Dating Advice: 10 Things You're Over-Analyzing In Your Relationship





By <u>Josh Ringler</u>

There are a lot of good, bad, weird, and typical things going on in your relationship at any given time. There are some components of a relationship that can be analyzed with no harm, and then others that if over-analyzed can have devastating impacts on the relationship, leading to severe problems. Celebrity couples have often times failed because of over-analyzing the wrong things, and we don't want that to happen to you. Follow these pieces of dating advice to stop over-analyzing the things that you shouldn't!

These pieces of dating advice dive into the over-analyzed aspects of your relationship to prevent relationship problems!

- 1. Social media: Whether it is your partner liking an interesting new photo, getting a new friend/follower, or posting an unusual status, don't let social media create relationship problems for you. Don't sit around worrying about their latest update, even if it isn't positive. It could be about school, work or family life!
- 2. Opinions: With an election coming up, opinions matter. But if you're a huge Hillary person, don't let your partner's possible opposing views get in the way. You shouldn't over think how they feel because everyone is entitled to an opinion. Let them use their first amendment right, whether it is about politics, celebrity couples, or life choices! Compromising is a great piece of dating advice.
- **3. Time not together:** As a couple, it is obviously okay for you to spend time apart. Instead of assuming the worst, the space between the two of you shouldn't create any problems. If you over-analyze it, then maybe it will. But, by thinking positive, everything will be fine!
- 4. Who they are texting: It is common to be worried that there could be someone to replace you and take you out of your partner's life. While texting can lead to something more, if your relationship is stable and happy, it means nothing. It may be hard to think the optimistic way, but at the end of the day, if you and your partner are together, you shouldn't be worrying whatsoever!

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- 5. Partner's feelings: If you and your partner are together in a long-term relationship, you probably have had doubts about how they feel about you. If they are with you, they care about you and love you. Don't believe what others say about your partner. Thinking otherwise could just undermine your feelings.
- 6. Your own doubts: A really good piece of relationship advice is to believe in your feelings and to not doubt yourself. While it is natural to have feelings that things may not last, you shouldn't treat every one of these as a reason to end it with your partner. If you are into your loved one and wants things to work, they will as long as you don't over think it!
- 7. Fights: If you and your partner fight, that could indicate a major relationship problem, but if it is a rare occurrence, or over very trivial things, you shouldn't get worked up about them. It is true that they aren't good for your relationship and could turn toxic, but if there are few of them, you should not think about them to the point where you get tired of your partner.

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- 8. The past: Every relationship has their share of past problems, whether it be in the current one or it's a past bad experience. While it is important to be like <u>Blake Shelton</u> and learn from your mistakes in order to move on, it is also important not to dwell on the subject. Why should your partner date you if all you think about is your previous partner or problems in your relationship from months ago?
- **9. The present:** If things at the moment aren't the best, do not fear. It is completely natural for a relationship to hit high points and low points. If you are in one of those low points at the moment, but still feel the sparks and the

connection, don't give up! Things can happen that are out of your control that can paint sadness into your love life, but if you stay determined, there is no reason to call it quits.

10. The future: If you've been dating for three months, and you have your whole life planned together with your significant other, stop now. While it is great to be optimistic, you need to be realistic. Don't over-analyze the future because it could scare your partner away!

What do you over-analyze in your relationship that we missed? Comment below!

Resort at Pedregal: Celebrity Couples Love This Romantic Getaway in Cabo





By <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Cabo is a great travel destination for anybody and everybody. In fact, President Obama even visited recently! Less than three hours by plane from L.A., it should be no surprise that many of our favorite celebrity couples have vacationed in the beautiful waters of this unique destination. Whether you are looking for a romantic getaway, or an Oscars celebration location, one of the best hotels to stay at in Cabo, for both love and celebrity sightings, is the Resort at Pedregal.

Cabo is a lover's playground and a romantic getaway for celebrity couples. Join in on the fun!

Combine an ocean, beach, and luxury travel and you get the Resort at Pedregal. Located on a cliffside in Cabo, this resort boasts beautiful views and relaxation. One of the coolest parts of this romantic getaway is the entrance. You and your lover will enter through the only private tunnel in

all of Mexico to get to the resort!

When you get to the premises, get ready to look for couples in <u>celebrity relationships</u>! The resort only has 96 rooms, suites and villas combined. It is a little pricey, but the advantages almost certainly outweigh the costs. Some of the higher-end rooms feature private pools, rainforest showers, and personal concierge services!

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If the rooms are out of your budget, the Resort at Pedregal still offers plenty of <u>date ideas</u> for you and your partner. Land's End, one of the most famous rock formations in the world, is not far away and neither is the Cabo Marina, home to many of the most luxurious boats on the planet!

If that type of sight seeing is not your thing, the resort has an on-site spa for your ultimate relaxation! Of course, after some time at the spa, there is plenty of beach and sand for you and your love to enjoy together!

For dinner, the on-site and secluded restaurant overlooks the water from a cliff, offering delicious seafood and local cuisine. Try some of the best dishes that Cabo has to offer!

The resort also has many great day excursions, like a whale watching tour and a breezy seaside golf course. The sun will definitely be hot, so cool off in the beautiful waters, full of natural coral reefs.

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A romantic getaway is all about you and your loved one, and the Resort at Pedregal has plenty to offer for your love life to flourish. One of the best packages you can buy is the 'Heart to Heart' package, which is full of benefits like massages, breakfasts, and a view that is incomparable to any other view you'll find in Cabo. To top it off, you'll get a glass blown heart as a memento of your time together on a piece of paradise on Earth!

The Resort at Pedregal in Cabo is a beautiful destination for a romantic getaway and a great destination to spot celebrity couples. Hollywood's elite love it here, and you'll find it the perfect place to express your love with your significant other!

Have you been to Cabo's Resort at Pedregal? If so, share your experience below.

Date Ideas: Have a Snow Day With Your Man





By Samantha Mucha. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>
Don't let a snow storm keep your dating life on lock down during the frigid winter months. Bundle up this December and take on a blizzard with one of our winter date ideas! Grab your winter jacket, warmest gloves and scarf. Don't huddle together indoors — you lovebirds have a snow man to build!

Have fun in the snow with our winter date ideas!

Remember the days when you would get irrationally psyched about a snow storm? As a child, we saw it as an adventurous challenge. If you and your partner are up for it, it can be just like the old times all over again. Get a good stretch beforehand though because you probably aren't as nimble as you used to be. These winter <u>date ideas</u> require some physical energy so be ready!

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If you have a driveway, have a shoveling race with your partner. Don't be kind, go hard and see who actually wins. The loser makes the hot cocoa, and gives the winner a luxurious back massage (but that's for later on.) Having little competitions can be so fun and increase your motivation to win!

When the hard stuff is all taken care of, tackle your sweetheart into a pile of snow and make snow angels. Maybe you can even head into the woods, a park, or the neighborhood and take a stroll through a freshly powdered winter wonderland.

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Last, but not least, build a snowman. As a child, it always seemed to be a challenge to make the perfect snowman. As an adult it can be your personal contest to create the perfect snow buddy, carrot nose and all! A good piece of <u>dating advice</u> is to keep things fresh and exciting, and a snowman contest could be the perfect way to do that!

