

1. Best friend (*GIRLS OR MIXED GROUP*)

Sal Guess what? I'm going to Guildford.

F1 Guildford?

Sal Guildford! You know the music festival.

F1 Not the Guildford? Talk about lucky! How come?

Sal Mads is taking me - for free!

F1 Wait a minute, he's seventeen isn't he? You haven't made him any promises I hope.

Sal What do you mean?

F1 He's bound to want something in return.

Sal Sex?

F1 Get real, 'course he does! Listen, Sal, remember we promised each other, we wouldn't have sex until we're really serious – in a long term relationship.

Sal Well, we're not that serious.

F1 Can I come too, with Tony? He won't mind paying and we can look after each other.

At this stage in the story, how much pressure is being put on Sal to have sex?

How much is her friend adding to the pressure?

Is her suggestion to come along as well likely to improve the weekend?

(F)

9. Mum (GIRLS OR MIXED GROUP)

Mum Are you sleeping in a tent?

Sal What do you think mum? – There aren't any hotels.

Mum Well, I think you're going to be cold.

Sal I will in my sleeping bag - it's rubbish.

Mum Borrow dad's sleeping bag – the good one. He won't mind. Don't forget your toothbrush.

Sal That's all you worry about when I go away.

Mum No it's not. Take your mobile, call me about anything - even if you are only worried – its good to talk about it, I'll keep mine turned on all weekend.

How would you describe the relationship between Sal and her mum?

How much does her mum care about Sal?

Why do you think the mum suggested borrowing dad's sleeping bag?

What sort of thing do you think Sal might phone her mum about?
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5. Another friend (GIRLS OR MIXED GROUP)

(Create your own name for the friend F1)

- Sal** F1 thinks I need protecting so she's coming as well, with Tony.
- F2** You've got no problem. Mads is cool.
- Sal** I'm a bit, you know, nervous. Camping and everything.
- F2** Mads is a really nice guy – it's his image. There's no way he'll pressure you. He's in with some of the roadies; you'll have a great time.
- Sal** How come you know so much about him?
- F2** Him and my brother are mates. They've only got one thing on their mind. And it's not sex!
- Sal** What is it?
- F2** Music! Arctic Monkeys, Adele, Kings of Leon, Nittin Sawney. World Music, Floyd. I've never heard of half the stuff they're into. They've got rubbish taste.
- Sal** He's going out with me isn't he?
- F2** Exactly! No, seriously, you won't get any problems from him at bed time. So long as he doesn't take his guitar.

How is Sal feeling now about going away with Mads?

Does Mads sound like the kind of guy who is going to put Sal under pressure to have sex?

Why does F2 seem to know so much about Mads?

(F)

4. Wise Aunt (GIRLS OR MIXED GROUP)

Aunt Take wet-wipes.

Sal What?

Aunt You know, baby wipes, for when you change a baby's nappy.

Sal I'm not a baby.

Aunt Listen, I know about these things. The toilets will be really awful. They'll be full by Sunday morning, with no toilet roll, no soap, nothing.

Sal Going to the loo? Is that all you remember?

Aunt No, it's just that feeling all sweaty and grimy down there can be a real turn-off. At least if you use wet-wipes you'll feel fresh.

Sal What do you mean 'turn-off'?

Aunt I expect he thinks he'll be getting sex off you.

Sal Well, he's not.

Aunt Well if he does try it on, be really straight. Tell him sex was never part of the deal, you're not ready for it and if that's all he wants he's got the wrong girl.

Which bits of advice that the aunt gave to Sal were the most useful?

Do you think Sal would find it easier to say 'No' to Mads now she has talked with her aunt?

How would you describe the character of the aunt?

Why did Sal talk to her aunt about the festival?

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2. Friend(s) (BOYS OR MIXED GROUP)

Mads I've gone and invited Sal to come with us to Guildford.

F1 That's cool. She's a real laugh. Could be your lucky weekend.

Mads Well she might be up for sex, but I'm not. I certainly don't want to go all the way. We really enjoy getting close and physical and stuff, but I'm not up for full sex.

F1 Should have a good time then! What you worried about?

Mads I'm mostly thinking about the price of those tickets and I don't want to spoil the weekend getting stressed about sex and condoms and stuff.

Then there'll be all my mates listening and asking questions and stuff – no way!

F1 So why did you ask her?

Mads Look, we do really fancy each other, but mostly she's cool and likes music.

F1 Yeah but she might expect it.

Mads She's still only sixteen!

F1 Well, just tell her. Sleep in a different tent. She's too young anyway. If you've got a good relationship you should be able to talk about it.

What was Mads worried about?

What useful advice did his friend give him?

If Mads was worried about what was going to happen, who should he be talking to?

(F)

3. Teacher (BOYS OR MIXED GROUP)

Teacher Guildford? Better make sure you're back on Monday.

Sal/Mads That's cool. We've got lifts there and back.

Teacher Stay away from the booze. It's a really long weekend and a lot can go wrong.

