Du oder Sie?

A Simple Visual Guide

du

do oder

is other person

a child?1

1 A child by age, not behavior.

yes

no

is other person

a blood relative?2

2 Feelings toward relative irrelevant.

yes

no

are you currently

engaged in sports?

yes

no

have you had/do

you have intimate

relations?

yes

no

more than four

piercings and/or

three tattoos?

yes

no

is other person

a bureaucrat?

yes

no

does/should this

person have

gray hair?

yes

no

has he/she

explicitly offered

du?

yes

no

is this person

an old 68er?3

3 See: http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/68er-Bewegung

yes

no

are you in Munich

or Berlin?

Munich

Berlin

have you gotten

drunk with this

person?

yes

no

no

yes

neither

do you say

du to their spouse or

life partner?

yes

no