Once your gloves are soaked and your nose is runny from the cold, call it quits and retire back inside. Take off all those wet snowy clothes, heat up the cocoa and hit the couch for a movie to watch your favorite <u>celebrity couples</u> in your most beloved rom-com. After a long day in the harsh winter weather what could be better than getting cozy with your lover?

What did you and your partner do in the snow for fun? Tell us below.

Date Idea: Shop Until You Drop





Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Need some holiday plans for after you've carved the turkey this weekend? After you've put the stuffing and cranberry sauce in the refrigerator for leftovers, what's a couple to do? Take advantage of those holiday sales of course. Wallets be aware: this date idea may cost you some cash! Wouldn't it be nice to have the latest style from your favorite celebrity couple? Holiday sales, like Black Friday, are a great way to get that style without burning through all your hard-earned cash!

Be shopaholics together with this date idea!

While waiting in line in the November weather can seem daunting, you can turn this camp out into a romantic rendezvous. Pack some leftovers, bundle up, and don't forget your canister of Pumpkin Spice Hot Cocoa! Here's a dating tip for while you're waiting on line: keeping each other warm while waiting for discount appliances is one way to keep your heart rates up in the cold!

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What happens once you make it into the stores? It can get a little hectic in there, but fear not. Staying close together is an important piece of shopping dating advice! You wouldn't want to lose each other! Venture into Target, Walmart, or your favorite clothing store together. Help your significant other pick out gifts for family members, like \$3 appliances, deeply-discounted designer clothes — you can't go wrong. Zales is probably also having a sale, and what better way to ensure you love the gift you're getting than by doing some early window shopping (in your flame's presence, of course)? Be sure to pick up Macy's Black Friday ad for coupons, which you can put toward some sexy lingerie for frosty weekends.

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After enduring the crowds and the checkout lines, put some of those goods to use! Pick up some discount DVDs from Walmart, and snuggle up with your sweetheart. There's nothing like putting your feet up after a hard day's shopping and enjoying movies on Netflix, your favorite rom-com on DVD, or the new titles you just got in store!

Have a lead on a Black Friday sale? Comment below and share with our other readers.

Date Ideas: Become a Football Fanatic





Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

The summer is winding down, and you all know what the means: it's almost football season! This sport is a national pastime enjoyed by both sexes; why not take part in some of the action yourself? Playing football, or even just watching a game, is a great way to get a group of your friends together and have some fun, or just invite over that special someone! Football offers a full stadium of date ideas, and we found some of them for you below!

This is one of the many date ideas the sports world has to offer!

NFL Preseason begins soon: check out the schedule to see when you can catch your favorite team on TV. Check your local paper for bars and pubs offering game night activities, like Buffalo Wild Wings does. Going out to eat can be a really fun way to spend some of your football date ideas! You can expect raffles, contests, and lots of noise cheering favorite teams to victory.

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Football and sports are a great way to bond closer to your partner. Over time in a relationship, an important piece of dating advice is to find ways to keep things fresh and new. Football (or any other sport) could be your avenue for new found happiness in a relationship. Plus, who doesn't love some competition! Take our dating tips to heart and have a fun little competition!

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If you prefer to get active, get a team together to play in a nearby park on weekend afternoons. Post a sign-up sheet around your area to get more people involved. You might even meet a future lover in the process. (Hint: Divvy up the teams so your can get close to that new cutie — or put him or her on the opposite team as an excuse to tackle!) Celebrity couples are always going to football games, and some like Tom Brady even play! So going to a game could be another great date idea for you and your loved one.

Have a football tradition of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers. And if you want other themed date ideas, let Cupid know!

Date Ideas: "Fall" in Love





By Shannon Seibert. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Before the weather gets too cold, take time out to embrace summer's last bit of warmth. This weekend, take part in some fall <u>date ideas</u> like going for an early fall hike and appreciating the nature changing around you. Or, you can just drive around with the windows down and breathe in that fresh autumn air. Check out this <u>dating advice</u> on how to make the most of your fall weekends!

Enjoy awesome date ideas for the fall!

Hiking is an amazing way for you and your man to connect with the beautiful outdoors and strengthen your relationship. Talk about your favorite events coming up this fall, and make plans for pumpkin carving, football games, and bonfires. The conversation will distract you from the distance, and in no time, you'll cover a decent amount of ground and get a great workout in for your legs. Staying healthy is one of the great dating tips autumn has to offer.

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Collect different kinds of leaves as you make your way down the trail, and take cool pictures with the different sites you see. If you find a leaf unique enough, save it! Press it in a book, and when the leaf dries out, you can place it on a matted frame and have it as a keepsake of your trip.

For this weekend date idea, you can even build a pile of fallen leaves and jump in! The more, the better. Think of the scene from *A Thanksgiving for Charlie Brown* when everyone built gargantuan leaf piles and played in them for hours. You and your man can really dive into the feeling of fall and spend the afternoon making angels in the leaves.

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If exercise isn't your thing or you don't have any mountains to scale, then take a long drive with the windows down to soothe the soul. Have your beau turn on some of his favorite tunes and just enjoy each other's company. Some "Old Time Rock N' Roll" or a little bit of Jason Mraz will relax the both of you and ease the stress of the workweek.

If you are fickle about wasting gas, you can just drive to an

open field and have a picnic. As a tribute to the end of summer and the beginning of fall, bring all of your favorite foods. Hidden Valley has an amazing recipe for potato salad, which is a great picnic food. It pairs well with turkey sandwiches and fresh fruit.

Lay out with your love and watch the clouds roll by. Bring up your favorite fall memories as a kid or plan a trip together. It could be a weekend getaway to a nearby cabin or a visit to a national park. The Red Woods in Yosemite National Park in California are beautiful this time of year. Ask him about what his ideal vacation would be and bounce ideas off of each other. Maybe even use your favorite <u>celebrity couples</u> as an idea-starter!

When the day is over, snuggle on the couch with a blanket, pop in your favorite rom-com, and think about a fun fall date idea for next weekend.

How are you and your honey getting into the spirit of fall? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Ideas: Make a Spooktacular Spectacle as a Couple





By Emma L. Wells. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Make this Halloween extra special for you, your partner, and all of your neighbors by going all out with your decorations this year. For this <u>date idea</u>, one of the many you'll find from Cupid, you and your partner can get busy hanging fake spider webs and spooky ghosts around the house in preparation for the trick-or-treaters.

Get ready for a great Halloween with this date idea.

Whether you're going full-out scary or want a playful Halloween look, you'll need to stock up on supplies. Grab your honey and set off for the local superstore. You'll want to fill your cart up with creepy ghouls, fake gravestones, and maybe a skeleton or two. One of the many fun pieces of dating advice for this idea is to have a competition for who can make the scariest component in your yard! If you want to freak out your trick-or-treaters, think about getting things that glow in the dark or are motion-sensored. Or, you can go the

opposite route and create a more lighthearted, kid-friendly setting by making your own jack-o-lantern pumpkin patch. Just like a relationship, make sure to compromise! That is always a great piece of dating advice. You can buy fake ones at the store that will last for years, or you can carve your own to add a personal touch to the scene.

