

Love Advice For Making Your Long-Distance Relationship Work



By Jemima Lopez

He lives in L.A, and she lives in London. While having a trans-Atlantic relationship is tough, if there's anything British celebrity couple David and Victoria Beckham prove, it's that long-distance relationships *can* work. Married for 12 years, they just welcomed their fourth child. Their American counterparts, Hollywood couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, have made it work too. Despite separation between films, they've managed to stay in a committed relationship for seven years, and they share six children.

But non-celebrities have remote relationships too. In fact, more than 3.5 million Americans were in a long-distance relationship in 2005, according to the latest statistics. With the development of new technology, that number is most likely on the rise. While us common folks can't afford to jet set or send extravagant gifts, that doesn't mean our long-distance relationship can't last just as long. Use this love advice to help maintain your relationship and love like the stars:

Love Advice For Long-Distance Couples

1. Use all forms of communication: Let's get the obvious out of the way: Physical interaction is scarce, so communication is key. Text messaging, instant messaging, or even Facebooking is a start, but make your "communication" more interactive. Here are some examples:

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– **Date nights:** "Skype dates" are the norm – a designated time couples agree to video chat. But try to have a *real* date instead. Each week, pick a movie and a meal to prepare or purchase. Arrange your laptop, screen facing you. Eat and engage in conversation like in a restaurant. Then, pop in the movie. This way, you can hear and see each other's reactions to scenes. Bonus: Other movie-goers won't tell you to pipe down!

– **Send photos:** Sending self-portraits are great, but always try to send photos of things that you find interesting or funny. It will allow your mate to become more in-tune with your personality and give them some insight into your world.

– **Make videos:** Hearing someone's voice and seeing their face is more personable than a text. But people don't always have

time to videochat. Instead of sending a text, create a 30-second SMS video. Your significant other can view or respond when they have time, and it's still special. There are apps that deliver "voice text messages," like Voxer.

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2. Send them a package: Sending your partner a gift for no reason is great love advice that can keep a smile on their face. Remember that you can also treat your boo to lunch or dinner because it's easy to get online and order a pizza that can be delivered to his or her front door. You can send traditional letters too. There is something incredibly personable about seeing someone's handwriting.

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3. Schedule monthly trips: You can talk for hours, but unless you see each other in the flesh at least once a month, your relationship will most likely fizzle. There are exceptions, like military relationships, which don't have the luxury. But for those that can travel at their own leisure, take turns planning monthly visits.

4. Be secure: Lastly, most remote relationships fail due to lack of trust. While understandable, if there is no trust, you shouldn't be together. Try not to let your jealousy get the best of you. That said, never completely ignore your intuition either. If something doesn't feel right, speak up.

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Celebrity Weddings: 5 Famous Couples That Said 'I Do' in Vegas



By Katanya Royster

What's the first thing you think of when someone says Sin City? Okay, *after* legalized prostitution. That's right: quickie Vegas weddings in chapels illuminated with neon lights. The fact is, Las Vegas issues approximately 100,000 marriage licenses each year and boasts almost as many wedding chapels as it does casinos. For famous couples, those quickie celebrity weddings are typically followed by quickie divorces

and embarrassing publicity. Vegas' abundance of 24-hour bars makes us wonder if some of our favorite celebs were under the influence of something other than love when they tied the knot, Vegas-style. Here are a few examples:

Famous Couples That Married in Vegas

1. Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos: In 1996, former soap star and current television host Kelly Ripa married actor Mark Consuelos at the Chapel of the Bells in Las Vegas. Sixteen years and three children later, this happy married celebrity couple proves Vegas weddings can sometimes stick!

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2. Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton: In 2000, actress Angelina Jolie and actor/writer Billy Bob Thornton wed at The Little Church of the West on the Las Vegas Strip. The famous couple called it quits after two years of marriage with Jolie petitioning for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences." It was Jolie's second marriage and Thornton's fifth.

3. Britney Spears and Jason Alexander: In 2004, pop star Britney Spears wed longtime friend Jason Alexander at a 24-hour wedding chapel. Apparently, Spears forgot to grab a pre-nup on the way to the chapel. meaning that this stunt could have cost her a lot more than a little public backlash. 55 hours later, Alexander signed annulment papers and took an economy class flight home. During a subsequent interview with MTV's *Total Request Live*, Spears said Vegas "took her over" and admitted that "things got out of hand."

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4. Pamela Anderson and Rick Salomon: In 2007, Rick Salomon,

who famously co-starred in the leaked Paris Hilton sex tape *One Night in Paris*, and actress Pamela Anderson tied the proverbial knot at Las Vegas' Mirage Hotel, making this the third celebrity marriage for both Salomon and Anderson. However, Salomon and Anderson's 15-year friendship did not translate into a successful union. Two months later, the famous couple's marriage was annulled in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Celebrity Love Has No Age Limit

5. Doug Hutchison and Courtney Stodden: In 2011, actor Doug Hutchison married aspiring singer Courtney Stodden at Las Vegas' Little Chapel of Flowers. The groom was 51 years old, and, at only 16, the bride was probably still learning to operate a motor vehicle. Despite Stodden's age, the celebrity marriage *is* legal. Under Nevada law, a person who is at least 16 years of age but is not yet 18 years old can marry with parental consent – and Stodden's parents consented to the marriage. “We all need a good man in our lives,” her mom Krista told Fox411.com. “True love can be ageless,” Hutchinson told E! News in response to the controversy surrounding the celebrity couples' age difference.

Would you get married in Vegas? Share your comments below.

