

Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry Fought Over Kim Kardashian



Although Gabriel Aubry and Kim Kardashian's recent romance fizzled soon after it began, [People](#) reports that Halle Berry was not happy to see her ex out with a reality TV star. Aubry, 35, and Kardashian, 30, took in a Lakers game and a movie in late November before calling it quits. Halle Berry, 44, who split with the French Canadian model last year, was angry about the relationship because of her daughter, according to a source close to the actress. "Halle was very upset... She just didn't want Nahla exposed to the cameras that are undoubtedly around a reality star." But Aubry had no intention of bringing someone new into his daughter's life right away. "Gabriel wanted to make sure he dated someone for six months before he introduced them to his daughter," says the source.

How soon should you bring a new partner into your child's life?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it's hard to know when to bring a new partner into your kid's life. Cupid has some tips on when and how to make the introduction:

1. Talk to your child: Give your son or daughter a chance to come to terms with his or her parents' separation. Once they realize that Mommy and Daddy aren't together anymore, they will be more ready to accept someone new.

2. Warn your partner: Tell your new mate what your child is like so he's prepared. Giving him as much information as possible will help make the introduction go smoothly.

3. Wait until it's serious: While there's no time limit on when your child and partner are ready to meet, it's a good idea to wait at least a couple of months. Then, it's up to you to know when the relationship is serious enough to bring someone new into your child's life.

Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry Begin Ugly Custody Fight





Award-winning

actress Halle Berry and her model ex Gabriel Aubry have begun what seems to be a brutal battle of custody over 3-year-old daughter, Nahla, [People](#) reports. Berry and Aubry, who split last year after four years together, have brought their battle public. Earlier this week, Berry released a statement voicing, “serious concerns for her daughter’s well-being while in the care of her father.” Sources close to Berry claim that Aubry became verbally abusive to her after their break-up, even using a racial slur. Still, Aubry’s friends stand by his side. One source said, “I never saw someone more dedicated to their child.”

How can you keep your child out of your custody fight?

Cupid’s Advice:

Nobody wants to be involved in a custody battle. But if you do find yourself drawing up visitation papers, make sure to keep your children calm, happy and distracted:

1. Keep them busy: Arrange for your kids to go home with a friend after school or spend the weekend with their grandparents. The more you distract your children and keep them away from the fights, the less they’ll worry.

2. Activities and clubs: After-school activities and clubs, whether it be a sports team or drama club are great outlets for children to release pent-up energy and anger. By the time their activities are done, they're home for dinner, homework and bed.

3. Stay in check: This is you and your partner's battle, so don't involve your children. Even though it may be tempting to say something harsh about their mom or dad when tempers rise, don't do it. Children take in everything, and we forget just how observant and impressionable they are.

Miranda Cosgrove Opens Up About 'the One Who Got Away'



Miranda Cosgrove

learned a hard lesson recently, heartbreaks can hit at any age. The 17-year-old *iCarly* actress revealed that she and an ex-boyfriend recently called it quits after three years, according to an interview with [Seventeen](#). "I've only had one serious boyfriend, but we dated for three years. He's the one guy I really, really liked," she said. Cosgrove added that despite the fact that she and her ex don't talk much anymore, she feels he was the one who got away from her.

How long should you fight for a relationship to work?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are tough, and what makes them more difficult is knowing when to keep fighting for better times and when to end things and move on. No two relationships are the same, which makes things even more difficult. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Listen to your heart:** Nobody is going to be able to better explain your feelings than yourself. When going through a rough patch with your partner, remember to ask yourself if you still want to be in the relationship. If the answer is yes, fight for it. If not, move on.
- 2. Active communication:** An open channel of communication between you and your partner is most important. Knowing what your partner is thinking can help you decide what's best for the relationship.
- 3. Make a choice, and stick to it:** As tough as it can be, stick to your instinct. If you want to keep trying to make your relationship work, then give it 100 all you have. On the flip side, if you chose to break-up, then remember the reasons it happened. Everyone has that one person who got away, and it's better to learn from love than to never have taken the risk.

Denise Richards Protects Children From Charlie Sheen



It's no secret that Charlie Sheen has constantly been in and out of rehab, but now it's affecting his children. As a result of the media frenzy surrounding the actor's rambunctious behavior, according to *People*, ex-wife Denise Richards has been trying her hardest to protect their daughters Sam, 6 and Lola, 5. With new drama about the *Two and a Half Men* star in the news every day, shielding the kids is getting to be a full-time job for Richards, who has said she still cares about her ex a great deal. The actor also has 2-year-old twins with ex-wife, Brooke Mueller.