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After your trip to the Halloween store, you and your partner can get into the spooky spirit. It'll be fun to work together on this weekend date idea! You'll see how well your creative sides mesh as you plan your decorations. Bonus: You'll find out just how handy he can be while hanging skeletons and setting up lights. He might be more skilled with a toolkit than you thought! Learning new things about your significant other can be very beneficial for your relationship, especially if it's a new one.

Don't forget the candy, too! After putting in so much effort to make your house perfect for Halloween, you'll want to make sure you're prepared for all the trick-or-treaters who will be ringing your doorbell. You can either buy an assortment of treats at the store, or you and your partner can have some fun in the kitchen making your own cookies, candied apples, and popcorn balls.

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This date idea doesn't end with the decorations. Once you've made over your house, it's time to take a look in the mirror. You lovebirds will need great costumes to wear while passing out treats on Halloween. If you want more Halloween date ideas, costume shopping together always works! You might consider going as your favorite celebrity couple like Kanye West and Kim Kardashian or a well-known duo like ketchup and mustard. Whatever you choose, this weekend date idea is one the whole neighborhood will enjoy!

How are you and your sweetheart preparing for Halloween together? Can you think of any celebrity couples that go all out for Halloween? Tell us below!

Relationship Advice: The Pros & Cons of Breaking Up in a Social Media World





By <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Social media has become an essential component to life and love in modern society. However, breaking up can be

devastating to your life ... and your social media profile. While there are rarely positives in breaking up, looking at celebrity couples for insight, and our friends' relationships, we can see that there are some pros and cons of breaking up in a social media world. Below are some pieces of relationship advice about breaking up in this highly-connected world.

These pieces of relationship advice highlight the pros and cons of ending things in a social media society.

<u>Pro:</u> Friend support: A great aspect of social media is the ability to stay connected. Maybe your best friend lives far away, or a close cousin doesn't always talk to you. Well, social media connects you all. A key piece of relationship advice is to have a support network to fall back on should things go bad or problems arise in the relationship. Whether you are part of one of those celebrity couples that get thousands of fan support after a celebrity break-up or just a person who gets a few direct messages from your friends, nearly-instant friend support is a really amazing part of today's social media world.

<u>Con</u>: Wiping the plate clean: Getting rid of all the photos, wall posts, and other social media interactions can really be a drag, and can be really sad. You're forced to see the loving moments and the cute things the two of you may have said to each other. While it takes a lot of time, it is definitely the emotional toll that makes this part of ending it in a social media world one of the hardest aspects. Do this soon after your relationship ends, when the feelings are still close to your heart. Don't wait weeks; that is just you asking for more emotional torture, which probably won't help your feelings. A good piece of love advice would be to have a best friend sit

with you and do this for you.

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Pro: Unlimited options: While it may be a bummer to remove all of those interactions with your partner from your multiple profiles and pages, social media does offer plenty of options for you to forget about her/him and to move on. Finding a new profile picture is easy, while there are also ways you can limit your interactions with your new ex. There are plenty of ways to forget about your heart breaker. Try changing your profile picture, your bios, or whatever it takes to make sure you stay happy!

<u>Con</u>: Partner's presence: The best thing about social media is constant interaction. However, after a break up, you probably don't want to be reminded of your former partner every second you log into Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or others. Blocking is always an option, but you should try to be better than that, if you can. I don't recommend posting things just to make your former partner jealous, but you can really use social media to prove to them how much they lost when they broke your heart! Their presence may always be on social media, but you can use that to your advantage. Don't be afraid to see what is going on in their life, just be ready for whatever you may see.

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Pro: FYI everyone: Yes, you should be waiting a decent amount of time after a break up before you consider another relationship, but maybe Mr. or Mrs. Right is hiding on your friends or followers list! Deleting all the photos and especially profile pictures is a sign to others that you are available. There is a strong possibility that someone else could be crushing on you, and that they have just been waiting

for the right time to talk to you. Well, now is the right time! Who knows, your future marriage partner could be waiting for you right there on your Facebook wall!

Are you experiencing a break up in a social media world? What pros/cons have you experienced? Comment below!

Date Idea: Embrace Each Other with a Scary Movie Marathon





By Tanni Deb. Updated by <u>Josh Ringler</u>
Halloween is approaching, and it's time to get ready with a thrilling scary movie marathon, one of the many scary

Halloween weekend <u>date ideas</u> for those who can handle it! Boot up Netflix, head to your local movie theater, or rent movies that you've always been scared of or maybe that you love, and make a night of it with your significant other. Pop some popcorn and get ready for a few thrills and chills that'll have you jumping into the arms of the person you love — staying close is always one of those romantic and important dating tips!

Halloween offers the perfect time for some spooky weekend date ideas!

If neither of you are frightened by horror movies, then make it a competition to see how many you can watch in one night without falling asleep on the couch. A great piece of <u>dating</u> <u>advice</u> is to have little competitions when you can, to keep things interesting! This challenge is sure to keep your eyes wide open until the break of dawn.

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If you and your partner are huge horror movie fans, consider playing scary movie trivia and see just how much you really know about the genre. This is a great way to bond with your sweetheart and share your common interests — plus a little competition never hurt anyone. Start your marathon on a weekend because rest assured, you may have nightmares when it's over. This could lead to the two of you waking up holding one another in the middle of the night, which is as far from scary as you can get!

Did you watch a scary movie recently with your partner? Have any other weekend date ideas for Halloween? Let us know by commenting below!

Date Idea: Pumpkin Picking With Your Partner





By Steven Zangrillo. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>

What better way to spend a fall weekend than by picking pumpkins with your partner (say that five times fast)? Pumpkin picking is a lighthearted way to enjoy a beautiful fall day. This seasonal activity is only available to you for a small amount of time, so take the opportunity this weekend to go with your partner.

Here's a <u>date idea</u> to get you into the spirit of Halloween!

The pumpkin picking itself will be a blast as this will give you the opportunity to make a decision as a pair. Discuss the size, shape, and particular orange glow that you so desire. Choose one large or a dozen tiny ones, but be aware of your partner's preference. Take lots of pictures to document this fun date idea! Head to the nearest pumpkin patch or local farm and get into the holiday spirit. Then, decorate your porch or get ready to carve these babies!

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Show off your artistic and childlike side by carving your pumpkins into characters. Make caricatures of yourselves or scary Jack-O-Lanterns. Get a step-by-step kit or wing it with your partner. Be careful not to get too messy, but a few pumpkin guts never hurt anybody. Once you're finished, enter them in a contest or give them out as gifts. It's a fun and easy way to enjoy the fall weekend.

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Make pumpkin related desserts if you are up for carving them. Pumpkin spice has been hugely popular in the past, and let's not forget the traditional pumpkin pie. Check out different pumpkin cocktail recipes, or try out a new dessert. Your partner will love getting creative with you this weekend.

Think you have some fun and crazy pumpkin carving ideas? Comment below!

A "Novel" Date Idea: Browsing for Books





Updated by Stephanie Sacco

If you're looking for a perfect way to settle down and relax this weekend, grab your partner and head to a bookstore for this weekend date idea. It's a fun way to educate yourself about the new titles that are out there today. You'll enjoy choosing books together and holding in laughter behind the shelves.

Here are some book-related date ideas to consider.

