

HELPFUL ADVICE

Martha: Did I tell you that I met someone new?

Stacy: No! That's great!

Martha: Thanks. And we have so much in common. I feel like I know him intimately even though I've only known him for a few weeks.

Stacy: Where did you meet him?

Martha: At the grocery store. We were both in line when I noticed that we were buying the exact same items! Kleenex[®], an eggplant, and bath soap.

Stacy: That's incredible! So what did you do?

Martha: Well, I just started talking to him, and he invited me to go out for coffee. He's a writer, and he lives only half a block away from me!

Stacy: It sounds like you guys were made for each other. You're both writers, you live on the same street, you even both like eggplant. I can't believe you met him in a public place like the grocery store.

Martha: Me neither. So, what about you, Stacy?

Stacy: Me? A boyfriend? I don't know. I always feel so awkward around people. I never know what to say.

Martha: Well, the best way to start is just by saying *hello*.