When should you protect your children from your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It's the parents' job to protect and shelter their children for as long as possible. In certain cases, that responsibility extends to protecting them from your ex. Here are some of those cases:

1. When drugs or alcohol are involved: Until your partner or ex-partner can sober up, he or she should not be allowed around the kids.

2. When they are abusive: If your mate is physically or emotionally abusive to you or the kids, cut off all contact. Protect your kids by telling them that they are safe and that abuse is not acceptable behavior.

3. Mental or physical illness: Though it may not be your partner's fault that they are ill, children need to be protected from the pain serious illness can cause. At least shelter them from some of the gruesome details.

Are Scarlett Johansson and Jason Sudeikis Dating?





Actress Scarlett

Johansson and SNL's Jason Seudeikis are not dating, *People* reports. The two were spotted at dinner together along with Seudeikis's former SNL cast-mate, Will Forte. The duo claims the dinner was just friendly and not romantic. Johansson recently separated from her husband of two years, Ryan Reynolds and filed for divorce shortly after. Her rep says that she is not dating Seudeikis, or anyone else for that matter.

Is it truly possible to be “just friends”?

Cupid's Advice:

Why is it okay to have boy-friends as a kid, but it's considered weird as an adult? Cupid thinks you can be just friends with someone of the opposite sex:

1. If it starts at work: If you meet someone of the opposite sex at work, it's a lot easier to keep it on the friend level. There's no expectation to take the relationship past being friendly, because a work environment keeps romance out of the equation.

2. If you grow up together: If you've been friends with him or her from the time you were little, it's easy to stick with

your close friendship. When you meet someone at a bar, it's tough to start a friendship, as there are expectations of making it more. Knowing someone from back in the day takes away that expectation.

3. It just happens: Some people simply have an easier time making friends with the opposite sex and connecting with them on a friendly level than they do with someone of their own gender. No one goes out in hopes of landing themselves a great friend of the opposite sex. It's something that happens without even realizing it.

Jaime Pressly Splits with Husband Simran Singh After 16 Months





Jamie Pressly and

Simran Singh have decided to call it quits, according to UsMagazine.com. It doesn't seem to be a good year for Pressly, as she was also recently arrested on suspicion of a DUI. An insider says of the split, "It's over. I don't think they have officially filed anything yet though." The source added, "I think it comes down to she married this guy too fast. He seemed like a good guy but he is super full of himself and puts her down for everything. He picks fights with her for any little thing."

How do you avoid unnecessary arguments?

Cupid's Advice:

Every relationship has its ups and downs, but some fights are more avoidable than others. Cupid has some tips on how to avoid unnecessary arguments:

1. See the other side: It's easy to see things from your perspective. Take a minute to put yourself in your partner's shoes. Understanding is key.

2. Avoid sensitive topics: The closer we are to people, the more we know what buttons to push. If you have a particular topic that is sensitive, try to avoid it. If it's absolutely necessary,

approach it with caution.

3. Ponder it first: Make sure you filter your thoughts before saying them out loud. If you're upset about something your partner did, make sure it's really worth an argument. The best way to do that is to keep it to yourself for a few hours or days. If you still think you need to bring it up, at least you know it's worth it.

Chloe Sevigny Says She Isn't Dating Jersey Shore's Pauly D



After they were spotted sitting together courtside at a Knicks-Spurs game, rumors about actress Chloe Sevigny and *Jersey Shore*'s Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio were an item. When asked by *Interview*

magazine about the possibility of dating Pauly D, the *Big Love* star called the idea “hilarious,” reports *People*. Sevigny added, “That would be the weirdest couple in the world. It would be like the apocalypse. We represent extremes, in opposite directions. So for us two to come together, it would be a very strange meeting of the minds or colliding of two worlds.”

Is it true that opposites attract?