Hollywood Relationships: Celebrities Who Found Romance

On Set



By Megan McIntosh

Everyone remembers the moment they met the love of their life, whether it be at a park, a coffee shop or at the office. For many celebrity couples, the setting of the beginning of their love story was the work place. While some pairs couldn't keep the torch in their love life burning, the following Hollywood relationships turned "just a normal day at the office" into unforgettable romances that tabloids and fans constantly follow and discuss:

Hollywood Relationships On- And

Off-Screen

1. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: This famous couple has to be one of the most unforgettable set of co-stars to have met on set (they were filming *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*). Pitt divorced his then-wife Jennifer Aniston in 2004 and later got together with Jolie. The duo has a total of six children together – three biological and three adopted.

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2. Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell: Famous actress and mother of Kate Hudson, Hawn has been with actor Kurt Russell since 1983. This Hollywood relationship started on the set of *Swing Shift* in 1982, and the famous couple later starred in the film *Love Overboard* in 1986. Despite a relationship that spans nearly four decades, the couple has no plans to marry.

First The Movie, Then The Celebrity Wedding

3. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner: This dynamic duo met while on the set of *Daredevil* in 2002 and celebrated their celebrity wedding in 2005. The Hollywood couple has maintained a relatively low-profile relationship, unlike Affleck's previous relationship with another Jennifer, Jennifer Lopez. Affleck and Garner have three children together.

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4. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson: This twosome has experienced great popularity with their on-set/off-set chemistry. The celebs met on the set of *Twilight* in 2008 and also starred together in the other films of the *Twilight* saga: *New Moon*, *Eclipse* and *Breaking Dawn*. Bella may have difficulty in choosing Jacob or Edward on-screen, but Stewart

is Team Edward all the way! Both Pattinson and Stewart will star in the last film of the series *Breaking Dawn Part II* later this year.

5. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren: These lovebirds had a slightly different matchmaking experience. Though not an actor himself, Warren met Alba while she was filming *Fantastic Four* in 2004, and the two were married in 2008. The couple have two daughters together.

6. Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar: This reclusive celebrity couple met while filming the scary movie *I Know What You Did Last Summer* in 1997. They were married in 2000 and filmed two additional movies together, *Scooby-Doo* in 2002 and its sequel, *Scooby-Doo: Monster's Unleashed* in 2004. Prinze and Gellar had a baby girl in 2009 and switch off with at-home responsibilities.

Who are some other Hollywood couples that have found love on set? Share your ideas below.

Power Celebrity Couples: Hollywood Relationships That Command Our Attention





By [Whitney Baker](#)

Some [celebrity couples](#) have the “it” factor that just draws us in and makes us interested in everything happening in their lives. Other Hollywood relationships have to work a bit harder for our attention, but still, we can’t help but take notice. They make headlines because of their enviable romances, high-profile careers, and cute kids, and we anxiously await their next moves. Below are five power celebrity couples that, for better or worse, never fail to command our attention:

Power Celebrity Couples

1. Prince William and Princess Catherine: The royal wedding lived up to everyone’s expectations, and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have continued to capture our attention – and our hearts – ever since. It seems that these lovebirds garner media coverage for every move they make, even when they do something as mundane as grocery shopping.

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2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: Whether Carey is flaunting her post-baby body, Cannon is doing one of his many hosting gigs, or the duo is showing off their adorable twins, this famous couple seems to have a hand in everything. The attention-seeking family will certainly be captured in tabloids in May this year as Roc and Roe celebrate their first birthdays and Carey and Cannon mark their two-year wedding anniversary.

3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: These superstars manage to juggle two demanding careers and multiple charitable commitments all over the world, all while raising six children under the age of 10. Despite their busy lives and hectic schedules, they still manage to make time for date nights.

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Private Hollywood Relationship Still Grabs Attention

4. Beyoncé and Jay-Z: This celebrity duo is famously private, but that doesn't mean they command our attention any less. Having been together for over a decade, [Beyoncé](#) and [Jay-Z](#) have been seen at sporting events and concerts as well as on romantic celebrity getaways. They recently received even more attention for their culinary choices: The new parents were both following a partially vegan diet in order to keep their energy up for their first child's arrival. Their daughter, celebrity baby Blue Ivy Carter, was born on Jan. 7.

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5. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban: This marriage between Hollywood royalty and a country music superstar appears to be

a match made in celebrity heaven. They continuously support one another at award shows, showing their love for each other on the red carpet. Urban credits Kidman for helping him overcome his alcoholism, calling her an “extremely pure spirit.” The low-key couple has settled in Nashville to raise their daughters, Sunday Rose and Faith Margaret.

Who are your favorite power celebrity couples? Share your comments below.

Most Beautiful Famous Couples



By Jessica Smith

Beauty comes from the inside and out, and the radiance of love can be the most profound beauty people can exude. There are plenty of beautiful celebs in Hollywood, and when two gorgeous celebrities are matched together, they turn heads and leave us awe-struck. Here are ten of the most beautiful famous couples that Hollywood has to offer:

Beautiful Famous Couples

1. Prince William and [Kate Middleton](#): The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have earned the number one spot on our list. They've been married less than a year, but ever since Princess Kate elegantly walked down the aisle, she has taken the world by storm with her class and beauty – and let's not forget her great fashion instinct.

2. Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen: Fame, fortune, and beauty – this Hollywood couple has it all. They've been married for almost two years, and they're definitely turning heads. The New England Patriots quarterback and his supermodel wife have an 18-month old son and are making big plans for a new mansion.

3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: You can't mention celebrity couples without this dynamic duo making the list. Pitt and Jolie have been fighting human rights as a couple for six years, and they exude beauty inside and out with their celebrity love for one another and their love of helping people in need.