Find books that you and your partner both enjoy reading. Or, for fun, select one from a completely new genre, and take turns reading it to one another. Start a book club of two if you decide on a book together, or read totally different ones. If he likes graphic novels and you're in the mood for a memoir, that's fine, too. As long as you are reading together! Head to the nearest library or bookstore, and let your inner book-nerd out.

If you're into e-reading, cuddle in bed with your honey and go through the new book releases on your Kindle, Nook or iPad. Once you've found something, take turns reading to each other until one of you falls asleep.

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If you love a book that has a movie adaption, consider reading it and then going to see the movie with your partner. Debate about which was better — the novel or the film. Discuss the differences between the two over dinner afterwards or eat popcorn and whisper about it from your very own couch. It'll be good for the two of you to bond over your interests.

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If you and your partner enjoy similar authors, try to attend an author meet and greet or a book signing. Typically book stores or libraries have author talks and signings so take a look in your local newspaper. It's a perfect date idea that will link the two of you, since you'll hold onto the books forever.

What's your favorite part about browsing for books with your partner? Comment below!

Dating Advice: 5 Good Reasons to Date Your Best Friend





By <u>Josh Ringler</u>

There is a common thought prevalent in society stating that you should always marry your best friend. Well, the fact of the matter is, you can't marry your best friend until you date them! While celebrity couples have highlighted the best and worst of these best-friends-turned-lovers situations, it is entirely possible that you make the most of your situation if you decide to date your best friend. If you aren't sure if you want to give it a try, check out Cupid's dating advice below!

These pieces of dating advice highlight some reasons dating your best friend might be a great idea!

- 1. Comfort: A really important part of any relationship is the comfort level that exists between you and your significant other. Comfort levels among best friends are usually really high, which can only help your relationship grow over time. A great piece of love advice is to maintain a clearly defined comfort level so both you and your partner know what the limits are. If those limits are kept in check, there would be no reason for your relationship with your best friend to not be the best!
- 2. Easy transition: If your friendship with your best friend is already a little flirty, or just very comfortable, the transition to dating could be very easy. New friends that decide to date can have a hard time transitioning to becoming a couple because they don't know a lot about each other, and they may not be too comfortable either. All of that leads to a lot of relationship problems, but being best friends means you have already avoided all of that! Smooth sailing into a great relationship is in your future if you go for it.

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3. The obvious is key: The two of you are already friends, best friends even. That means you and your significant other already know about personal problems, family issues, friend issues, and other important emotional things. The fact that there is an important, caring connection makes falling in love a lot easier, and makes the relationship a lot easier to grow. As best friends, the two of you know the little things in life that may mean more than the big things, and in a relationship, sometimes the small things are just as important!

4. Communication: One of the key parts of a relationship is good communication. Relationship problems can sometimes stem from how the two of you communicate. Best friends are mostly good at communicating with each other, and you may even realize the potential love in your pre-relationship communication. If that is the case, you should definitely consider dating your best friend. A good piece of dating advice is to keep a good line of communication open because the better the communication, the better the relationship!

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5. It won't ruin your friendship: The biggest reason against dating your best friend is the common misconception that trying to date her/him will ruin your friendship. If there's no cheating or major fights, there is absolutely no reason that an attempted relationship will ruin your friendship. If anything, it will make your friendship a stronger backbone of your new, more intimate relationship. If you are afraid that your friendship could be ruined, talk about it, and you'll find a way to make it all work.

Did any of these dating advice tips work for you? Comment below!

Dating Advice: 7 Reasons to Get in Good with Your Partner's Family





By Josh Ringler

Parents should be important to everyone. Yes, Hollywood may show that <u>celebrity couples</u> have their in-law problems, onscreen and off, but your future in-laws or just your partner's parents are a huge factor in determining the overall success of your relationship. If you think that their opinion doesn't matter, keep reading for <u>dating advice</u> reasons as to why their opinion is beyond critical to your love life's success. Think of all the <u>celebrity exes</u> that became single because of parents' disapproval!

These pieces of dating advice will explain why parental approval is a

must in a relationship.

- 1. Parental pressure: If your partner's parents don't like you, they can begin to plant seeds of doubt into your partner's head. "So, is he really good to you? Are you really actually happy with him?" can be questions you hear constantly and that will create problems quickly.
- 2. Questioning: Questioning is one of those many problems. If you start to think about your parents' criticisms of your relationship, you can run into trouble. You want your partner to really feel happy about you in all aspects, and parental approval is a must.
- **3. Adds to your relationship:** Over time, your relationship will become layered with inside jokes, memorable places, unforgettable memories, and more. Having their parents like you will only add another positive layer to the relationship and will increase the likelihood of better things to come in the future. A good piece of <u>relationship advice</u> is to keep the relationship fresh and new, and adding new layers is a great way to do that.

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- 4. Discomfort: Often times, family time is a time that can include significant others. A trip down the shore or to a restaurant can now become a really awkward adventure. Celebrity couples turned celebrity exes became that way because of the discomfort, and you don't want that! An important piece of dating advice is to always make your partner feel comfortable and not out of place.
- 5. Take time away from the relationship: If discomfort is a common trait when there is family time, you could also lose some time together. If your partner's parents don't like you,

you may not be invited places or to dinners, or you might find excuses yourself to not be together because of her/his parents. This will lead to cracks in the foundation of your relationship, and that is never good!

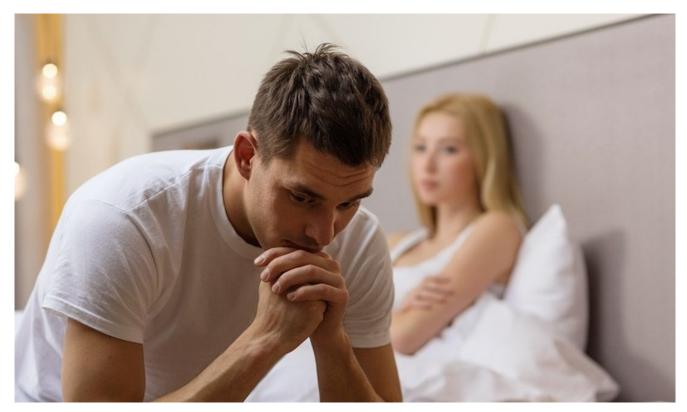
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- 6. Happiness: Happiness is the most important part of any relationship. It's important to always make your partner happy as much as you can, if not always. If your partner loves her parents, their disapproval may be a heartbreaking thing for them. If you're respectful, responsible, and kind, their approval (and your partner's happiness) will follow.
- 7. Deal-breaker: Do you want to marry into a family that doesn't like you? It is true that it has happened before, but that doesn't mean it is a good idea. Parental disapproval can be the straw that breaks the camel's back and ruins the relationship. Regardless of which of the reasons ends it, the lack of their parent's thumbs up can really be a disappointing sign that things aren't as good as you thought.

Did these pieces of dating advice put you on your partner's parents' good side? Comment below!

The 7 Most Hyped Celebrity Weddings of the Last Decade





By <u>Katie Gray</u>

There's nothing as joyful as when our favorite <u>celebrity</u> <u>couples</u> say, "I do." <u>Celebrity relationships</u> are usually more extravagant when it comes to taking vacations, going on dates and giving gifts. When they decide to have a celebrity wedding, it typically becomes an over-the-top, decadent and luxurious affair. When it comes to love and weddings, nobody does it better than the stars. Over this past decade we have seen our favorite celebs tie the knot with all of the pomp and circumstance imaginable.