Cupid’s Advice:

“You say ‘yes,’ and I say ‘no.’ You say ‘stop,’ and I say, ‘go, go, go!’” Can this complicated relationship (courtesy of the Beatles) really work? Cupid has some ideas:

- 1. People are complex:** No two people are completely opposite (or completely alike). When opposites attract, it may just be two people who find that the few things they have in common are more important than their differences.
 - 2. Scientists say no:** According to a [2003 study](#) where researchers quizzed 978 heterosexual residents of Ithaca, New York, about what they look for in a partner, the results were clear: The majority look for mates who are similar to themselves.
 - 3. Opposites attract, but do they stay together?:** You may be attracted to someone who is different from you because they seem to fill a gap. But it’s up to you to make the relationship last.
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Shakira and Boyfriend of 11 Years Split



It looks like Shakira and her long-time boyfriend are the newest members of the celebrity breakup club. After 11 years of dating, the Colombian singer and Antonio de la Rue have decided to call it quits. “There was no big drama, it’s just one of those things where they had been together a long time and realized they were more friends and business partners than lovers,” said an insider. However, according to *UsMagazine.com*, there is hope for the two to reconcile in the future. “We view this period of separation as temporary and as a time of individual growth as we continue to be partners in our business and professional lives,” Shakira wrote. “Our friendship and understanding of one another is unwavering and indestructible.”

What do you do if the romance in your relationship is dwindling?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes when couples are together for a long time, they forget what made them love each other so much in the first place. Cupid has some ways to heat up a dwindling flame:

1. Surprise them: An unexpected vacation, date or even a gift is the perfect way to melt someone's heart. If your partner mentions something he loved at a store, leave it on the side of his bed the next morning ... just because.

2. Try new things: If your Friday nights are consistently TV and pizza, it's time to change it up a bit. Go to that restaurant you both always wanted to try! Who says you're all out of 'firsts'?

3. Resort to old tricks: Go back to your original courting days. Leave cute notes on the refrigerator, visit each other at work and go back to where you had your first date. Puppy love is the best kind of love!

Keira Knightley and Longtime Boyfriend Rupert Friend Break Up





An off-screen romance that bloomed during the filming of *Pride & Prejudice* has fizzled out. According to *People*, Keira Knightley and Rupert Friend broke up under the radar months ago due to distance and career factors. Knightley's father, Will Knightley, said, "They were together for quite a long time, and it is always hard breaking up. She's focused on her work." Here's hoping a few films and some new co-stars will help heal Knightley's broken heart!

How do you know when you should pick your career over love, or vice versa?

Cupid's Advice:

Many attest to the notion that you can have your career and love life, too. But is it really true? Cupid has some tips:

1. Sacrifice: When you find yourself making sacrifice after sacrifice, at the expense of your own happiness, it's time to prioritize. Relationships are about compromise, so you shouldn't feel like you're letting go of opportunities for your future, whether it be wedding bells or job promotions.

2. Gut feeling: If you start feeling your relationship fizzle because you're tackling more projects at work, ask yourself if

you're being fair to your partner. On the other hand, if your work life is suffering due to your relationship, it might be time to scale back on that "quality time" you're spending with your partner.

3. Goals: Setting goals is always a smart idea! Not only are you motivating yourself, but you can also learn a lot about what you're looking for in life. Determine how much you value a relationship in your life versus how much you strive for a career. Perhaps come up with a ratio.

Jersey Shore's Sammie and Ronnie: Officially Over?



It's official!

Jersey Shore couple Sammie "Sweetheart" Giancola and Ronnie

Ortiz-Magro have split up, according to Entertainment Tonight. After dating on-and-off for three seasons of the hit reality show, the pair have ended their relationship for good.

The pair first connected on the first season of *Jersey Shore*, which was then followed by a second season picturing Ortiz-Magro in questionable scenes with other women. That said, Giancola told *People* that her on-again-off-again boyfriend is “an all-around good guy” despite their tumultuous relationship.

Are on-again-off-again relationships healthy?

Cupid's Advice:

The path to love can often be tough, and every relationship requires commitment and hard work. Cupid has ways to tell if your relationship is in need of a health check:

1. Reason for staying: Figure out what's making you stick around. If you truly care for the person and want to make things work, maybe going back to an ex isn't always the wrong decision. But if you're only going back to him because you're scared of change and don't think you can do better, don't do it!

2. Feeling of responsibility: Obligation is never a good reason to be with someone. Past feelings of guilt or just a feeling that you “should” be dating someone for a particular reason isn't something that a relationship should be based on. If you get back with an ex, make sure it's simply because you see a future with him.