4. David and Victoria Beckham: There's plenty of spice in this duo's life, and we've watched these stars transform into responsible parents over the span of their twelve year romance. Victoria gave birth to their fourth child, daughter Harper, a few months ago, and their kids would certainly be included in the list for most beautiful celebrity kids.

5. Penelope Cruz and Javier Barden: The Spanish actress and her beau make a lovely couple as fans watch them raise their son Leo after being married for just over a year.

6. Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo: These newlyweds have been married for less than a year, and they described their celebrity wedding as a dream come true. Hopefully, having their wedding televised didn't leave these two lovebirds with the reality TV show curse!

7. Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr: This famous couple can't get any sexier. The twosome has been married a little more than a year, and it's hard to believe they've already had their first child. If you saw Kerr modeling Victoria's Secret lingerie in this year's fashion show, then you probably saw her hubby watching her enviable post-baby body glide down the catwalk and giving her a standing ovation.

8. Adam Levine and Anne Vyalitsyna: They're sexy, and they know it. Their celebrity romance seems hot and steamy as they pose nude for magazine covers and Vyalitsyna appears in his music videos. You could see the infatuation in Adam's smile as he and his girlfriend locked eyes as the Victoria's Secret model strutted her stuff down the catwalk recently.

Celebrity Love is Stronger Than The Rumors

9. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett: Apart from the recent rumors of a celebrity divorce after being married for fourteen years, this power couple is still together and we're cheering for their recovery. The pair – and their famous children – are a force to be reckoned with, and their talent seems unstoppable.

10. [Ryan Reynolds](#) and Blake Lively: This young duo is one of the newest Hollywood couples to step onto the scene, and they're leaving their mark. It looks like the *Gossip Girl* may

have finally found her man. The two can't seem to get enough of their love for each other, and for fans, there's nothing like living vicariously through a young and hopeful couple.

What other beautiful Hollywood couples would you add onto the list? Share your comments below.

Valentine's Day Love Advice: Does Your Relationship Add Up?



By Donetta Huffman

Finding out if you and your sweetheart are meant to be is sometimes a gut feeling, judged by your relationship's strengths and flaws. However, many couples (more often women) seek clarity by visiting psychics and astrologers. Whether for fun or to validate some serious decision-making about the fate of a relationship, these 'supernatural' predicting methods are a trend for young women looking for advice. If you're a numbers gal, numerology may be the thing that you crave.

Numerology is the study of the symbolism of numbers to determine a couple's life path, destiny, soul and overall compatibility. It can lead you to some interesting romance facts. You may have heard about numerology, but thought it was a complicated mathematical process that was difficult to master. Don't worry; it's not like those hard to memorize, crazy x-y equations that made your palms sweat and gave your stomach butterflies while taking high school algebra tests. It's much simpler and can be easier applied and utilized in your everyday life. The math is fairly simple. Here's what you do:

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First, take the birthday of your boyfriend, husband, fling or love crush and add the numbers together one-by-one. For example, Justin Timberlake was born on: 1-31-1981. So add $1+3+1+1+9+8+1$. The sum that you get should be double digits. In this example we get the number 24. Now add those two numbers together to get the single digit Life Path for that person. In this case, Justin's Life Path number is $2+4=6$.

This number has a meaning that numerology specialists use to decode relationships.

Take a look at these three celebrity couples below to see if numerology ranks true for these Hollywood Sweethearts:

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel

These two have very compatible numbers, Justin is a 6 and Jessica an 8. Both are goal-oriented and do not shy away from responsibilities. These two may pursue their goals in different ways, but as long as they play off of each other's strengths, their relationship has a chance to last. In addition, Jessica has an 8 Soul and Personality and Justin has an 8 Destiny, so the couple feels like they understand one another on a deeper level. Jessica feels protected by Justin, with his nurturing 6 Life Path. They actually share numbers with an actress who eventually became a princess. Grace Kelly transformed into Princess Grace when she left Hollywood and married Prince Rainier of Monaco in 1956. This is still known as one of the greatest [love stories](#) of all time.

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LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian

This couple got off to a somewhat rocky start, as they were both married to other people when they met. LeAnn is a Life Path 2 and Eddie is a Life Path 6. Considered one of the most loving unions, this is a romantic combination, as both numbers [love](#) easily, without holding back. Neither number is afraid to show their true feelings. Also, with LeAnn's 2 Life Path, she sees herself in Eddie's 2 Personality. His 6 Life Path recognizes her 9 Soul, thus having a deep artistic connection. LeAnn and Eddie are in great company when it comes to lasting relationships. With the same number combinations, Hollywood icon Bob Hope and his wife Delores were married for 69 years, while Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos have it all – three lovely children and very busy, successful careers.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Somewhat of a curious combination of numbers, with Angelina's 5 Life Path and Brad's 4 Life Path. This can sometimes be a

challenging combination, as 4's usually like routine, whereas 5's love change and the unexpected, but that is where the initial attraction might have started. They are so different, but could have found admiration in these qualities. Angelina not only has a 6 Soul, but also a 6 Destiny – it is no wonder she keeps having and adopting children. 6's are the maternal, paternal number. When she met Brad, she saw this in Brad's 6 Personality. The qualities they show to the world are that of loving parents. With Angelina's adventurous Life Path 5, life with her promises never to be boring!

Originating from the most well-known Greek mathematical thinker, Pythagoras, Numerology predates Tarot, and is quickly becoming the biggest craze in self help. Semi-Circle Numerology cards can give people the ability to feel powerful in the realization that they have been sent here for a purpose and given many tools to accomplish life's mission.