Cupid has compiled the 7 most hyped celebrity weddings of the last decade:

1. Kim Kardashian & Kanye West: Keeping up with Kim is what many people are sure to do when it comes to planning a lavish wedding. Kim Kardashian and husband Kanye West tied the knot with all the pomp and circumstance you could imagine! They married at Forte di Belvedere in Florence, Italy on May 24,

- 2014. Her gown was Givenchy Haute Couture for the ceremony and a Balmain dress for the reception. Their friend John Legend performed and at the rehearsal dinner, Lana Del Rey serenaded the pair to her hit song "Young & Beautiful." Kim has a huge engagement and celebrity wedding ring from Lorraine Schwartz, an over the top wedding in Europe, and they live in a \$11 million dollar mansion in Bel Air, California. They even had a pre-wedding party at Versailles, a bachelorette party in Paris, France and a lavish honeymoon in Cork, Ireland.
- 2. Prince William & Kate Middleton: The wedding of the Royals was a real life fairy tale! Millions of people watched this wedding around the world and celebrated. Prince William and Kate Middleton said their vows on April 29, 2011 and wed at Westminster Abbey, which is where most Royals have their ceremonies The ceremony had 72 million streaming on YouTube, and 36.7 million watching the coverage on television in the United Kingdom. It can best be summed up by the Taylor Swift lyric, "It's a love story, baby just say yes." The beautiful bride wore an elegant gown by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen. Thousands of people cheered on the streets as the regal couple stepped out onto the balcony to greet the public. The best part is, they donated a lot of their wedding gifts to their favorite charities!
- **3. Donald Trump and Melania Knauss:** Business mogul, Republican party's current candidate for Presidency, and host of his own show *The Apprentice*, Trump had one of the fanciest weddings of the century when he wed Melania Knauss. The pair married in January 2005 in Palm Beach, Florida in a lavish \$1 million affair. Melania Knauss wore a Christian Dior gown made from 300 feet of satin embedded with 1,500 crystals. She had a 13-foot train that weighed approximately 50 pounds, and reportedly took over 1,000 hours to make. There was a 36-piece orchestra playing music. The couple also spared no expense when it came to details, as they hired Preston Bailey, a floral designer whose fees begin at around \$100,000 to plan

their wedding flowers. It was a star studded affair, some of the invited guests included Oprah Winfrey, Elton John and Usher. Their closest family and friends threw rose petals on them when they said "I do," there were more than 6,000 appetizers of lobster and caviar and truffles, before they had a sit down dinner with lobster rolls, caviar and beef tenderloin, steamed shrimp salad and more. The wedding cake was 200 pounds, five-foot-tall, seven tiers and had 3,000 iced roses on it.

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- 4. Justin Timberlake & Jessica Biel: Lights, camera, action wedding! These two actors tied the knot on October 19, 2012. Singer Justin Timberlake, and actress Jessica Biel opted for an elegant and private affair. She wore a custom petal pink Giambattista Valli strapless gown with a veil that was embedded with pearls from her Grandmother's tiara from her wedding day. He opted for a sleek and chic Tom Ford suit. The event took place in Puglia, Italy and had guests including Jimmy Fallon, Timbaland and Andy Samberg. Timberlake serenaded Biel as she walked down the aisle. The wedding events cost a reported \$6.5 million dollars.
- 5. Blake Lively & Ryan Reynolds: Spotted: Blake Lively, of Gossip Girl fame, marrying fellow actor Ryan Reynolds in September of 2012 in an elegant and private ceremony. The super private event was held in South Carolina. The starlet and the Hollywood heartthrob tied the knot in an exclusive ceremony that featured the best of everything. Lively wore a Marchesa couture bridal gown that featured hand-draped silk tulle bodice that was detailed with custom crystal and rose gold embroidery. It was about celebrating the love between the pretty pair though, not materialistic things, Lively even told Vogue that she actually burned part of her dress with a sparkler during the party while she was watching Florence Welch sing at her reception. However; the celebration was about creating memories that will last for the rest of their

lives! She said that the burn is now her favorite part of the dress and she will cherish the memories that are preserved.

6. Kendra Wilkinson & Hank Baskett: June 27, 2009 is the day that *The Girls Next Door* star Kendra Wilkinson and athlete Hank Baskett tied the knot at the Playboy Mansion. This wedding affair was \$1 million dollars, featured a buffet of sushi, mini cheeseburgers, lobster and a strawberry and chocolate wedding cake by Fantasy Frostings. There were lavish flowers everywhere: over 5,000 roses, 2,000 hydrangeas, and 1,200 lavender and white orchids. What happens at the Playboy Mansion, does not always stay there — sometimes it's meant to be enjoyed by many!

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7. Kim Zolciak & Kroy Biermann: On November 11, 2011, reality starlet Kim Zolciak wed NFL star Kroy Biermann. The two star in their own reality show spinoffs on Bravo TV. She had three wedding dress changes, that equaled \$92,000, and their wedding cake was 11 layers and cost \$14,000. Kim had shared that they didn't spare any expenses, because you only do it one time and they wanted it to be special. Their lavish wedding totaled \$1 million dollars. Guests definitely didn't want to be tardy for this party!

What have been your favorite celebrity weddings? Comment below!

Dating Advice: 3 Ways to Fall

Back in Love with Yourself After Getting Dumped





By <u>Josh Ringler</u>

Getting dumped is no fun at all. Feeling as though you may have lost your chance at love, maybe for the second or third time, can make you feel really down. But, it is important to stay proud of who you are, because there is a reason to love yourself. An important piece of love advice is to love yourself first, and after your heart gets broken, take the time to reevaluate and continue to love yourself regardless. If you need a few ways to fall back in love with yourself, check out these pieces of dating advice!

These pieces of dating advice will give you some ways to overcome that heart break and stay in love with yourself.

1. Love your body: After a break up, you may think that it was your fault. You might feel like you aren't good enough, but that is the furthest thing from the truth. However, if you feel low on confidence or if you just want to prepare yourself for your next endeavor, a new workout schedule or diet could help you fall back in love with yourself! When celebrity couples break up, they are always changing their diets and working out to stay positive. Before you try to find love again, consider becoming a better you first.

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2. Find a hobby: It is really easy to lie on your bed, eat ice cream, and be sad about your break-up. But, it is just as easy to find a hobby or a new way to use your time wisely! You can start watching a new show, reading a new book, or finding a new favorite music genre. One of the hardest parts of a break-up is to replace the time you would have spent with your now ex. A great piece of love advice is to be proud of who you are and what you can accomplish with your time and talents. Finding a new hobby can be one of those ways! Plus, you might even find someone who shares some of the same interests as you!

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3. Stay positive: Loving your body and finding new interests can only get you so far. A crucial aspect of falling back in love with yourself is your attitude. A bad attitude won't help

a thing, but a positive attitude could go a long way in recovering your self-love. Smiles really do brighten people's days, and they can brighten yours, too, so try to stay cheery when life gets you down. With a positive outlook, you'll realize a lot of things are easier to accomplish and your outlook on your love life will improve.

Are you looking for ways to love yourself again? What has worked for you? Comment below!

