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# Strategies for Taming Teasing

## Let's Try Some Humorous Responses

### Strategy: Agree with them.

Example: "Your hair is disgusting."

- Yes, I try my best.
- Only on special days.
- Yes, I know. I like it like that.

### Strategy: Disagree with them.

Example: "You're so fat."

- No, I'm just cuddly.
- I'm well padded.
- No, I am getting ready for a long winter.

### Strategy: Be nice.

Example: "Your shirt is revolting."

- I like your shoes.
- Yes, I like it like that.

### Strategy: Explain the situation.

Example: "You're a meathead."

- Well, I guess you could say that. But technically my head is made up of many more things than just meat.
- Could you explain to me what it is that you are actually trying to tell me?

### Strategy: Change the subject.

Example: "You are an idiot."

- Thank you. Yes, I am having a nice day. How about you?
- No, I was watching the game yesterday so I didn't hear that one.

### Strategy: Beat around the bush.

Example: "You're an idiot."

- You think so? You should have seen me last week.
- I always try to please.
- Thanks for noticing. I aim to please.

### Strategy: Say something that means nothing.

Example: "You are so stupid."

- I'm hearing you.
- Is that all?
- Really!
- Define that for me.

### Strategy: Be thankful.

Example: "You are a loser."

- Thank you for sharing that with me.
- Thanks for the feedback. I'll keep it in mind.
- Thank you. That is kind of you to notice.