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Angelina Jolie, Stacy Keibler and Their Beaus Have Awkward Run-In





Is there some tension brewing between Angelina Jolie and Stacy Keibler? According to UsMagazine.com, the two ladies awkwardly ran into each other while accompanying their nominated men recently. Jolie's longtime lover Brad Pitt and Kiebler's boyfriend of six months, George Clooney saw each other at the Screen Actors Guild Awards last weekend. Keibler was reportedly fixated on Pitt when the two couples caught up with each other and even posed for what seemed to be an awkward group shot while walking the red carpet. This isn't the first time Jolie and Keibler have had a weird moment when bumping into each other. A few weeks ago, the skies weren't so friendly when Jolie and Keibler both hopped on the same private plane with their men while heading to the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

What do you do if you don't get along with your beau's best friend's girlfriend?

Cupid's Advice:

Sure, you won't get along with everyone you meet, but when it comes to your boyfriend and his close friends, getting along

with them can be a big deal. Here are a few tips to help get you through any awkward moments while dealing with your potential “frenemy”:

1. Girl talk: Next time your sweetie’s best friend and his girlfriend visit, invite her to go with you to the store or mall so you can talk to her about the issue and hopefully straighten everything out.

2. Be the bigger person: Even if she’s being rude when you are around each other, smile and be kind anyway. Treating her in a polite way may cause her to treat you the same ... eventually.

3. Avoid the situation: If you’ve exhausted all of your options while trying to make peace with your beau’s best friend’s girlfriend and you two still can’t patch it up, then it’s probably best to leave her alone and only speak if necessary.

How did you handle not getting along with your partner’s best friend? Share your experiences below.

Kids Put Pressure on Brad Pitt to Propose to Angelina Jolie





Kids say the darnedest things, especially if they're Brad Pitt's. UsMagazine.com reports that in an interview with *CBS: Sunday Morning*, the Academy Award nominee admitted his six children are pushing him to propose to mommy Angelina Jolie. "We're getting a lot of pressure from the kids," Pitt said. "It means something to them." The star of *Moneyball* admits he has struggled with explaining to the kids why his marriage to Jolie has been on hiatus. When the six demanded he "buy mommy a ring," he replied with, "Okay, I will, I will." Pitt added he always listens to his children's feelings. "You have less time to spend on a project," Pitt said. "You come home and you're Dad. You're much more conscious of how much time you give to a production."

How do you explain a partnership versus a marriage to your kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Although Brad struggled, it doesn't mean you should. Here are some ways to keep your kids in the loop:

1. Simple is best: Try not to over-complicate the situation when explaining you and your partner's decision. Take some time to prepare together on what you will say.

2. Be prepared: Kids can – and most certainly will – ask questions. The only real way to be ready for it is to keep an open mind so you're not thrown off by one of their inquiries.

3. Believe: You and your lover have to back your decision 100 percent before sitting your children down. Any room for doubt in either of you shows that you both have to work things out.

What are some other things to keep in mind while explaining your relationship to your kids? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrities Who Share Too Much PDA





By Katanya Royster

You're on the subway, and the couple next to you starts hooking up. By the third stop, she's sitting on his lap, and his hand suspiciously disappears into her gray cardigan. One of her crossed legs casually rests on yours. There you sit – an unwilling participant in a *ménage À trois*.

The truth is, a little PDA is part of any healthy relationship, and it's no different for our favorite celebrity couples. But, when PDA goes from “frisky” to all-out “foreplay,” couples should pull the curtains on the show and head indoors. While some Hollywood duos try to keep their lip-locking to a minimum in public, these celebrity couples opted out of getting a room and gave their fans a VIP pass into their love life:

1. Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. Since Bieber and Gomez took their relationship public, the PDA has been in full force. Earlier this year, the actress/singer was photographed straddling Bieber and kissing him in Hawaii, while her 17-year-old pop star beau's hands were spotted getting well

acquainted with Gomez's backside.

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2. Kelsey Grammer and Kayte Walsh. Things got hot and steamy between this couple as they laid on top of each other during a make-out session in Miami Beach, Florida, last year. Perhaps the couple, who wed a few days after this PDA session, decided to take their honeymoon *before* the wedding?

3. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. Forget about holding hands or planting a kiss on her famous lips; Pitt grabbed a handful of Jolie's booty at the NYC premiere of *The Tourist*. The couple, who usually keeps it modest while in public, believes that romantic alone time in their relationship is crucial, even with six kids to look after.

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4. Madonna and Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and her former back-up dancer. How many girls can Madonna kiss for shock value before it's no longer shocking? Either way, the pop star's most infamous PDA moments leave us suspecting she has a very specific type – young and hot! Her most recent beau, Brahm Zaibat, confirms those suspicions.

5. LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian. This pair's relationship started while they were both married to other people, resulting in a storm of negative press. However, bad publicity didn't slowing down their PDA.

When do you think PDA has gone too far? Share your comments below.

Angelina Jolie Buys Brad Pitt a Waterfall



Talk about a grand gesture! Angelina Jolie, 35, bought husband, Brad Pitt, 48, a waterfall in California recently. According to UsMagazine.com, the grand gift served as both a birthday and Christmas gift. Jolie plans to construct a home for Pitt and their six children over the waterfall. The new home will be inspired by Pitt's favorite architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. "Brad has dreamed of a home with the sound of a waterfall cascading under the house," says a source. Jolie's gift came at the perfect time, as the duo recently sold their former Malibu home to Ellen Degeneres and Portia de Rossi.