Celebrity News: Kristin Cavallari Reveals Her Third Wedding Anniversary Celebration With Jay Cutler





By Cortney Moore

Time sure does fly by! It's only been three years since former Laguna Beach and The Hills reality TV star, Kristin Cavallari, tied the knot with Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler in a celebrity wedding! In a celebrity interview with The Knot, Cavallari opened up about her third wedding anniversary with the NFL player. "We went to dinner at one of our favorite spots in Chicago called Blackbird, we had a four-course meal and a bottle of wine. I was a happy girl," Cavallari said. Evidence of the joyous occasion was shown on Instagram, where Cavallari posted a photo of herself blowing a kiss at Cutler, captioned, "Happy anniversary to my man!"

This happy celebrity news has us realizing that reality TV star Kristin Cavallari and Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler know

how to make a long-lasting relationship work. Cupid discusses below.

A Broken Engagement

Prior to the 2013 wedding between Cavallari and Cutler, the celebrity couple faced their own set of challenges. The couple got engaged in April 2011, but broke it off three months later. However, their split didn't last long seeing as they were back together in December of that year. Cavallari detailed the reasons for their split in her book Balancing in Heels, stating, "I always go after what I want in life, with men or otherwise, and I never settle," she went on to add, "If something doesn't feel right, I act on it. It's just who I've always been." Though being apart from the love of her life was difficult, Cavallari was adamant that things "needed to change," and that Cutler would only take her seriously if she ended the relationship. After months of couple's therapy, which she states, "opened up our eyes to the other person's perspective," Cavallari and Cutler were able to get right back on track.

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A Baby On the Way

A month following their reunion, Cavallari and Cutler announced that they were expecting their first child! Cavallari went on to give birth to their son, Camden Jack, in August 2012. In a statement to <u>People</u>, Cavallari said, "We definitely weren't ready to get married then and so we put everything on hold and we ended up having the baby before." Despite being a busy mother of one at the time, the celebrity couple made their union official on June 7, 2013 and were wed

in Nashville, where they had a "not huge" and intimate ceremony the following day. Cavallari and Cutler went on to celebrate their honeymoon in Italy and traveled along the world-famous Amalfi Coast. According to *The Knot*, Cavallari's favorite honeymoon memory took place in Tuscany, "we went for a hot air balloon ride early one morning," Cavallari said, "and it was the most beautiful and exhilarating experience I've ever had."

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More Babies On the Way

Later on the same year, Cavallari was pregnant with her second child, who was born in May 2014 and named Jaxon Wyatt. Exactly a year later, the couple announced that they were expecting their third child! In November 2015, the pair welcomed their first daughter to the world, Saylor James. "She's such a sweet, happy baby. And it melts my heart seeing Jay with her," Cavallari told *The Knot*.

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Working Together at Happiness

Since then, the couple has worked together to raise their three young children. Only time will tell if this celebrity couple will continue to expand their family. Aside from parenting, Cavallari and Cutler are a great celebrity couple that know how to make a relationship work. They show that the road to finding love doesn't have to be perfect the first time around. With hard work and dedication, happiness can be found as long as you listen to your partner's needs.

Are you glad that Kristin and Jay were able to make their relationship work? Share your thoughts below.

Relationship Advice: Prepare for Unexpected Love Like Blake Shelton & Gwen Stefani





By Dr. Jane Greer

Country star <u>Blake Shelton</u> revealed that his current love, <u>Gwen Stefani</u>, was "the last person" who he expected to have his back after his <u>celebrity divorce</u> from Miranda Lambert. They've only been a <u>celebrity couple</u> for six months, but already he's crazy about her. This is a great example of a couple finding love when they least expect it. Sometimes when you aren't actively looking for it to happen is exactly when

These pieces of <u>relationship advice</u> will dive into the unexpected love found between celebrity couple Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani.

When you are getting over a betrayal or heartbreak, as both Blake and Gwen were after their respective marriages ended, it is hard to imagine yourself in another relationship. At that point, the last thing you want to do is take a chance and risk being wounded again by someone else. But if you can trust yourself in turning to someone who is supportive and there for you, not only can you start anew, but it's even possible that a new romance could blossom.

It can be difficult to talk about what you've been through and share your pain with a friend. A lot of times people want to shut down, and are not always comfortable reaching out and asking for support. They might feel embarrassed, humiliated, or unsure about trusting that the friend won't gossip about their story and private thoughts with someone else. However, you may find that in expressing your situation to a friend, and giving them the chance to offer empathy, you might begin to feel understood in a way that makes all the difference in the world.

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The tendency is to shut down when you've been hurt, but letting yourself remain open can become the first step in the process of healing. They're able to see the best in you, and help bring out that side of you, so that you can move forward feeling stronger and better about yourself. This is a key

piece of <u>relationship advice</u> of falling in love, which is being made to feel valued, terrific about yourself, desired, and, especially on the heels of losing all that when you are dealing with a break up, it can be an elixir of the heart. In fact, Blake was quoted as saying Gwen saved his life. There is no underestimating companionship — it can feel lifesaving.

While you may have only seen this person in one light — strictly platonic — that can shift as your circumstances and interactions with each other change. If that does happen, it can be a bonding experience and bring you together in a way that feels like a gain, where before you felt only lost and alone. With this in mind it can be positive to share your emotional pain with someone, rather than remaining closed off and keeping the heartache to yourself. It's natural to feel vulnerable if you suddenly find yourself being drawn to this person after everything you've been through, but it is worth it to let the relationship go forward. A good piece of relationship advice is to not be afraid to let these feelings naturally progress.

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The celebrity couple recently sang a duet together on The Voice called, "Go Ahead and Break My Heart." Blake explained that they chose that title and the words to go with it because they are smart enough to know at this point that all relationships will have ups and downs. So why not just put it out there? They've been through it before, and they know there will be good and bad ahead, but right now they are so happy they found each other and they will deal with what's ahead. After a celebrity break-up or any kind of break-up, sometimes you just need someone there for you.

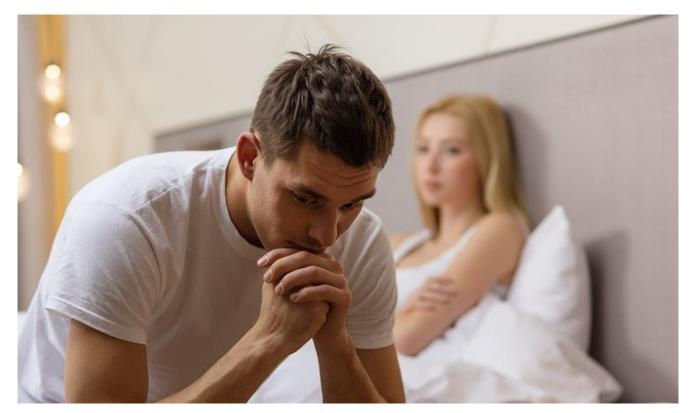
While Blake and Gwen are *singing* about it, it is equally beneficial to *talk* about it. Though it can feel scary, being involved in this relationship, facing your fears and

acknowledging your insecurities can actually make you stronger. While you want to protect yourself and might typically look to keeping these feelings private, if you can instead be honest and genuine with someone you feel has your back, who knows where it might lead you, maybe even to a new love.

