

Hey! Thanks for participating in REDBOOK's brownie points survey.

First, some background:

You may *think* you're earning major brownie points with your wife by taking out the trash, but meanwhile what she really wants is for you to pick up your socks. Enter the brownie points survey, where couples can finally set the record straight on which little things matter, and which don't. Fill out the "Men's Survey" and have your wife do the same with the "Women's Survey." Then compare, and prepare to be surprised.

Point Scale:

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- 9 I'll be thinking about this all week.
- 10 Wow! Amazing! I hit the spouse jackpot.

Now onto the survey!

How many brownie points do you think you deserve when you do the following AROUND THE HOUSE?

- Pulling your wife/girlfriend's hair from the shower drain _____
- Taking out the garbage _____
- Killing a major bug _____
- Unclogging the toilet _____
- Letting her set the thermostat (even if it means you're sweating) _____
- Fixing the _____ without her asking _____
- Cleaning the bathroom—including the shower and toilet _____
- Not saying anything when she uses your razor on her legs _____
- Doing her laundry/picking up her dry cleaning _____
- Fixing dinner _____
- ...And then clearing the table and doing the dishes _____

How many brownie points do you think you deserve when you do the following IN BED?

- Wearing sexy underwear/boxers _____
- Brushing your teeth before making a move _____
- Showering before sex _____
- Doing it anyway when you're tired and she initiates sex _____
- Trying that new sex idea she's been hinting at for weeks _____
- Special grooming "down there" _____
- Putting in at least 20 minutes into foreplay _____
- Putting in at least 10 minutes into foreplay _____
- Dedicating an entire sex session to just pleasing her _____
- Doing whatever it takes to help her finish (even when you already did) _____
- Spooning for a few minutes after sex _____
- Spooning all night _____

How many brownie points do you think you deserve when you do the following when you're GOING OUT?

- Spending quality time with her and her mom _____
- Going on a double date with the BFF and her annoying husband _____
- Using all your self control to not look at a really hot woman walking by when you're out to dinner with her _____
- Dropping her off at the door of the restaurant/theatre while you park the car in the rain _____
- Going shoe shopping with her _____
- Going lingerie shopping with her _____
- Going furniture shopping with her _____
- Holding her purse while she tries things on in the store _____
- Happily going with her to see a chic flick _____
- ...And having a tissue on hand for when she starts crying _____

- Happily going with her to see the new Ryan Gosling movie _____
- ...And not rolling your eyes when gushes about his abs afterward _____
- Swapping your dinners when she hates what she ordered _____
- Listening to her playlist for a whole road trip _____
- Going with her to yoga/pottery-painting/photography class _____

How many brownie points do you think you deserve when you do these LITTLE EXTRAS?

- Buying her flowers when it's not her birthday/your anniversary _____
- Saying "I love you" just because _____
- Rubbing her feet _____
- Giving her a back massage (that doesn't lead to sex) _____
- Sending her a sweet/sexy text during the day _____
- Picking up her favorite ice cream when you're at the grocery store _____
- Picking up tampons for her _____
- Making her breakfast in bed _____
- Hiding your junk food during her latest cleanse/diet _____
- Actually listening to her work rant _____
- DVR-ing your game so she can watch Real Housewives of New Jersey _____
- Pretending to like that sweater she got you _____
- Reassuring she looks great when she's gained 10 lbs. (and meaning it!) _____
- Ordering a pizza with only the toppings she likes _____
- Giving her the perfect gift because she sent you a link and wrote "This is what I want" _____
- Giving her the perfect gift because you searched and searched (and searched some more) _____
- Letting her keep that atrocious antique/piece of furniture/etc. _____
- ...And not saying a word when the credit card bill arrives _____
- Knowing her exact Starbucks order, no matter how complicated _____

How many brownie points do you think you deserve when you do the following WITH THE KIDS? [If you don't have children, skip this part]

- Assembling complicated toys without complaining _____
- Getting up at dawn with the kids so she can sleep in _____
- Backing her up even when you think she's overreacting _____
- Telling her what a great mother she is _____
- Single-handedly bathing them and putting them to bed _____
- Taking them to soccer/ballet/a birthday party on a beautiful Saturday so she can do whatever _____
- Cleaning the car seat after a kid gets sick _____
- Taking a small kid to a public bathroom for a #2 _____
- Taking away the iPad/Nintendo DS/cell phone and dealing with the fits _____
- Leaving the restaurant with the screaming baby and pacing on the sidewalk so she can enjoy dinner _____

- Making/packing school lunch _____
- Handling one of the Big Talks (like sex) _____
- Cleaning up a gross diaper when you know it's her turn _____
- Being the hardass so she can be the good cop _____

Okay, now it's time to flip it! How many brownie points do you think your wife/girlfriend deserves?