What are some natural gifts you can give to your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Want to give your sweetheart the stars? Well, you really can!

1. Star: Adopting a star is now an option to the public. For a small fee, you can buy a star and have it named. Talk about giving it all to you sweetheart. No gift will ever top a star.

2. Tree: Planting a tree in honor of your partner is easy, fun and good for the environment. You can do it together, or plant it as a surprise. Either way the tree will continue to grow and flourish just as your relationship does.

3. Adopt a polar bear: Polar bears are becoming extinct, and what better way to save them than by adopting one? For any amount of money you can donate to World Wild Life Fund and have your very own polar bear. If your lover is into saving the animals, this is the perfect gift.

What are other natural gifts you can give your partner? Share your ideas below.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping Guide for Your Partner





By Thomas Doane

With the holidays just around the corner, some people are starting to panic as they worry about what to buy for everyone. Of particular concern for many is what to buy for their significant others. Whether you are newly attached or longtime lovers, everyone wants to find a gift under the tree.

Believe it or not, even celebrities have these worries. After all, behind the fame and glamour, they are flesh and blood humans. Just like us, they have similar worries and doubts.

In that spirit, here's a guide to holiday shopping for your significant others, whether you're famous or not:

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If you've just started dating, think small.

Not only will your new love not expect a large gift, but it may freak them out a little, which is definitely not what you want or need at this time of year. Try to find something small and meaningful for under \$50. This could be something simple like an item of clothing, or you could be a little more

personal and plan a candlelit dinner at home. Whatever you choose, be sure to look for deals, and don't feel pressured to overspend.

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler should take this advice! The pair has only been together for a couple of months and shouldn't worry about lavishing each other with expensive gifts. In fact, due to George's infamously skittish nature, Stacy may want to go the dinner-at-home route, in order to appear appropriately aloof.

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If you have crossed the one-year threshold, then you can splurge...a little.

Still keep spending to a reasonable amount, but try to find a gift that reflects your feelings for one another. Once you have reached the one-year mark, it is likely that you are in love, so go for something romantic, if all else fails, like a weekend getaway for two, or a small piece of jewelry.

This would be a good guide for Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, who recently celebrated their first year together. While this pair is awfully young to be worrying about jewelry, they obviously like vacationing together, and should feel comfortable expressing their feelings for one another. In doing so, they can be assured of one another's affections, and their budding love will continue to bloom.

If you are in it for the long haul, then go all out.

Whether you are married or in a long-term relationship, the holidays are the perfect time to show your devotion and hope for a bright future together. Accordingly, buy your loved one something that shows how much they mean to you, and emphasizes your familiarity with their likes and dislikes.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are preparing for yet another

Christmas together, and despite repeated rumors of their demise, it looks like they are still going strong. Now would be a great time for them to travel to another country, away from their passel of children, and reaffirm their love to one another so that next year will be even better than the last.

Regardless of where you stand in your relationship, the thing to remember is that the holidays are *not* about who gives the best gift or how many you receive. The true reason for the season is spending time with your loved ones and preparing for a great new year. So, just relax and spend the day with your sweetie. Happy holidays!

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Celebrate Her Film with Dinner





In celebration of the premiere of her new movie, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated at Magnolia Restaurant in Hollywood along with the cast of the film and Jolie's brother, according to [People](#). The couple made it to the premiere after being in New York to take their kids toy shopping.

What are some ways to congratulate your partner on an achievement?

Cupid's Advice:

When celebrating your lover's achievement, it's important to do something special and out of the ordinary. Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Out on the town: Instead of driving yourselves to the bar or club, call a limo to take you there. It's important to show your partner just how important they are to you.

2. Staying in: If you can't afford to go all out, then do something special around the house, such as a candlelit dinner coupled with a free back massage.

3. Weekend getaway: If your partner has been working hard for their success, then perhaps it's time to celebrate by escaping for a weekend. Consider staying at a resort that features a spa for relaxation.

What do you do to celebrate your partner's successes? Share your thoughts below.

Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt Narrowly Miss Each Other at the Movies



It was a close one when celebrity exes Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt narrowly missed each other at the Arclight Cinemas in Hollywood on Friday. According to [People](#), it would have been an awkward run-in since Pitt was with his children and wife, Angelina Jolie, while the *Friends* star was there with boyfriend, Justin Theroux. “Justin and Jennifer skipped the popcorn and went straight in. Like five minutes later, Brad and the kids came out of the theater. They just missed each other,” said a source who witnessed the potential run-in.

How do you keep things from being awkward with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a small world, so chances are you're bound to run into an ex when you least expect it. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Just say hi:** Saying hi to an ex isn't saying you want to get back together or admitting they were right. Don't be afraid to say “hi.” It makes things a lot less awkward.
- 2. Wish them the best:** Even if you don't mean it, always say that you wish them the best.
- 3. Be happy:** If you're happy and secure with yourself, chances are your run-in won't be awkward.

How do you show your ex you've moved on? Share your ideas below.

Angelina Jolie Says She'll

Never Be As Good as Her Mother



Hollywood mama, Angelina Jolie, reminisced about her mother in an interview with *60 minutes*. Jolie said that her mom, Marcheline Bertrand, was a generous, loving person that did everything for her children. Sound familiar? It seems Jolie is trying to walk in Bertrand's footsteps since her death in 2007. Jolie adopted three children, gave birth to three more children with Brad Pitt, and is a humanitarian activist. According to [UsMagazine](#) the actress was as modest as ever and said that she could never be as good as her mother.

How do you know what traits to carry over from your own mother?