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Weekend Date Idea: Venture Out on Labor Day





By Toni Vadala. Updated by <u>Stephanie Sacco</u>

With summer coming to an end, there's nothing like a three-day weekend to experience one last romantic adventure. This Labor Day weekend, take a load off and wait for summer to end in style. Even if you're not in our nation's capital, Labor Day is typically a weekend of barbecues, festivals, and fun times with friends. Celebrity couples are no exception!

Here are some Labor Day inspired date ideas to get you in the mood.

Plan a BBQ, or attend one close-by. Organize a three-legged race or other fun summer activities to bring you closer to your partner. Run in the sprinklers, or throw around water balloons to cool off. There's nothing more fun in the summer than some outdoor <u>date ideas</u>.

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Go to the beach or the town pool (if you don't have your own)

to spend Labor Day weekend. The water won't be available forever, so take the opportunity to dive in before it's too late. This weekend date idea will have you and your partner getting wet and wild. Go to a hotel and take advantage of their pool. Order drinks and embrace the summer sun one last time.

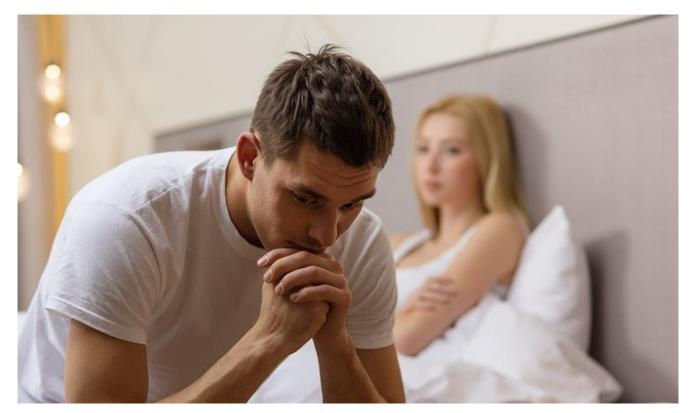
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Find a fireworks show somewhere nearby. Walk or drive to a park, or stay on the beach. It'll feel magical to watch the sunset or fireworks pop over the ocean. Like mistletoe, it may be the perfect moment to kiss your partner. Soak up the last bit of summer sun this Labor Day weekend, and enjoy some one on one time with your partner.

Have a favorite Labor Day tradition of your own? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Take Time to Relax





By Brittany Stubbs. Updated by <a>Stephanie <a>Sacco

Once the work week ends, all you want to do is relax. There's no time during the day to hang with your partner, and by nightfall you are so tired that you just want to sleep until Friday. You and your partner both work non-stop, so take this weekend off and plan something relaxing with these <u>date ideas</u>.

It's time to unwind and take time for yourself this weekend.

The first step to your relaxation destination with your partner is escaping the digital world. Take our <u>relationship</u> advice to heart, and close your laptops, log out of your email and social media accounts, and most importantly turn off your cell phone. Your boss doesn't need to keep in constant contact with you over the weekend. You'll be amazed how relaxed you'll feel stepping away from technology and out into the world.

Come up with a plan ahead of time that you both agree on, and keep in mind that this date is about spending time together.

Consider making appointments at your local spa, and arrange a couples massage. Get your nails done or spend time by the pool. It's like taking a mini vacation. The mix of relaxed muscles, a calm environment, and each other's company will help you connect like you never have before.

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If a spa day isn't in your budget, you don't have to spend money to wind down. Put on your fluffy robe and favorite slippers and create a spa in your own living room. You and your partner can take turns giving each other back, hand, and foot massages. After you've gotten each other's knots out, open a bottle of wine and curl up on the couch.

Instead of grabbing for the television remote right away, make an attempt to learn something new about your partner. This doesn't mean sharing what happened at work last week. Go deeper! It'll strengthen your bond as a couple.

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No matter how you've chosen to relax together, don't forget about your responsibilities: like eating! Pick a meal that requires little stress or effort or get take-out. You deserve it! Get into your pajamas with your partner and take a nap. Pop a frozen pizza in the oven or wait for the delivery guy to show up. Continue enjoying the comfort of your own home and the warmth of your partner.

Whether it's only for a few hours or an entire day, devoting some time to unwind with the one you love will do wonders for your relationship and your health.

How do you and your partner relax together? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Karaoke Night





By Ryan Boyle. Updated by **Stephanie Sacco**

The lights are bright. Your partner and your friends are cheering you on, waiting for you to take the stage. The beat kicks in, and the lyrics start rolling by in a yellow tint. You step forth into the spotlight, beaming with courage, and start belting out your favorite song. But you're not performing at a concert hall or a sold out stadium — it's karaoke!

Check out this romantic and

fun date idea involving singing your favorite tunes.

Your vocals may not be as strong as Christina Aguilera's, but you don't have to sing like a diva and sell thousands of tickets to enjoy this <u>date idea</u>. Make a date of it, and hit up a bar or restaurant that offers karaoke or an open mic night. Let your hair down for a few hours and sing with your girlfriends or drag your partner. Go on a double date, and see who can beat the other couple out.

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Another option is serenading your partner. Pick out a cheesy love song and sit him in the front row before you belt out the classics. Keep the mood light with laughter, but also with a hint of romance. Order an appetizer to split while you watch other couples sing to each other. Even if it takes a little liquid courage to get you up there, just remember everyone is rooting for you. You can do it!

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If the idea of getting up on stage freaks you out, pick up your very own karaoke machine at the store. You can host karaoke parties and dances at your house with your close friends. Make a night of it, and order take-out or serve drinks. You'll be in for a lot of laughs, and your partner can get to know your friends more intimately.

Whether you sing like Aretha Franklin or your voice sounds pitchy, karaoke is a great way to spend a night with your partner.

What's your favorite Karaoke song to sing? Comment below!

Date Idea: Binge Watch a New TV Show





By Emma L. Wells. Updated by Mary DeMaio

Who doesn't love a good day of binge watching TV, especially when there's someone to snuggle with? This weekend, you can stay in and try something new. Find a show that you and your partner haven't seen before (but that you both are interested in), and dive in. With so many series available on Netflix, Amazon Prime Instant Video, and Hulu or Hulu Plus, this shouldn't be a hard <u>date idea</u> to pull off. All of these options offer free trials, so you don't have to fret if you don't have a membership. A great piece of <u>dating advice</u> is to

load up your couch with blankets and pillows (maybe you want to take it a step further and build a fort), pop some popcorn, and prepare to relax.

Follow this relationship advice for a low-key date idea.

Think you've seen every series already? Even if you watch a lot of television, you probably haven't seen everything. Go back to the beginning of SNL on Netflix, or pick up something that aired before you were born. Perhaps you're more interested in a newly-released Netflix or Amazon Original Series, like House of Cards or Transparent. Following this relationship advice will not only amuse you, but it'll help you see if your entertainment preferences are compatible.

Don't forget about the snacks! You and your partner can put a buffet together by each bringing your favorite tasty treats to share on this weekend date idea. Some essentials include flavored popcorn, candies like peanut M&Ms, pretzels, or chips and dip. Make sure you have a few healthy options, too — maybe a fresh fruit salad or vegetable platter. If neither of you are prone to snacking, you can order take-out instead. Pizza and beer go great with a *Friends* marathon!

