



WHILE WAITING FOR THE MAKE-UP man, David, Shirley and Susan carry on a lively conversation. It's not unusual to find them talking on a variety of subjects from their personal lives to world problems.

Dear Patrice,

I'm flattered that you wrote to me for advice, and I really hope I'll be of some help! Speaking from experience, lots of guys—especially when they're young—are very shy about expressing their feelings to the girl they like. Fortunately for the girls, they're usually one up on the guy anyway, and know just what he's thinking! But that can be your little secret—you don't have to let on that you know! Just continue being sweet and don't pressure him into saying anything, and when he feels he's ready to tell you, you'll be the first to know!

Dear Susan,

I've got a problem that I'm sure every girl runs into sooner or later, as it has to do with dating. I'm 14 and would like to know if it's proper to kiss a guy on the first date. How should I act when he takes me to the door?

Nervously waiting,
Lorri C.

Dear Lorri,

First of all, you should act very naturally—there's no reason to be nervous or uptight! Since a kiss is a very personal thing, you should do what you feel is right, but I think if the two of you had a pleasant evening and enjoyed each other's company, there's no reason to fret over giving him a good-night kiss at the door. It should be his move, however, so if he doesn't follow through, you shouldn't linger at the door waiting for it to happen. That'll make it obvious, and that's something you don't want to do! But if you let things happen naturally, they'll work out fine and you won't have to worry about a thing!

Dear David,

I heard all about your exciting trip to Europe and would like to be one of the first to welcome you back home! How did it feel to finally get away on

Jackie Ireland

your well-deserved vacation?

Love,
Jackie Ireland

Dear Jackie,

Thanks for the friendly wishes—it's good to be back home! I loved my vacation in Europe—it's a place I've wanted to visit for as long as I can remember! I especially liked England and Italy, and learning about the European customs. I'd like to go back there again someday!

Dear Susan,

I'm doing a project on fashions and would like your honest opinions on the following styles: mini's, midi's, maxi's, hot pants, and accessories like chokers and beads. Thank you!

Cynthia Choptinanyj
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Dear Cynthia,

Whew, that's quite a list! But starting at the top, I love mini dresses and

skirts! They're probably most fashionable and can be dressed up or down depending on your mood. The same goes for maxi dresses, which are comfortable for lounging—even if you have no particular place to go! Midi's, on the other hand, are more limited in the places they can be worn, as you wouldn't necessarily go to a fancy party with boots and a skirt below your knees. But they're groovy on occasion, and hot pants are terrific for summer-wear! As far as accessories go, I'm all for chokers and beads, or anything to complement an outfit. As long as they're worn in moderation—so that you're not weighed down by beads—they're one of the greatest inventions to come along!

Dear David,

Today I bought your first solo album and think it's really great. My two favorite songs are "Could It Be Forever" and "Ricky's Tune." Which ones do you like best? Is the Partridge Family going to release a fifth album? By the way, your show is great!

Rosaria Coviello
Madison, N.J.

Dear Rosaria,

I'm so glad you liked my album and took the time to write and tell me. I was a little worried at first, wondering if I made the right decision about recording a solo, but letters like yours have reassured me that I had made a wise choice! "Ricky's Tune" is one of my favorite selections from the album too because it was a song I wrote with a very personal meaning. I'm glad to hear you like it! As far as Partridge albums go, our fifth album is out now and it's called "The Partridge Family Shopping Bag!" Hope you like it!



TEASING EACH OTHER is all part of the fun on the Partridge set when the cameras aren't rolling. Going into its third year of production this spring, the show continues to pull in top ratings over the U.S.