Cupid's Advice:

We all worry that one day we might turn into our mothers, but that may not be such a bad thing. Mothers wear many hats and the most important one may be that of a role model. Here are some ways to think about and carry on traits that your mother has/had:

1. Childhood: Think about the morals your mother installed in you as a child. As you mature, those morals usually lead you to make decisions in your adult life. Carry on those morals that your mother valued.

2. Role model: Do you remember watching your mother and wanting to be just like her? Try to remember why you wanted to be your mom's little me. Was she loving, funny or strong willed?

3. Memories: If your mother is deceased, remember what made her special. Why did she mean so much to you and to others? You may not become just like her, but taking on some of her traits will help you keep her memory alive.

What traits have you carried on from your mother? Share your ideas below.

Brad Pitt Trashes Marriage with Jennifer Aniston





Six years and six children later, Brad Pitt revealed his feelings toward his marriage with ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston.

Not holding back, Pitt described the once golden couple's union as everything, but ideal, according to [RadarOnline](#). In an interview with Parade, he stated, "I wasn't living an interesting life." He continued to explain, saying that he was "trying to pretend the marriage was something that it wasn't." The actor went on to praise his current love, Angelina Jolie, as the best thing that ever happened to him.

Fans of the Aniston responded in outrage to after hearing Pitt's comments about his life with the *Friends* star. He then backtracked saying that his unhappiness had nothing to do with his ex.

How do you keep the drama about a past relationship to a minimum?

Cupid's Advice:

Exes are a sore subject for many. Staying focused on what's happening in the present always helps to avoid reliving those

heartbreaking moments, and it keeps gossip at a standstill. Here are some tips:

1. Don't talk about it: Although this may be easier said than done, talking about the past brings up old feelings and memories that can bring you back to a bad time in your life. Try to avoid conversations about your previous love life for the sanity of you and your partner.

2. Keep a positive attitude: Sometimes talking about your past mate is inevitable. During those times, try to stay positive and talk about some of the good that came out of it.

3. Focus on the present: If you focus on what's happening in the now, there is no need to constantly relive the past. Cast your attention toward a new job, new look or even a new love.

How do you avoid the drama of past relationships? Tell us your story below.

Brad Pitt Says He and Angelina Jolie Are Used to Taking Punches





Legendary sex symbol, Brad Pitt, recently opened up to [People](#) by pointing out reasons that being him may not always be so glamorous. On longtime partner, Angelina Jolie, being criticized for her performance in *The Tourist*, the actor said, "Listen, man, if we're that shallow-skinned, we shouldn't be in here. We're used to being in the ring and taking some punches." Though he thought it was "sweet" that he and Angelina Jolie were mentioned in the lyrics of the song "Billionaire," Pitt wasn't thrilled that they used his name to rhyme with s**t.

What are some ways to overcome obstacles as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Throughout your journey as a couple, it's impossible not to encounter obstacles. Here are some ways to deal:

- 1. Stay strong:** Not matter what issue(s) you are dealing with as a couple, it is important that you face them head on. Don't hide in a corner.
- 2. Keep a united front:** However you choose to deal with the

problem, both of you must deal with it in the same way. You can't have one person doing one thing and the other doing another.

3. Take a step back: Problems such as gossip are best ignored. Keep things as rational as possible. Sometimes it's easy to let your emotions get out of hand.

What are the biggest issues you have faced with your partner? Share your experiences below.

Celebrity Couples Who've Made the World a Better Place





By Erika Mionis

Celebrity. For some, the word implies arrogance, narcissism, and superficiality. For others, it implies kindness, charisma, and power. While it's true that both definitions have their part in celebrity culture, more and more celebrity couples are trying to change those stereotypes by turning their focus towards charity and humanitarian efforts. Here are some of the main culprits:

1. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: It's no secret that longtime partners Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt like to give back, especially when it comes to adopting children from impoverished countries. Jolie, a Goodwill Ambassador for the UN since 2001, has traveled to over 20 countries in attempts to raise refugee awareness. Brad Pitt, though relatively new to charity work, impressed many by starting *The Make It Right Foundation* after seeing the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The Foundation has built over 50 "green" houses, and has brought more than 200 people back to the Lower Ninth Ward, a devastated neighborhood in New Orleans. More recently, the Jolie-Pitts made headline news when they donated \$500,000

dollars to the Joplin Tornado Relief Services in Missouri. Also newsworthy are the Jolie-Pitts tax returns, which according to Britain's *The Independent*, show that Jolie and Pitt donated almost 5 million dollars to various charities in 2009.

2. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith: Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith's charity work has been somewhat of a recent development. Since 2007, the Smiths have made several large donations of over 1 million dollars each, usually to religious causes. In addition to their religious donations, Smith and Pinkett Smith started the New Village Leadership Academy, a private school that offers both a challenging curriculum and generous financial aid to students. Recently, the longtime couple decided to "donate their birthdays" to the *charity Water*, an organization dedicated to providing clean water for developing countries in Africa. Will Smith asked fans to send \$42 to the charity in honor of his 42nd birthday, while Jada Pinkett Smith simply asked for fans to "send what they can."

3. David and Victoria Beckham: U.K power couple David and Victoria Beckham actively participate in humanitarian work. In late 2009, Victoria visited Clay County, Kentucky, with the charity *Save The Children* in order to learn more about the children in the poverty-stricken area. The former Spice Girl rewarded the children with book bags and advice. Her husband, soccer star David Beckham has been a Goodwill Ambassador since January 2005 and is also a spokesperson for Malaria No More, a New York City-based nonprofit dedicated to treating Malaria in Africa. David is often seen on ESPN and other sports channels in short clips for *MLS WORKS*, the Major League Soccer's charity project. Recently, the couple made news when they donated many of the gifts sent to their newborn daughter, Harper Seven, to charities in Los Angeles.

