

— TURN THE —
TALKING STAGE
— INTO A —
REAL THING



*Move Him From **Unsure** to **Certain**.*



Hello, Friend!

My name is Dede Okeke. I wrote this small book just for you. It is a bonus gift. It is short. It is easy to read. And it will help you a lot.

Are you talking to someone right now, but you are not sure where it is going? Maybe you text every day. Maybe you have gone on a few dates. But he has not said what you two really are.

This is called the 'talking stage'. It can feel exciting, but it can also feel confusing. You may be asking yourself, 'Will this ever become real?'

This book has 11 short lessons. Each one will help you gently move things forward, from unsure to certain. Read one lesson a day, or read them all today.

A LITTLE PROMISE

By the end of this book, you will know clear, gentle steps to help your talking stage grow into something real.

What Is The Talking Stage?

The talking stage is the time before two people become a real couple. You are getting to know each other, but nothing is official yet.

This stage can be fun. You learn about each other slowly. But it can also feel shaky, because you do not know if it will lead anywhere.

The good news is, you are not powerless in this stage. There are gentle, honest ways to help things move forward, without begging or forcing anyone.

This book will show you those ways, one small step at a time.

REMEMBER THIS

A talking stage that never grows is telling you something too. Growth is the goal, not staying stuck forever.

Know What You Want

Before you try to move him from unsure to certain, be certain yourself first. What do you really want from this?

Do you want a serious relationship? Do you want to date and see how it grows? Knowing your own answer helps you speak clearly, instead of guessing what he wants.

When you know your own heart, you stop chasing confusion. You start moving with purpose, and that confidence is very attractive.

- Write down what kind of relationship you truly want.
- Be honest with yourself, not just hopeful.
- Know your own timeline, even if it can bend a little.
- Do not decide your wants based only on his mood.

TRY IT NOW

Take five quiet minutes today and write down exactly what you want from this connection.

Be Easy To Talk To

People move closer to those who make them feel safe and calm. If talking to you feels heavy or tense, he may pull back without meaning to.

Being easy to talk to does not mean being fake or too soft. It means listening well, staying calm, and not attacking him when he makes small mistakes.

When he feels safe with you, he naturally wants to share more, open up more, and spend more time getting closer.

- Listen more than you speak during your talks.
- Stay calm, even when a topic feels a little tense.
- Avoid harsh jokes or teasing that can hurt feelings.
- Let him feel he can be honest with you, without fear.

SIMPLE TRUTH

People move toward comfort and away from pressure. Be the comfort.

Show, Do Not Just Tell

Words are good, but actions speak even louder. Show him the kind of partner you would be, through small daily actions.

This could be remembering small details he told you, checking on him during a hard day, or simply being consistent, not hot and cold.

When your actions match your words, trust grows naturally. Trust is the bridge that turns talking into something real.

- Remember small details he shares with you.
- Be consistent, not hot one day and cold the next.
- Show kindness in small, quiet, everyday ways.
- Let your actions match the words you say to him.

SMALL HABIT

Pick one small kind action you can do this week, and do it without expecting anything back.

Give Him Space To Miss You

It may feel tempting to text all day, every day. But too much closeness too fast can remove the excitement of missing someone.

Giving space does not mean ignoring him. It means having your own full life too, so he notices the gaps when you are busy living it.

A person who misses you is a person whose feelings are growing. Space, used gently, can help feelings grow stronger, not weaker.

- Keep enjoying your own hobbies, friends, and goals.
- Do not reply to every message the second it arrives.
- Let him reach out sometimes, instead of always you.
- Trust that healthy space builds real, lasting interest.

GENTLE REMINDER

A full, happy life of your own is one of the most attractive things you can have.

Have Real Conversations

Small talk is fine at first, but real closeness grows from deeper conversations. Talk about dreams, fears, family, and what matters to you both.

Ask him questions about his life, and truly listen to his answers. Share your own answers too. This is how two people go from strangers to something real.

Deep conversations build emotional closeness, and emotional closeness is often what turns 'just talking' into something much more.

- Ask about his goals, dreams, and what excites him.
- Share your own hopes and stories honestly too.
- Avoid conversations that are only jokes or surface talk.
- Notice how he responds when topics get a little deep.

TRY THIS

This week, ask him one deep question you have never asked before, and really listen.