3. Resolving issues: In order for your relationship to survive, resolve the issue that drives you both apart before getting back together. If neither of you want to change your ways, maybe it's time to move on and start over with someone

else.

Spotted: Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens Together



Can separation actually bring people closer together? It looks like that may be the case for ex-celebrity couple Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. According to *People*, the pair were “constantly touching and kissing each other” at Friday evening’s SHG’S Eden Hollywood opening. Efron and Hudgens announced their split in December, but appeared to be more than friends on the dance floor. “Vanessa was bopping around with her arms up while Zac had his hands all over her,” the source says. “Vanessa had a smile on from ear to ear and the two were inseparable after that.”

How can you hang out with an ex after a public breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

When you and your ex make your breakup public, any contact you have from then on becomes the talk of the day. If you had a public breakup but want to continue to hang out, Cupid has some tips:

1. Be honest: If you don't want the rumors to start, be up front. The best way to avoid talk is to tell your friends honestly that you and your ex are starting to hang out again, and it's nothing more than that. The more you tell them, the less they have to make up.

2. Stay out of the limelight: For some people, it's easier to go with the low key approach and risk the rumors than to face their friends. If telling those close is too much pressure, keep it to yourself as long as possible.

3. Return to spotlight: The best way to start fresh with your ex is to make your make-up just as public as your breakup. Invite your friends when you hang out with your ex. That way you can avoid the stress of secrets and put all rumors to a halt.

Denise Richards and Nikki Sixx Split





Even though sources say they were never more than casually dating, actress Denise Richards and rocker Nikki Sixx have decided to call it quits, according to *UsMagazine.com*. Charlie Sheen's former flame started quietly dating Sixx, the Motley Crue bassist, in December. Although a source originally said of the couple, "They have a lot in common and are taking things slowly," one of Richards' insiders insists, "It's crazy how this is being made out to be some big breakup. They were never exclusive or serious to begin with! I could count on my hand how many times they went out. They decided to try it and she was not interested."

If you're not interested in someone, how do you tactfully let him know?

Cupid's Advice:

We've all been there. There's someone who's interested in pursuing something with you, but you're just not feeling it.

Cupid has some ways to let someone know he's not "the one" in the least brutal way possible:

1. Make it clear it's not his fault: As you're explaining that you just don't see a future with this person, make it clear that it's nothing he's done specifically. It doesn't always

have to be a drama-filled declaration. Sometimes there's just no spark.

2. Be humble: There's no room for being a diva in this type of situation. The worst thing you can do is leave him with a feeling that you think you're better than him. In most cases, you're *not* better than him. You're just different people.

3. Let him down gently: Don't just walk up to him, say your piece, and leave. If he's interested in discussing why you feel the way that you do, be understanding of that and answer his questions. If you were in his position, wouldn't you want the same courtesy?

Michelle Williams Upset Over 'Nightline' Interview Focus on Heath Ledger





While promoting her new movie, *Blue Valentine*, Michelle Williams had what she calls a “devastating” experience with *Nightline*. *E! Online* reported last week that Williams didn’t like how *Nightline* producers edited the interview to focus almost entirely on Heath Ledger’s death. “They used those few quotes, and the way they edited the piece to sell the interview, it appeared as if I were breaking some kind of silence and sitting down with the express purpose to discuss something that is very private to me,” says Williams, who still finds talking about her former partner’s death a “struggle.”

How can you avoid unnecessary questions about a lover who’s no longer in your life?

Cupid’s Advice:

When you lose a partner, whether it’s through a breakup or an unexpected tragedy, it’s hard to talk about at first. Cupid has some ideas on how to avoid prying questions:

- 1. Say ‘no’:** When someone brings up your ex, simply tell him you’re not ready to talk about it yet. Most people will understand that you still need time to mourn.
- 2. Date someone new:** Once you’ve taken time to grieve, go out

with a new person. People will stop asking questions about your old partner and start asking about your new one.

3. Don't avoid it forever: While it may be difficult to answer questions about a painful subject, remember that most of the time, people ask because they're worried about you. Accept their help when you're ready to move on.

Courtney Cox Admires Estranged Husband David Arquette for Entering Rehab



Courtney Cox let David Arquette know that she's there for him in spite of their separation, *People* reports. When Arquette entered rehab a few

days ago, Cox was one of the first to show her support. The actor entered the rehab facility for alcohol and depression, almost three months after separating from wife Courteney Cox.