Is there a celebrity couple you feel belongs on this list?
Feel free to leave a comment below, and keep your eyes peeled

for more celebrity humanitarian efforts.

5 Steamy Summer Celebrity Couples



By Tanni Deb

Summer's arrival not only brings in warm weather, but also creates new relationships. New romance sparks – such as Hollywood's hot couple, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, while other couples' love for each other continues to grow. Since many relationships are emerging, here's a list of this summer's top five steamy celebrity couples who are hot as well

as committed:

1. David Beckham and Victoria Beckham: The famous soccer player and his wife have been noted as the Brangelina of UK. They have four children and have been married for 12 years. Although there were rumors of David having an affair during their relationship, the Posh Spice said the news strengthened their marriage.

2. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith: Married for 14 years, everyone's favorite Hollywood couple made *YourTango's* Top Ten Longest Hollywood Marriages list. What's their secret to a successful marriage? The couple agreed that "divorce just can't be an option."

3. Mark Consuelos and Kelly Ripa: The duo first met on the sets of *All My Children* and married in 1996. Ripa, the hilarious co-host of *Live with Regis and Kelly*, and her husband were noted as one of Hollywood's Hottest Married Couples by *US Magazine*.

4. Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr: Who could forget about the Victoria Secret model and her husband who stole our hearts away in *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Married in 2010, the couple had their first child in January. The two are always making time for each other despite their busy schedules.

5. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: Of course this list wouldn't be complete without Brangelina. Known best for their huge family – three biological and three adopted children – and their humanitarian efforts, they are referred to as Hollywood's power couple.

Want to see one of your favorite celebrity couples on this list? Let us know who in a comment below. In the meantime, lookout for new celebrity relationships this summer.

Why Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick Don't Need to Get Married



By Brea Gunn

Okay, okay...I'll admit it. I'm a reality TV junkie. I LOVE watching the train wrecks, drama, and outright ridiculousness that has become entertainment. Sometimes, though, a show truly hits a chord. I was watching Keeping Up With the Kardashians and stumbled upon the episode where Kris is pushing Kourtney and Scott to get married ... But they don't want to tie the knot.

This may seem strange to you, but it really irked me that their mom, Kris, was pushing the issue. Now, I'm all about weddings. It's what I love to write about, talk about and blog about, but sometimes weddings are not the best thing. Take Kourtney and Scott, for example. If her mom wants a commitment, why not have a commitment ceremony instead of a wedding? You can still have the dress, the big bash and the DJ without ending up with a legally binding piece of paper.

Take a look at some other celebs that have kids and aren't married ... Johnny Depp (together with his partner for more than 10 years, he has 2 kids) and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (together for more than 5 years and they have six (right?) kids) ... And both couples are very comfortable in their relationships.

And then there are the celebrities that have gotten married after they have kids, like Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, and Britney Spears and Kevin Federline. Now, they're separated or divorced.

So where's the middle ground? And more importantly, what does any of this have to do with us 'normal' people? I think that weddings are fantastic, and I love every single one of them, but they're truly not for everyone, as I think the Kardashians (among others) have shown us. So when do you know it's right?

If you can't imagine the rest of your life without your love's best and WORST features, then (more than likely) you're probably on the right track with the wedding plans. But if you're happy being your semi-single self, consider a commitment ceremony or party to celebrate a milestone year in your relationship instead.

Sure, Mom may be upset (even famous moms want to plan their daughter's weddings), but I think that if you sit down with her (do not take a page from Kourtney on this one) and calmly explain your choice, then chances are she'll be on board ...

especially if you let her plan a party.

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Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry



Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights,

gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?

Cupid's Advice:

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

1. Commitment: When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

2. Financially successful: When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.

3. Live longer: Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.

Brad Pitt Revisits Spot He Romanced Jennifer Aniston



Is Brad Pitt using old material in his serious romance with Angelina Jolie? The longtime duo went on a special date on Monday at de Mondion restaurant at the Xara Palace hotel in Malta's walled medieval city of Mdina, reports UsMagazine.com. The couple was spotted walking in hand-in-hand and choosing an outdoor table. An observer at the restaurant said, "They were very, very romantic ... Like a couple in love." Despite the love in display, Pitt not only dined at the exact restaurant with his ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston, in 2003, but they also sat in the same outdoor area. Before leaving, the then-couple signed the guest book. "Thanks for the great escape. Much love, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston."

How do you avoid making your new partner feel like a replacement for your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

You might've finally moved on to a new relationship, but to keep your new sweetheart and avoid making him or her feel like a replacement for your ex, there are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Don't speak about the ex too much: Avoid over-mentioning your ex to your new partner. If you can't stop talking about your ex, that means you aren't ready to move on to a new relationship.

2. New activities: Try new activities instead of making your partner participate in the ones you and your ex favored together. You might even discover new talents and interests.

3. New places: Taking him or her to the exact restaurant or trip you enjoyed with your ex is okay, but it's more exciting when you take your significant other to areas you've both never visited. It's a more unique and special experience.

Do you have ideas on how to avoid making your new partner feel like a replacement for your ex? Share your thoughts below.

**Angelina Jolie Speaks Out
About Love Brad Pitt**



Can't get enough Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie? Well, that may not be an issue for long. After talk of getting married in the near future, Jolie recently opened up to [People](#) about her relationship with Pitt and their kids. "I love being with Brad," she revealed in a statement. "I'm very lucky with [him]. He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man." Their six children play a significant role in their relationship, and the couple includes them whenever possible. However, they do play up the balancing act in some ways, as Jolie explains their alone time is important as well. "It's special time for daddy when mom works for a few months," says the actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador. "And Brad is such a great dad. When I'm working, he's putting in the extra dad time, and that's special for their relationship, too."

