

Zoey Deschanel and Ben Gibbard's Divorce Is Finalized



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The wait is finally over. One year after filing for a divorce, Zoey Deschanel and Ben Gibbard are no longer married, according to [People](#). The court documents filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court date the marriage officially over on Dec. 12. Also written in the divorce documents, the reason for the marriage dissolution is, "Unhappy and irreconcilable differences have arisen between the parties, which have caused the irremediable breakdown of their marriage. There is no possibility that counseling ... or mediation could save the marriage." The couple was married in Sept. 2009. Since the official separation in Oct. 2011, neither Deschanel, 32, nor Gibbard, 36, have ever given details about the breakup.

However, later on, the *New Girl* TV star claimed they are amicable with each other. "We're friendly. It's all fine."

How do you know when there is no hope of fixing your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Even though divorce is such a common occurrence, many couples are shocked when it happens to them. You and your partner may focus on trying to love each other again. However, this sets you both up for missing the signs. To help you see clear, here are a few signs that confirm the marriage is over:

1. Character assassination: A clear sign that your marriage is over begins with you and your partner's many attempts at assassinating each other's character. The belittling, public insults, name-calling and embarrassing attacks are fatal to your marriage, ensuring a true dissolution.

2. Intimacy is gone: Although marriage is not only about a physical connection, it will never last without some form of intimacy between you and your mate. Without a way for a couple to strengthen the relationship's closeness through loving contact, one of you will feel neglected and ready to leave.

3. Dead silence: Complete silence in a marriage with neither one of you willing to talk it out will get you two speaking to divorce lawyers. Without any further communication, the reconciliation will never begin. This makes it officially over.

When did you realize there was no hope of fixing your marriage? Share your story below.

'New Girl' Star Zooey Deschanel Files for Divorce From Ben Gibbard



Sometimes when your career hits a high note, your personal life seems to fall apart. While Zooey Deschanel had an amazing year as a breakout star, her relationship with Death Cab for Cutie front man, Ben Gibbard, seems to have come to a bitter end. According to [People](#), the two filed for divorce, citing Oct. 31 as their date of separation. The ex couple, who married in 2009, are claiming irreconcilable differences, but are still on friendly terms.

How do you know when your differences are irreconcilable?

Cupid's Advice:

Irreconcilable differences is the most common reason for divorce. If you and your partner just aren't the same people you were when your relationship began, you may be experiencing irreconcilable differences. Here's how to tell:

1. Always fighting: If you're always arguing with your partner over both big and little things to the point where you agree on absolutely nothing, perhaps, your differences are irreconcilable.

2. You want to see other people: If you believe that you or your partner would be happier with someone else, it may be time to move on.

3. You've tried everything: If you've tried couples therapy and everything else to try to reconcile your relationship, but nothing seems to work, it may be time to cut your losses.

How long would you try to make a relationship work before you call it quits? Share your ideas below.