

## Answers

1. There's a certain way you can tell that a girl wants to have sex . . . The way they dress, they flaunt themselves. *(Rapist)*
2. Some girls walk around in short-shorts . . . showing their body off . . . It just starts a man thinking that if he gets something like that, what can he do with it? *(Rapist)*
3. A girl may like anal sex because it makes her feel incredibly naughty and she likes feeling like a dirty slut. If this is the case, you can try all sorts of humiliating acts to help live out her filthy fantasy. *(Lad mag)*
4. Mascara running down the cheeks means they've just been crying, and it was probably your fault . . . but you can cheer up the miserable beauty with a bit of the old in and out. *(Lad mag)*
5. What burns me up sometimes about girls are dick-teasers. They lead a man on and then shut him off right there. *(Rapist)*
6. Filthy talk can be such a turn on for a girl . . . no one wants to be shagged by a mouse . . . A few compliments won't do any harm either . . . 'I bet you want it from behind you dirty whore' . *(Lad mag)*
7. You know girls in general are all right. But some of them are bitches . . . The bitches are the type that . . . need to have it stuffed to them hard and heavy. *(Rapist)*
8. Escorts . . . they know exactly how to turn a man on. I've given up on girlfriends. They don't know how to satisfy me, but escorts do. *(Lad mag)*
9. You'll find most girls will be reluctant about going to bed with somebody or crawling in the back seat of a car . . . But you can usually seduce them, and they'll do it willingly. *(Rapist)*
10. There's nothing quite like a woman standing in the dock accused of murder in a sex game gone wrong . . . The possibility of murder does bring a certain frisson to the bedroom. *(Lad mag)*
11. Girls ask for it by wearing these mini-skirts and hotpants . . . they're just displaying their body . . . Whether they realise it or not they're saying, 'Hey, I've got a beautiful body, and it's yours if you want it.' *(Rapist)*
12. You do not want to be caught red-handed . . . go and smash her on a park bench. That used to be my trick. *(Lad mag)*
13. Some women are domineering, but I think it's more or less the man who should put his foot down. The man is supposed to be the man. If he acts the man, the woman won't be domineering. *(Rapist)*
14. I think if a law is passed, there should be a dress code . . . When girls dress in those short skirts and things like that, they're just asking for it. *(Rapist)*

15. Girls love being tied up . . . it gives them the chance to be the helpless victim.  
(*Lad mag*)

16. I think girls are like plasticine, if you warm them up you can do anything you want with them. (*Lad mag*)

### Notes for Workshop Facilitator

Lad mags quotes from FHM, Zoo, Nuts and Loaded

Rapists quotes from the book *The Rapist Files* by Les Sussman

Participants agreed that the quotes from lads mags were far more derogatory than the quotes from rapists.

With one group researcher's randomly labeled (sometimes incorrectly) the quotes as to where they came from. In this instance male participants identified more with the quotes allegedly from lads mags. Seemingly not wanting to knowingly agree with the rapists.

Still, the results as a whole are pretty disturbing. Says lead study author Dr. Miranda Horvath, "We were surprised that participants identified more with the rapists' quotes, and we are concerned that the legitimisation strategies that rapists deploy when they talk about women are more familiar to these young men than we had anticipated." Her co-author Dr. Peter Hegarty adds; there is a fundamental concern that the content of such magazines normalises the treatment of women as sexual objects. We are not killjoys or prudes who think that there should be no sexual information and media for young people. But are teenage boys and young men best prepared for fulfilling love and sex when they normalise views about women that are disturbingly close to those mirrored in the language of sexual offenders?

Ensure to tell the workshop that we are not saying that lads mags cause men to go out and rape but what we can take from this study is that men's attitudes that are derived from lads mags develop the same misogynistic attitude towards women and girls that rapists use to justify their actions. Therefore when men within a jury are presented with a rape case and the rapist is expressing the views we have just heard they are unlikely to convict for fear that would be indicting themselves. **Quote from Shavesville Blog**