

## Are you in the Friend Zone? - Letters from Pea

<b>Signs.</b> <i>Watch out for ↓</i>	<b>ATTRACTION</b> <i>She probably likes you if...</i>	<b>AFFECTION</b> <i>You're probably in the Friend Zone if...</i>	<b>REJECTION</b> <i>It might be best to move on if...</i>	<b>CAVEAT</b>
<b>Initiation.</b>	She reaches out.	She does not ignore you, but she does not go out of her way to reach out.	She tolerates or ignores/avoids you.	A woman who initiates will become exasperated. Take control.
<b>Exceptions.</b>	She goes out of her way/makes exceptions for you.	She does not go out of her way – at least not more than she would for her other friends.	She makes no effort whatsoever to keep in touch.	Falling asleep while texting you (exception) is better than saying “See ya, I’m sleepy” (comfort).
<b>Situations.</b>	She creates convenient damsel-in-distress scenarios.	You only hear from her when she needs help, or when she's single.	She avoids you even when she knows you're the only one who can help her.	1)Maybe she really is a damsel-in-distress. 2)Maybe she's reaching out when she's single to show you she's available.
<b>Public Relations.</b>	She carefully considers the way she presents herself, physically and intellectually, to you.	She couldn't care less if you found her in pajamas with a face mask on her face and stockings on her head.	She avoids you at all costs, so you generally have no idea what she is or isn't doing.	Some women would have different hair/nails every week regardless of their level of attraction to you.
<b>Examination.</b>	She interviews you, on a deep/non-superficial level.	She waits for you to volunteer information, your conversations are mostly superficial or only deep in regards to other guys.	She seems like she couldn't care less if you had a meal this morning.	Culture may keep her from probing, even if she really would like to do so.
<b>Investigation.</b>	She performs a background check on you.	She knows everything there is to know about you and vice-versa.	You gather from credible sources that she wants you to stay away from her.	Know your sources; not all “friends” have good motives.
<b>Indisposition (toward women who are close to you).</b>	She is uneasy when you demonstrate closeness to other women.	She doesn't hate you, but couldn't care less if you married her best friend.	She is uneasy and her mood changes from good to bad whenever you are mentioned.	Lingering jealousy could indicate a deeper problem/deep-seated insecurities.
<b>Recognition (from her friends).</b>	Her friends begin to act strange, but not in a bad way, towards you.	Her friends are indifferent towards you.	Her friends are impatient with you or seem to deeply pity you.	Her friends might like or dislike you for reasons that have nothing to do with the woman in question.
<b>Revelations.</b>	She is cautious/hesitant, discreet, tries to maintain mystery, values your opinion of her.	She is extremely comfortable around you and has only as much discretion as she would with her girlfriends.	She's hesitant, reluctant to offer any information, and maintains mystery... for a decade.	Hesitation/mystery should not carry on beyond a point. Relationships require vulnerability/openness.
<b>Realization (How does she react when you reveal your feelings to her? If you're unsure how she feels, then in the middle of a light conversation, randomly become serious and say something like, “You're beautiful.”).</b>	She blushes/becomes flustered/speechless/all the above.	She asks if you're okay or says it must be because she's ovulating or bought new makeup	After your revelation, the date ends, and/or after the date, communication ceases.	Becoming uncomfortable or going quiet could also indicate serious irritation or just a memory from a guy who said the same thing and walked away. She might also later make a request for clarification