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**Q** I went down on my girlfriend for the first time the other night. She was really enjoying it, but I have to admit the smell made me want to vomit. What can she do to “freshen up” and, more importantly, how do I suggest she does it without horribly offending her?

Robert, freshman

**A** I’m not going to lie to you. There isn’t really a good way to say that to any woman, so perhaps taking some discrete steps is a better route. There are a few things you can do to gently steer her in the right direction without being too rude. Getting her into the shower is one option. A little warm water and some suds will get your girlfriend’s honey pot smelling more like roses instead of the dumpster behind your apartment. Also, some couples enjoy incorporating cough drops into oral interaction. The menthol in your Halls can help mask odor and increase stimulation. But after a while, she might start to wonder why you only do the deed after a joint shower or with the help of an after-dinner mint. So, the next time you go shopping, gently steer her into the feminine hygiene aisle while playing dumb (an act I have full confidence you can pull off). “What is FDS anyway?” you might subtly wonder aloud. Repeatedly, if necessary. Hint hint. If she doesn’t catch on after all of this, you’re going to have to confront her about it. Or you could just leave Ethos out on your kitchen table. Opened to this page. With this question circled. In red marker, with giant arrows pointing at these words. And then ask her if she’s read this edition yet. Regardless, be gentle. Women don’t exactly enjoy hearing that the smell of their snack bar makes you want to vomit. No matter how you bring it up, good luck. You’ll need it.

**Q** Is it bad that I like scat porn?

Brian, junior

**A** For the less informed among you, scat is a particular fetish where excrement is used in all types of interesting ways. Not surprising, this is not a big turn-on for many people, but I’m not here to judge. If I were here to judge though, I would say something along the lines of “Ew.” But whatever gets your motor running, just because it doesn’t do the job for most people, it’s not bad that you’re a fan. Like all things sexual, there’s nothing wrong with your particular tastes as long as it doesn’t cause harm to others and it doesn’t become an obsession in your life. If you’re skipping class or ignoring your friends just to spend some more time on your computer looking at defecation pics, then you have a problem. However, being into the poop porn doesn’t mean you’re fundamentally messed up. As Human Sexuality Prof Robert Hensley put it, “Those that like scat porn certainly follow the beat of a different drum … this does not make those people interested in scat porn bad.” Just not someone you’d want to shake hands with.
Q: My boyfriend and I have been dating for several months, but we haven’t had sex yet. We’ve both had sexual relationships before and I really want to get him in the sack, but I don’t want to seem like a slut. How long should I wait before I make a move and go for it?

Karen, senior

A: If you’re ready, he’s probably been ready since the first night you went out. Well, maybe not the first night, but he’s been ready to knock boots for a while. Plus, if you’ve been waiting for a few months and you’ve been with the same guy, you are not a slut. You are just an average woman who is comfortable with her sexuality and with making the first move. Go with your instincts. Trust me, he’s ready. He’ll choose you over one of his tube socks, put on some Chris Isaac, and end the drought. He’ll be happily surprised.

Q: Why do men think they know everything about sex?

Jennifer, sophomore

A: Because men think they know everything about everything. Cars, politics, the human body, the opening day rosters of the Yankees for the last 30 years, how to travel from point A to point B. So, of course they’re going to think they know everything about sex. It’s also more uncommon for men to ask questions about sex because they’re afraid of seeming inexperienced or ignorant. Society’s pressure on men to be experienced and knowledgeable about sex may also have something to do with this problem. Human Sexuality Professor Robert Hensley said men are socialized in our culture not only to be dominant sexually but also to know a great deal about sex. And if they don’t know, they lie. “Hot trout goombo grind?” “Oh sure, I’ve done that.” At any rate, the only person who can truly know everything about sex would have to be experienced and open to asking questions.

Q: Are there any vibrators you can plug in? I’m sick of making late-night runs to the store for more batteries.

Lauren, sophomore

A: Actually, in the beginning, all vibrators were plug-in models. But the sex toy developers didn’t let that success make them complacent. They knew they could develop a more versatile vibrator, so that pleasure was no longer restricted to a small radius around an outlet. Success! Travel-sized battery-operated models were developed. This new feature took the vibrator out of the bedroom and into cars, theaters, parks, offices, boats, classrooms... you get the idea. But the funny thing about battery-operated vibrators is that you need batteries to operate them. So if you’ve found yourself rummaging through your junk drawer because your sex act outlasted the Energizer, a plug-in option might be a handy back-up to have around. Surprisingly, none of Ames’ fine establishments carry this type of pleasure stick, but there’s an abundance of Internet sites selling plug-in models. Whatever you do, stay out of the tub.

Q: What’s the big difference between circumcised and uncircumcised guys? I mean, I know the physical difference, but in terms of pleasure? Cleanliness?

Molly, junior

A: Well, I’m glad you know the physical difference. I thought for a second I was going to have to break out the “snake wearing a turtleneck” analogy. But seriously, while most males don’t have a choice in the circumcision decision, there is at least one notable advantage for the guys who still have their protective cover. According to human sexuality prof Robert Hensley, the uncircumcised guy enjoys greater sensitivity in any act involving his man muscle. As far as cleanliness goes, there’s no huge difference. It just depends on the cleanliness of the man. If he’s dirty and grimy all the time, it doesn’t matter how he’s situated down there, it’s no where you’d want to go. But, if he’s into showering on a regular basis and changes his boxers at least once a day, his tool should be clean enough to eat off of. And I’m thinking he just might like that.