How does your relationship grow after you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Children are supposed to bring joy to your life, but really they can either solidify or destroy a relationship. Cupid has some way your relationship can grow after having kids:

1. Quality time: You're working more closely together now and are taking turns with the children. This can help enhance communication, and it's something you handle as a team. Also, those times you do get to relax, it's nice to have your partner there to cuddle.

2. Support system: Both of you will be stressed out at first, especially if it's your first child. A baby is a big adjustment, and you both need to make sacrifices. Vent to each other and reassure your partner that you're in this together.

3. Family matters: After marriage, this is a tremendous factor in your relationship. Not only are you spending the rest of your life together, but now you're raising a family. Do what Brad and Angelina do-include the kids whenever possible, but admire and take advantage of the alone time you guys get.

How did kids change your relationship? Share your experiences below.

Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Finally Considering Marriage?





Don't get your hopes up, team Jennifer fans. Rumor has it that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may wed in the near future.

"The kids ask about marriage. It's meaning more and more to them," Pitt told [People](#). "So it's something we've got to look at." Originally the plan was to wait until everyone can legally marry, but the children have changed the duo's hearts.

Pitt also spoke of the parenting ways he and Jolie use to bring up their children, as well as how they get their alone time. "Angie and I do everything we can to carve out some semblance of normalcy for them, to re-create the kinds of moments that were special for us."

How do things change once you tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is a big step, and you both need to be serious about it. Cupid knows what's coming, so here's what to prepare yourself for before you tie the knot:

1. Less effort: Some look at marriage as the grand prize. If

this is you, you may feel you worked hard enough to get here, so now it's time to relax. Not putting in as much time and effort to keep the relationship strong can lessen the meaning and power it once had.

2. Interest level: Forever is a long time. It's also enough time for one to get bored of the same old thing. Sometimes you're going to need to give your partner more space or spend extra time together to keep the relationship fresh.

3. Sharing and the future. There are so many important factors couples must consider before tying the knot. Prenups, living situations, and of course, children, are primary. Remember that, from now on, this person is a part of you. Make decisions together.

How did marriage change your relationship? Share below!

Zimbio's Top 10 Sizzling Celebrity Couples





When it comes to celebrity couples, everyone wants to know which ones are hot and which ones simply don't make the cut. Zimbio came up with a list of their 100 Hottest Celebrity Couples. Celebs were rated on their levels of success, attractiveness, popularity and staying power. The total of the scores in the four categories determined each couple's rank on the list. Although one of the couples has since split, the other nine are still happily together – as of now. Let's take a look at how hot Zimbio's top 10 list is:

1. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: Who other than “Brangelina” should get the number one spot? Jolie and Pitt's names have graced headlines ever since word got out that they were an item. On success, Zimbio said, “These two command the box office,” and their attractiveness and popularity are self-explanatory. As far as staying power, Zimbio believes they have more reasons to stay together than the average celebrity couple.

2. Beyonce and Jay-Z: *Parade* magazine reported that this couple racked up a total of \$162 million this year, proving their obvious success. Also, this couple keeps their

relationship strictly between them, giving their relationship longevity.

3. David and Victoria Beckham: Their attractiveness ranked a scorching 19 on the scale of one to 20. Posh Spice remains a feisty diva who has perfected her fashion tip, and the soccer player has always been noted for his good looks. Though rumors have circulated about the couple having affairs, they are still holding strong, 12 years later.

4. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady: There's no need to speak on success, as Brady is one of the hottest names in the NFL and the former Victoria's Secret angel continues to land many cosmetic endorsements. This is a first marriage for this seemingly ageless couple – one that will hopefully last!

5. Faith Hill and Tom McGraw: Though Zimbio doesn't think this couple is too hot, success sums them up in a nutshell. Hill had 1.2 million Google searches last month, and McGraw's 2.25 million was enough to put them in the top tier of most popular couples, according to the site. We predict that this couple will continue their happily ever after, as their staying power ranks 20 out of 20.

6. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett: You should have known this hot Hollywood couple was coming! Smith and Pinkett are the epitome of the sweet, down-to-earth duo everyone loves. They have both spoken out about divorce before, and simply put, it won't happen.

7. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: Although this couple gained a spot in the top 10 list, the fire to their flame has been blown out. However, the former pair ranked 19 out of 20 for both popularity and attractiveness.

8. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale: While they aren't as successful as the others, this musical couple ranks high in attractiveness. Though Stefani used to date No Doubt band mate Tony Kanal, there's "no doubt" she and Rossdale are a

match made in heaven.

9. Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis: According to Zimbio, “Johnny Depp became the highest-paid actor for a single role in the history of film” after shooting *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest*. If that’s not success, we don’t know what is! These dark-haired lookers have an unpredictable staying power and didn’t rank high in popularity, but made the top 10. Kudos!

10. Heidi Klum and Seal: Seal’s album *Soul* ranked number one on the French album charts for 13 weeks straight last year, and Klum’s 2010 income was said to be \$14 million, according to *Forbes* Celebrity 100. Though Seal has a rare condition called discoid lupus erythematosus that caused the scars on his face, Klum, the bombshell Victoria’s Secret model, only noticed his flawless personality.

This Top 10 list is just a small portion of what’s on Zimbio’s Top 100 menu; if you can’t take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. For the rest of the list, visit Zimbio.com.