Arquette, who is also the father of their six-year-old daughter, Coco, was not handling the separation well, sources say. Cox said, "I really admire David and his choice to take charge and better his life...I love and support him."**How do you support your partner through a hard time?**

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes in a hard situation, less is more. By letting your partner know that you're there with an open ear and a shoulder to lean on may be all that he needs to hear. Here are some tips:

- 1. Listen:** Hear all that he has to say, and pay attention to how he acts as well. If he's the type of person who needs space, give him some. If he needs a comforting touch, oblige!
 - 2. Be there and mean it:** Ultimately, let your partner know that you're there for him anytime he needs to talk, and then don't let him down. When you get that call, make sure you give him all of your attention.
 - 3. Know your role:** Depending on how long you and your partner have been together, it may determine how much of a supporting role you play during his tough time. If you just started seeing each other, don't be surprised when he takes a little longer to open up to you and goes to his parents or friends first.
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Kelly Osbourne Says She is Head Over Heels for Ex-Fiance, Luke Worrall



Despite a recent rant about ex Luke Worrall over Twitter, Kelly Osbourne tells the British version of *Cosmopolitan* that she's still not over her former fiance. According to *People*, Kelly Osbourne says that she has not been with anyone since splitting from Luke Worrall six months ago. "I think we need to spend time working on ourselves, but it doesn't erase the fact that I'm head over heels in love with him... I haven't been with anyone since Luke."

How do you get over your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes when we can't get over someone, we use anger to

cover up our leftover feelings. Here are some tips on how to stop getting mad and start getting over him:

1. Stop communication: Delete your ex from your phone, don't answer his e-mails and refrain from checking up on him on Facebook. A clean break is almost always the best bet.

2. Rebound: While you should avoid getting in another serious relationship too soon after a breakup, get back out there and date around. It'll give you the confidence you need to start over.

3. Lean on friends: Don't expect to get over your ex alone. Complain, cry and forget about him with the help of your friends.

Singer John Mellencamp and Wife Elaine Split





It looks like singer

John Mellencamp is starting the new year as a single man.

After 18 years of marriage, Mellencamp and his wife Elaine have decided to call it quits. According to *People*, the pair met in 1991 when supermodel Elaine Irwin was hired to pose on the cover of Mellencamp's 'Whenever We Wanted' album. No concrete reason has been given for the split, but Mellencamp's spokesperson Bob Merils told *The Hollywood Reporter* [that](#) they "are proud of their 20 years together and are very happy with their accomplishments both as parents and as a family" and that "they will continue to raise their two children in Indiana, but have decided to call it a day as a couple."

What are ways to get out there after a long marriage ends?

Cupid's Advice:

Like many others coming out of a long marriage, John Mellencamp and Elaine Irwin are a little rusty when it comes to the dating game. Cupid thought of some steps to getting yourself out there after a divorce:

1. Focus on numero uno: Before you can find someone new after a divorce, you need to feel good about yourself. Take some time to lift your spirits by doing things that make you smile.

Once you're happy on your own, you're more likely to attract a great guy!

2. Hang with singles: Once you're ready, start going out with friends and meeting new people. This can be anything from going out dancing, attending sports events or traveling. Mingle with the singles everywhere you go, and you're bound to find yourself a date who shares similar interests.

3. Online dating: When all else fails, try meeting someone online! Find a dating site that feels right for you, set up a profile and let the computer do the work. We're in the generation of technology, and hundreds of people are meeting their spouses online every day. You could be next!

Black Swan Star Mila Kunis and Boyfriend Macaulay Culkin Split After 8 Years





After eight years together, Mila Kunis and Macaulay Culkin have decided to amicably end their relationship. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the couple went their separate ways months ago, but decided to keep it quiet while Kunis, 27, promoted *Black Swan*. The actress has never made her fear of settling down a secret.

She even admitted to *Blackbook* in 2009 that although she doesn't believe in marriage, she does want to have children someday. "I will have children," Kunis said. "I'm too selfish to have them now, but when I do, I don't feel like I need to be married. I need to have a person in my life who will care for me and my children – nothing else."

What are things to consider about your partner before you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Having children is one of the most important decisions you and your partner will have to make together. Cupid has some things to consider about your partner before you decide to reproduce:

1. Happiness: Having a child is a lifelong commitment, and you have to be sure that your partner is content with his life and

what he's achieved before you make the decision to alter both of your lives.

