

SEXUAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOUR

How long should sex last?


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It is important to understand that **there is no "normal" duration for sex**, as it depends on the people involved, their preferences, and the context of the situation. Given the assumption that any sex act is supposed to be pleasurable for both parties, how long it should last will be determined best by the people involved and no one else.

So, the answer to the question of how long sex should last is **"as long as we are both enjoying it and not one second longer."** And the best way to determine that is with: communication.



How long sex lasts can have many variables: age, how familiar the couple are to each other, whether other sexual acts are included, whether there are breaks in the action, etc. Some sexual encounters might be quick and spontaneous, while others can be slower and more explorative. Communication with your partner is key to understanding each other's desires and comfort levels. Discussing preferences, and boundaries, and experimenting together can lead to a more satisfying sexual experience.

It is essential to remember that factors such as mood, health, stress levels, and personal comfort all play a role in how long sex might last. Additionally, just focusing on the duration of intercourse might overlook the importance of other aspects of sexual intimacy. **Emotional connection, foreplay, and aftercare** (which could look like time spent cuddling or talking after sex) **all contribute to a positive sexual experience**. It is about the entire journey, not just the destination. What matters most is that both partners feel comfortable, respected, and fulfilled.



If you find yourself measuring your experiences against outside expectations or feeling pressured by what society thinks, it's important to let go of those ideas. Instead of stressing about specific timelines, focus on talking openly and making sure you both feel comfortable. Having a chat about what your sexual preferences are can only make things better and help you forget about silly timelines!



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