

Speed Dating

The concept of speed dating originated in Los Angeles, California in 1999. It was invented by a rabbi to help singles in the Jewish community find a partner. Originally, singles were given eight minutes together, to make an impression before moving on to the next potential partner. At the end of the rotation they wrote down who was hot and who was not, and in the case of a good match contact details were exchanged.

The concept was soon exported, and took off in London in 2000. The craze soon spread all over the UK, and spawned Speed Dating Agencies and an Internet Site for finding Mr. or Ms. right. The eight minute limit is supposedly based on science. It is the time required for our hormones to tell us whether the person opposite us is a potential mate. In our increasingly busy lives, where traditional courtship rituals are disappearing this time limit has now been further reduced to only three minutes, about the same time it takes us to brush our teeth.

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Vocabulary

- * speed dating - a method of meeting a potential romantic partner by briefly talking to a series of individuals at an event

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