

Kendrick Lamar Celebrates Celebrity Engagement to High School Sweetheart



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Rapper Kendrick Lamar confirmed on April 3rd that he is in fact engaged to his highschool sweetheart, Whitney Alford. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), the Grammy winner said, "At the end of the day, you want to always, always have real people around you, period. Whether it's male or female, and everybody that's been around me, they've been around since day one... I always show respect when respect has been given, and people that have been by your side, you're supposed to honor that."

This celebrity engagement was a long time coming. How do you know if your relationship has staying power?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you have been in a relationship and love with someone for a long time or you just started dating them, you very well may be thinking about the possibility of an engagement down the road. It's important to take a step back and think about what you want for the future in terms of your relationship:

1. Committed: When you and your partner are fully committed to one another then your relationship highly has staying power. If you both are devoted to one another, and more importantly each other's happiness, then it is very likely that it will last!

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2. Exclusive: Sometimes people date more than one person at once, because they don't know who they want to be in a relationship with or who they like. When you and your partner decide to be exclusive in your relationship and only see one another, then you probably have a good chance of making it if you both enjoy each other.

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3. Emotionally available: A lot of relationships don't work out because one person was emotionally unavailable and the other partner was. If both people in the relationship are emotionally available and are actively working on maintaining a happy and healthy romantic relationship, then the

relationship lasting is in your favor!

**How have you known that your relationship had staying power?
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