2. Career: Not only does having a child require a lot of money, but it also requires a lot of time. Both of these factors heavily depend on your partner's career.

3. Wants in life: Sometimes the pressure of feeling like you're *supposed* to do something in life can make you forget what you truly want. Make sure that you both want children for the right reasons.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Barred from New Year's Eve A-List Party





What's a celebrity couple to do when they're barred from attending a birthday bash? They just attend a party thrown in their honor to ring in the New Year of course! LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian found themselves missing from the guest list for a party hosted by the ex-boyfriend of Cibrian's ex, Brandi Glanville. According to E! Online, "They tried to get on the list, but he said no because of his allegiance to Eddie's ex-wife." It's time for Plan B! The newly engaged couple spent the night at Pink Kitty nightclub in Cabo.

What are ways to overcome animosity from ex partners?

Cupid's Advice:

Going separate ways is unfortunately not always a pleasant experience, but don't let the past keep you from moving forward. Cupid has a few tips on overcoming ill will from an ex:

- 1. Take the higher road:** In the words of Sandra Bullock, "Whoever established the high road and how high it should be should be fired." Yet Bullock still maintains grace and poise by refusing to allow her ex to bring her down – as should you!
- 2. Let it go:** Holding a grudge requires retaining a lot of

negativity. Instead, focus not only forgiving your ex partner, but yourself as well. Move on.

3. Settle your differences: Forgiveness goes a long way, especially when you can both come forward and apologize for the past. Everyone makes mistakes!

Kelly Osbourne Trashes Ex-Boyfriend Luke Worrall



Christmas wasn't so merry for Kelly Osbourne, thanks to ex-fiance Luke Worrall. According to [Us Weekly](#), the 26-year old let her ex have it late Monday night via Twitter. At first, Osbourne kept it cryptic, tweeting: "Just found something out that has hurt my feelings so bad ☹ and christmas was going so well." Later

on, she made it clear that since they parted in July, “he has been trying to get back with me, I only came home for Xmas to see him. Meanwhile, he has been f***ing hundreds of girls...behind my back.” The E! Fashion Police critic is back in London with her family for the holidays and plans to go “off Twitter for a while.” Osbourne noted, “Never felt heartbroken like this in my life.”

What things should you keep to yourself in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Kelly Osbourne was so blinded by anger that she got the whole media world involved with her relationship. However, there are many things in a relationship that should just stay between you and your special someone. Cupid has some examples:

1. Fights: Getting people involved in arguments between you and your partner could be fatal to your relationship. Whether it's your friends ganging up on him or his family judging you, tension is bound to build.

2. Love life: Whether your love life is amazing or on the rocks, it's your love life. Even if you're okay with others knowing intimate details, he may not be. Respect your relationship with your partner by keeping certain details to yourself.

3. Money: If you and your partner are married or living together, money becomes a shared entity. Many people are sensitive about the amount of money they make, whether they admit it or not. Keep monetary details on the down-low.

Ryan Reynolds Officially Files for Divorce from Scarlett Johansson



As much as we had hoped they would work it out, less than two weeks after their separation, Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson have officially filed for divorce, according to USMagazine.com. According to their documents, neither is asking for spousal support.

How do you know when it's time to make a separation permanent?

Cupid's Advice:

Separations are usually a last attempt to make your marriage work. Unfortunately, they often precede divorce. Cupid has some ways for you to know when it's time to make a separation

permanent:

1. You can't get along: If taking a break from each other doesn't get rid of some of the hostility in your marriage, it may be a sign that it's too late to work things out.

2. You're only in it for the kids: As much as every parent wants to make their children happy, there comes a time when you may need to put yourself and and your spouse's needs first.

3. You've been unhappy a long time: A separation is a time to reflect on your relationship. If you can't recall a recent time when you were content with your spouse, it may be time to move on.

Christina Ricci Says Robert Pattinson is a Good Kisser





Uh oh, should

Kristin Stewart be worried? According to [Us Weekly](#), Christina Ricci and Rob Pattinson locked lips for their upcoming movie *Bel Ami*, and Ricci liked it. The actress confessed, “He’s a good kisser,” but the smooching was purely professional. She went on to say, “He’s a lovely human being also, he reminded me of my best friend’s little brothers growing up. He’s just a silly, fun guy; we laughed a lot. He makes fun of himself all the time; he’s adorable...” Luckily, it seems like Stewart has nothing to worry about.