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If you need a break from staring at the small screen, head to the kitchen and see what you can cook with the ingredients you have. Make a meal together like breakfast for dinner: eggs, bacon, and toast; or go Italian with a pasta dish. These meals are all easy to whip up with items that are usually in your refrigerator or pantry. It's also a fun way to connect with your partner.

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To make this date idea even more exciting, play a game based on the show you chose. For instance, if you are watching something suspenseful like *CSI* or *Lost*, try to guess how each episode will end. Predict the outcome, or bet on who the killer is. You can even pick a prize: Winner gets the last chocolate chip cookie!

Ever had a binge watching session with your significant other? Comment below!

Date Idea: Volunteer and Build a Foundation Together





Shake up your usual list of <u>date ideas</u> and try something new! A great way to bond with your beau is by volunteering for a good cause. This weekend, work on strengthening your relationship by building a home for someone in need. Lots of organizations, such as <u>Habitat for Humanity</u>, need volunteers to help with their current community projects.

Build a house for someone in need with this date idea!

Giving back is a great way for you and your partner to do some real relationship-building. Working alongside your honey will enable you two to connect on a new level. Plus, completing a physical task together will bring you closer and clue you in to your ability to be a successful team in the future. Following this relationship advice, you may even discover something new about your significant other. Perhaps he's handier than you thought with a toolbox. Next time your faucet is leaking, you'll know who to call!

Service projects aren't only about work. Building houses is a great outdoor activity for a sunny August afternoon (soak up that vitamin D!) and can also double as your daily workout. Swinging that hammer over and over again or lifting heavy pieces of wood will leave you sweaty and exhausted. You may even meet some other couples and expand your social circle.

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Most organizations allow you to sign up for just one day at time so you don't have to make a big commitment with this weekend date idea. Don't worry if you don't have any experience with construction, as there are jobs for all ability levels. They will also teach you new skills if you're interested in learning how to lay tile or want to improve your painting abilities.

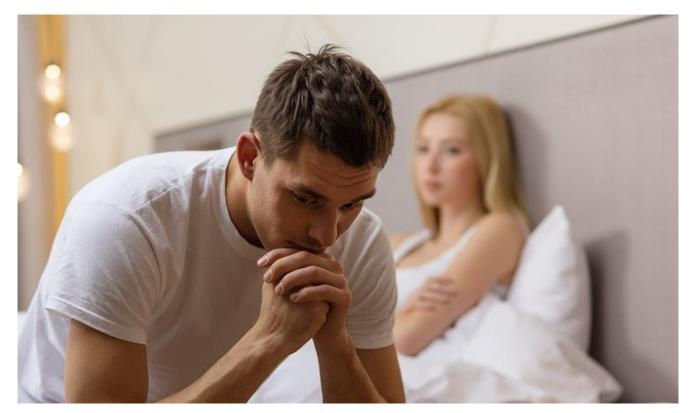
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After you're done, head out for drinks or a sweet treat. You can even invite some of the new friends you made today. Talk about what you learned from the day's activities and what you most enjoyed about pitching in. The next time you're looking for a weekend date idea that will help your relationship and your community, consider building a home for a good cause!

Tell us: Have you and your partner ever volunteered together as a date idea?

Date Idea: Couples Barbecue





By Maria Darbenzio. Updated by Mary DeMaio

Invite a few couples from around your neighborhood to get together for a backyard barbecue bash as a fun and romantic <u>date idea</u> this weekend. Sure, it's fun to have some alone time with your sweetheart, but mingling with other couples is a great way to make new friends, especially if you haven't met all of your neighbors yet.

Check out these fun barbecue date idea activities!

Hanging out together gives you a chance to see how other couples express their love. Not only can you learn a few pointers about your own relationship, but you'll get an idea of who to call when you want to go on a double dinner date.

For the barbecue, have each couple bring one of their favorite appetizers or entrees. Depending on how many guests you invite, you should be able to put up a decent-sized buffet. The diverse dishes will also be great talking points, as you

can find out the history behind each recipe. As the hosts, you and your partner can provide beer, wine, and cocktails as well as desserts. Preparation for the barbecue can be just as fun and exciting as the actual event!

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If you have a pool, tell your guests to bring their swimsuits. After all, pool parties aren't only for kids! It's a great way to keep things lighthearted and fun. Of course, if you're serving alcohol at your get-together, remind everyone to drink responsibly both in and out of the water.

No pool, no problem. Set up some of your favorite backyard games — anything from horseshoes to corn hole to volleyball.

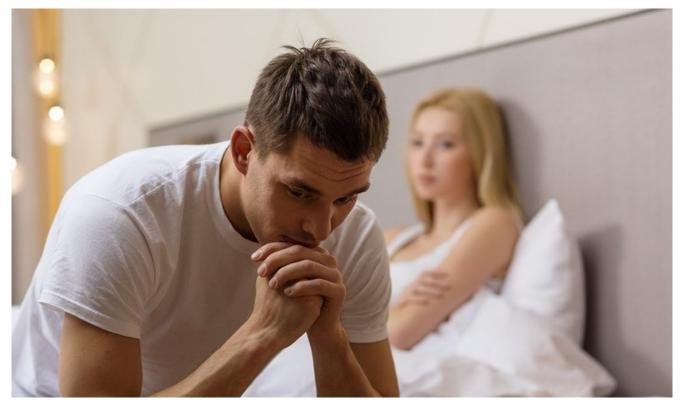
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Once everyone has had their fair share of swimming or games, build a bonfire and hang out around it as the sun begins to set. Provide marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars to make s'mores for a sweet end to the evening. At the end of the day, you and your partner will have memories and friends that last.

What are your favorite barbecue activities? Let us know in the comments below!

Weekend Date Idea: High School Sweethearts





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The purest form of love is often times teenage love. The anticipation of first kisses, stolen glances, and broken curfews are some of the most magical memories we have of our high school romances. So, why not relive it? Even if you and your partner just met, there's nothing more romantic than recreating past moments that you can cherish while making new memories.

Plan a high school-inspired weekend date idea while adding a modern twist.

Throw on his old Letterman jacket, and catch a football game at your old high school. Underneath the Friday night lights,

you can cuddle on the bleachers and reminisce about the good old days. Get loud and proud for your local team and bond with your man by seeing who can cheer the loudest or try to predict the end score of the game. Enjoy the concession stand and share a bite to eat. Visit with old teachers or coaches if the time presents itself. It would be a good boost for the both of you.

With this <u>date idea</u>, you can snuggle close together and pick a topic to discuss. Chat about the game, your high school experiences, your past relationships, and your possible future together!

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Didn't win prom queen in high school? Well, now's the time to make your dream come true with this prom-inspired date idea. Put on a fancy dress to impress your partner, bring out the dusty CDs you grew up with, and recreate your own prom. Turn your backyard or living room into an intimate dance floor and invite a few friends over. String up some lanterns, shuffle some tunes, and have a night to remember.

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Completely turn the tables and start at the beginning again. Throw rocks at his window, pass secret notes, write love letters. Call their house phone and leave mushy voicemails. Pretend the times are different and we went back in time. Rent a movie from an old video store or visit the places you used to hang out. Your old stomping ground might be a little bit different today but it'll provide nostalgia that you can share with your partner.

Did you have a high school sweetheart? Comment below!