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Flirtatious Intentions

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 Behind most conversations initiated by a girl towards a boy, there is some underlying flirtatiousness that is understood by both parties in the situation, given, of course, that both parties are heterosexual. A friendly, attractive girl meets a lonely, but sociable boy. Thus begins the initial interaction. It is tacitly understood that in this first meeting many options, ranging from staying just friends to becoming a couple, are opened to the two. These options may be in the back of their heads, but they are there none-the-less. They engage in conversation, maybe even small-talk. This is reciprocated coquettishness, but it is not blatant or obvious like it is portrayed in movies. It stems from simple conversation; the content of which is not even that relevant. Throughout the conversation flirty behaviors, such as laughing or excessive smiling, imply interest and the desire to know more about one another. Physical behavior implies a lot as well. Direct eye contact shows confidence and a willingness to listen.

Without it being implicitly stated, both know that they do *not* know each other, and yet there is a lot that they do know. They have just met, but they already know that at least one of them is looking for a friend, willing and able to talk, and most importantly, interested in getting to know the other. As they part, they will know what will most likely come of their meeting, and perhaps that is nothing. All that can be said for sure is that they both know that behind their simple conversation were flirtatious intentions. The rest of the story is still unknown.