

Ten Things  
You Don't Know  
About Women

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1.

Any name with more than eight letters is just a noose around our neck—I know this because my real name is Emmanuelle. But before giving us a nickname, just ask, “Can I call you E Dawg?”

2.

The answer is “No.”

3.

We’re interfering because we mean well. There’s an alley behind my gym, and I kept seeing these two cats there. I started leaving bowls of food with the idea that I would befriend the cats and take them to a vet. One day this man came up, so pissed off, and he told me that he lives in the alley with these cats. He said, “I *knew* someone was feeding them because Daisy was having diarrhea.” I thought I was a hero, but I was the jerk giving a homeless guy’s cat diarrhea.

4.

We hate being called “hot.” *Hot* is for stoves and vacation destinations.

5.

We will do anything to get out of a bad date. One time I got set up with a guy who was like, “You’re Jewish? You don’t *look* Jewish. Huh. I don’t know that I’ve ever met someone Jewish before!”

10.

Unless we are in a fight. In that case, I CAN GET MY OWN DAMN DOOR.

9.

We love it when you open doors for us.

8.

We’re writing our dreams down so we can analyze them in the morning. People were sick at work this week, and I had a dream that I was locked on a soundstage that sarin gas was being pumped into. But I don’t need to be Freud to realize I’m nervous about getting bronchitis.

6.

Activities we do with our girlfriends, in ascending order of how embarrassing they are: drinking, crafting, watching *The Bachelor*, stalking the babies of our high school nemeses on social media.

7.

Reading that over, we should really spend more time reading Proust.



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