Sal/Mads What do you mean? We'll be listening to music most of the time.

Teacher Sounds good, but drink loads of water. Don't let things get out of control.

Sal/Mads Why? That's part of the fun of it, going a bit wild.

Teacher You don't want to do what my friend did. First afternoon, got a bit carried away on the atmosphere and booze, got lost and couldn't find the way back to the tent. Ended up collapsing in ditch.

Sal/Mads At least it was summer. Was your friend OK?

Teacher Woke up next morning - wallet was gone, and so had the best bands.

What is the effect of alcohol when it comes to controlling your behaviour?

What useful advice did the teacher give?

How would you describe the character of the teacher?

Sal is sixteen and Mads is seventeen, what advice would you give them about going to a music festival?

6. Another friend (F2) (BOYS OR MIXED GROUP)

F2 Still with Sal?

Mads Yeah.

F2 Serious?

Mads Taking her to Guildford.

F2 She got a job then?

Mads No, I'm paying.

F2 You must really like her.

Mads I do.

F2 How old?

Mads Sixteen. She's more mature than you think.

F2 Bit young. No hurry though.

Mads What do you mean?

F2 Your first proper girlfriend isn't it?

Mads Yeah, and I'm her first boyfriend.

F2 Give yourselves a bit of time.

What does Mads' friend mean when he says, 'Give yourselves a bit of time'?

Is this friend putting Mads under any pressure?

How would you describe the relationship between Mads and Sal?

How long is Mads hoping to keep Sal as his girlfriend?

(F)

10. Dad (BOYS OR MIXED GROUP)

Dad You're what?

Mads Taking her to the festival.

Dad Blimey, you don't hang around. Next you'll be telling me you're sleeping in the same tent.

Mads We are.

Dad Holy Moses! I work in the same place as her father.

Mads You think I'm completely irresponsible don't you! I actually respect girls. They're real people, not just a bit of fluff or crumpet only good for what's inside their knickers.

Dad Every bloke says that until they've had a few beers.

Mads Thank god I didn't get my sex education off you! I've never had sex, and I don't want the first time to be in a tent with my mates sniggering next door.

Dad Sex education or no sex education, human instincts don't suddenly change! Seriously Mads, I think she's a real cracker. But one stupid mistake and it's all a real mess!

Mads Look I need you to give us a lift there in the car.

Dad You've got a cheek! Right, this is the deal. First I speak to her father, second we make sure she has a tent with a girl friend, third he agrees to pick you up!

Mads Cool! Hey dad, you're not a dumb as you look!

How would you describe the relationship between Mads and his father?

What is the dad worried about?

What reasons has his dad got for not trusting Mads?

Why did the dad want to tell Sal's father what was going on and get him to pick them up?

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7. School Nurse (ANY GROUP)

Nurse **How can I help?**

Mads **Well, I sort of need some condoms?**

Nurse **Why ‘sort of’? Are you planning to have sex?**

Mads **Not really... It might happen... it’s just that I’m not up for it.**

Nurse **If you’re not up for it, then don’t do it. Have you talked about it together?**

Mads **No.**

Nurse **Then definitely don’t do it. Why might it happen?**

Mads **I’m taking my girlfriend away to a music festival - camping. She might expect it.**

Nurse **Talk about it with her first. Then come and talk to me – both of you if you want. If I say ‘Take some condoms’, that’s even more pressure.**

Mads **I could take some and not tell her.**

Nurse **You really should be talking with her. You might find she’s not up for it. If you want condoms, I can get you an appointment for tonight –they’re free!**

Where could you get advice and free condoms around here?

If Mads wasn’t expecting to get condoms from the nurse why did he go to see her?

What was the nurse’s advice?

Why did the nurse not say “Take some condoms”?

What would you advise Mads about taking condoms? **(F)**

8. School Counsellor (ANY GROUP)

Counsellor **Sounds fantastic. I've done Guildford. Watch out for the weed.**

Sal **What you on about?**

Counsellor **You know, 'gange', 'dope', 'spliffs'. if it smokes, don't touch it.**

Sal **I never smoke anything.**

Counsellor **Don't even think about starting. It can really screw people up. And I'm not saying that just because I'm a counsellor. I've seen decent friends go down the pan.**

Sal **Same for me. There's no way I'm going to smoke.**

Counsellor **Great - will you take condoms?**

Sal **I really don't want to have sex.**

Counsellor **Well that's fine, you needn't. He's seventeen. You can just tell him you're not up for it. He'll understand. -**

Sal **Thanks. That's cool.**

Counsellor **About the contraception – you do know about the free and confidential services around here don't you?**

Sal **Yeah. Did it in Sex Ed. – we all got those cards with numbers on.**

Counsellor **Should be a great festival. It's always a brilliant line up. Drop in on Monday and tell me how it went. If you ever want to talk about contraception, I'm always here.**

Where would a young person get free and confidential services around here?

Why did the Counsellor suggest Sal should drop in on Monday?

How helpful is the Counsellor to Sal?

How would you describe the character of the Counsellor ?

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