Notice His Effort

Pay close attention to how much effort he puts in too. Real interest shows up in consistent actions, not just sweet words now and then.

Does he plan time to see you? Does he reply within a normal time? Does he ask about your day? These small things show where his heart really is.

If the effort is only coming from your side, that is important information. Moving forward should feel like something you are both building together.

- Notice who usually starts the conversations, him or you.
- Notice if he makes real plans, not just vague promises.
- Notice if he checks on you without being asked to.
- Balance matters. Watch for it gently, over several weeks.

HONEST CHECK

Effort should flow both ways. If it does not, it is okay to ask yourself why.

Meet In Person Often

Texting can feel close, but real bonds grow best face to face. Try to meet in person when you can, even for something small and simple.

In person, he can see your smile, hear your laugh, and feel your presence. These things build a stronger bond than any text message ever could.

If distance makes this hard, video calls are the next best thing. Try to make your time together feel real, not just typed words on a screen.

- Suggest simple, low-pressure meetups, like coffee or a walk.
- Use video calls if meeting in person is not possible yet.
- Let him see the real you, not just a perfect text version.
- Notice how the connection feels different in person.

SIMPLE IDEA

Suggest one small, relaxed meetup this week, nothing too big or too pressured.

Ask The Gentle Question

At some point, someone has to ask what this really is. It can feel scary, but a gentle, honest question is often the bravest, clearest step forward.

You do not need to demand an answer. You can simply say, 'I really enjoy this. I would love to know where you see this going.' Calm and honest words work best.

His answer, or the way he avoids answering, will tell you a lot. Either way, you will finally have clarity instead of guessing.

- Choose a calm, private moment for this conversation.
- Speak gently, without anger, blame, or pressure.
- Be ready to truly hear his honest answer.
- Remember, clarity is always better than confusion.

BRAVE STEP

Practice saying your gentle question out loud, alone, before you say it to him.

Watch For Warm Signs

As things move forward, look for warm signs that show he is becoming certain too, not just staying comfortable in the talking stage.

These signs include him introducing you to friends, talking about future plans with you in them, or calling you his girlfriend without being asked.

Warm signs, added together over time, usually mean his heart is moving in the same direction as yours.

- He introduces you to his friends or family members.
- He talks about future plans that clearly include you.
- He uses words like 'we' and 'us' more often now.
- He seems proud, not shy, to be seen with you.

KEEP WATCHING

Do not look for just one big sign. Look for many small, warm signs building up over time.

Know When To Let Go

Sometimes, even after all your effort, a person stays unsure. This is hard to accept, but it is important to know when to gently let go.

If weeks turn into months with no real growth, no clear answer, and no real effort from him, it may be time to protect your own heart and move on.

Letting go is not failure. It is choosing yourself, and staying open for someone who is ready to be certain about you too.

- Notice if months pass with truly no forward movement.
- Notice if your gentle question is avoided again and again.
- Give yourself permission to want more than confusion.
- Trust that the right person will not leave you unsure.

FINAL THOUGHT

You deserve someone who is excited and certain, not someone who leaves you always wondering.

Talking Stage Checklist

Go through this short list to gently check how your talking stage is really growing.

1. I know clearly what I want from this connection.
2. Talking to me feels easy, calm, and safe for him.
3. My actions match the words I say to him.
4. I still enjoy my own full, happy life outside of this.
5. We have real, deep conversations, not just small talk.
6. His effort matches mine, not just from one side.
7. We meet in person or video call, not only text.
8. I feel ready to ask the gentle question if needed.

Your 7-Day Action Plan

Reading is good, but small daily actions turn 'talking' into something real. Try this simple plan for one week.

DAY 1

Write down exactly what you want from this connection.

DAY 2

Do one small, kind action for him without being asked.

DAY 3

Enjoy your own hobbies and let him reach out first.

DAY 4

Ask him one deep question and truly listen to his answer.

DAY 5

Notice and write down his efforts this week so far.

DAY 6

Suggest a simple, relaxed meetup in person or by video.

DAY 7

If it feels right, gently ask the certain-or-unsure question.

You Are Ready To Move Forward

You have finished this bonus guide. Now you have 11 gentle, honest ways to help your talking stage grow into something real.

Remember, real love cannot be forced or rushed. But it can be gently guided with honesty, patience, and self respect, one small step at a time.

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