Here's a reminder of the point scale:

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How many brownie points do you think she should get for doing the following AROUND THE HOUSE?

- Cleaning your whiskers out of the sink _____
- Handwashing your favorite T-shirt/jeans/etc. so it doesn't get destroyed in the wash _____
- Not saying anything when you use her razor, much-nicer-than-yours shampoo and conditioner, and creams _____
- Letting you set the thermostat (even if it means she's freezing) _____
- Organizing the office/garage/etc. that she never uses (but you do) _____
- Not selling your video games/neon beer sign/dude stuff at her yard sale _____
- Doing your laundry/picking up your dry cleaning _____
- Cooking an entire dinner for you, fifties-housewife style _____
- Taking your car to get washed _____

How many brownie points do you think she deserves for doing the following IN BED?

- Wearing lingerie _____
- Trying that sex idea you've been hinting at for weeks _____
- Brushing her teeth before making a move _____
- Doing it anyway when she's tired and you initiate sex _____

- Ignoring your porn links on the computer _____
- Suggesting you watch porn together _____
- Giving you a back rub that leads to sex _____
- Jumping in for some action while you're in the shower _____
- Special grooming "down there" _____
- Whispering something dirty in your ear when you're at a party _____
- ...And actually following up on it when you get home _____
- Going down on you _____
- ...first thing in the morning (hello, sunshine!) _____

How many brownie points do you think she deserves for the following when you're GOING OUT?

- Smiling and saying "Have fun!" when you head out for a guy's night _____
- ...And being down for some hooking up when you get home _____
- Going with you to see Transformers _____
- ...And sharing her popcorn _____
- Going TV shopping with you _____
- Going tool/lawnmower shopping with you _____
- Listening to your playlist for an entire road trip _____
- Announcing she's in the mood for beer and wings _____
- Going on a double date with your best friend and his annoying wife _____
- Wearing her sexy dress on date night _____
- Wearing her sexy dress for your high school/college reunion _____
- Holding a conversation with your most awkward friend _____

How many brownie points do you think she deserves for these LITTLE EXTRAS?

- Saying "I love you" just because _____
- Sending you a sweet/sexy text during the day _____
- ...Complete with a photo for your eyes only _____
- Buying holiday gifts and signing the card from both of you _____
- Actually listening to your work rant _____
- Giving you a back rub that doesn't lead to sex _____
- Reminding you it's your mom's birthday... _____
- ...And buying her a present from both of you _____
- Pretending to like that sweater you bought her _____
- Packing your lunch _____
- ... And putting a note in it _____
- DVR-ing Real Housewives of New Jersey when your game's on _____
- Reassuring you look great when you've gained 10 lbs. (and meaning it!) _____
- Letting your single, frat-boy-forever friend crash on your couch _____
- Picking up your favorite beer while she's at the store _____
- Letting you keep that enormous (and kinda ugly) TV/lounge chair/etc. _____
- ...And saying nothing about the credit card bill _____

How many brownie points do you think she deserves for doing the following WITH THE KIDS [If you don't have children, skip this part]

- Calling in sick to stay home in a childcare pinch (when you have a big meeting) _____
- Going to a check-up or parent-teacher conference for both of you _____
- Not saying a thing when you put on the diaper/swaddle the baby/ _____
- Pack the lunchbox/apply sun block... wrong _____
- Taking an extra morning shift with the kids so you can sleep in _____
- Telling you what a great father you are _____
- Keeping the kids out of your hair when your favorite team's playing _____
- Setting up a play date so you don't have to _____
- Scheduling a doctors appointment _____
- Memorizing everything important about the baby's creams, medicines, ointments, etc. so you don't have to worry about it _____

Does your wife or girlfriend do something brownie-point worthy that we haven't mentioned in the above survey? Describe it below—and don't forget to include how many points its worth to you!

Are there any point-worthy acts that aren't in the survey that you wish your wife/girlfriend would do? What are they, and how many points would you give each?

Your turn. Is there anything you do that you think you deserve points for other than what's in the survey?

What are some of the things you currently do that you wish your wife or girlfriend would notice more?

What does she do that you could probably be more appreciative of?