're completely shocked! He's so handsome! You don't understand how he could ask her to dance naked.



- Your best friend finally decided to follow the boy in the park. She's known him for three days now and often goes to his apartment. She's head over heels in love. She's wearing a new leather coat and a beautiful ring he's given her. She says that he has lots of friends and that they go out every night. What do you think?
  - You have a bad feeling about this boy and his group of friends. Her love story seems to be going too fast.
    - You're happy for her but you think that she should take a bit more time to know him better.
    - You think she's lucky. Maybe she could invite you to one of these parties and that way you could make new friends too.



- Your best friend has been seeing her new boyfriend for six days now. She's always at his place. She tells you that she's tried drugs for the first time and that it wasn't that bad. She says that her boyfriend could invite you over too to introduce you to his friends. What do you do?
  - You refuse categorically. Your best friend's love story is sounding worse and worse.
  - You answer that you want to think about it, but maybe one day.
  - You accept. After all, your best friend has been going to parties every night since she's met her new boyfriend. Finally, she has an interesting life and her new gang invites her everywhere.



Count how many times you've circled the letter A, B and C.