Why is the first kiss in a relationship so important?

Cupid’s Advice:

There are a lot of firsts in a new relationship. Cupid has some reasons that the first kiss is particularly important:

1. Connection: As much as you may like your new potential partner, the first kiss says a lot about your chemistry. Either the connection is there or it isn’t, and most of the time it’s not something you can force.

2. Kissing style: The truth is, you’ve both probably kissed other people before, which means you have your own way of doing it. If your smooching techniques don’t match, it could

be a turn off!

3. Aftermath: Most of us think about “the first kiss” hours after it’s over. If you’re really unhappy with it, it may be a deal breaker.

Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds Get Together for Friendly Meal



Who says you can't be friends with your ex? Recently divorced Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson announced right after their split that they wanted to remain kind with each other. Well, they stayed true to that commitment last Friday! The ex-celebrity couple was

seen sharing a “friendly meal” at Blue Ribbon in New York, and sources tell [People](#) that they were “smiling and laughing the whole time.” The pair grew apart because of their demanding schedules, but they’re not giving up on friendship! **To what degree should you remain friendly with your ex-partner?**

Cupid’s Advice:

Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson are proof that you can remain friendly with your ex-partner. The question is, how friendly is too friendly? Cupid has some guidelines to follow:

- 1. Drop the pet names:** Some couples find it hard to get out of the habit of using pet names. Don’t make this mistake! If you must use them after a breakup, try “bud” or “pal.”
- 2. Keep gossip to a minimum:** When you’re hanging out with your ex, make sure you know your boundaries when it comes to the “inside scoop” on your life. In other words, keep the details of your new love life to yourself.
- 3. Don’t be touchy:** When you go out with your ex for a friendly get-together, be sure to keep your distance: literally. If you’re constantly hugging your past love, some past feelings are bound to make their way to the present. Try a friendly handshake as a healthy alternative!

Vanessa Hudgens Confirms Close Relationship with Ex,

Zac Efron



Actress Vanessa

Hudgens is not too distressed over her recent breakup with boyfriend of four years, Zac Efron. The actress spent Saturday night at Pure Night Club in Las Vegas, celebrating her 22nd birthday with BFFs Brittany Snow and Ashley Tisdale. When asked about her current relationship with Efron, the young actress told [People](#), "We're good." **How do you stay on good terms with your ex-partner?**

Cupid's Advice:

Staying friends with your ex after a breakup can be awkward, but it's much healthier (and easier to move on) if the two of you can remain on good terms. Here are a few tips to help continue a friendship:

1. Don't rush: It's best not to strike up a friendship immediately after your break up. Give each other some time

and space. Start to rekindle your relationship after you've both had time to heal.

2. Date other people: Try dating around for a bit, even if it's nothing serious. This will help you avoid the temptation to get back together with your ex-partner. If you wish to remain close, make sure you keep it strictly platonic.

3. Avoid talking about the breakup: Never bring up the past or your breakup with your ex. This conversation will only bring pain and possibly anger. It will strain your new friendship. Keep your conversations focused on the present and future.

Former 'Hills' Star Lo Bosworth Splits from Boyfriend of Two Years





It's the end of the line for another Hollywood couple. According to [People](#), former *Hills* star Lo Bosworth and her boyfriend of two years, Scott Hochstadt, have decided to call it quits. A source close to the couple says, "They realized they are in different places in their lives. The timing was just off. The breakup is hard for both of them, but it's the most realistic thing at this point." Hochstadt and Bosworth had been living together, and Hochstad was supposedly planning on proposing before the two decided to end things.

How do you know if the timing is right for a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

As much as you might love each other and want the relationship to work, sometimes two people are just in different places in life. Cupid has some ways to tell if the timing is right for your relationship:

- 1. You have time for one another:** If you have too much going on in your individual lives to make time for one another, it might not be the right time to be together.
- 2. You are genuinely interested in and respect what the other person is doing:** If you don't respect or appreciate the path

that your significant other has chosen for his life, it might be a sign that you're going in different directions.

3. You're constantly looking for an excuse to end things: If every time the two of you have a problem or an argument you use it as a way out of the relationship, it might mean it's not the right time for a relationship. Only say you want to break up when you truly do.