# Adele Visits a Swamp with New Boyfriend Simon Konecki





Under-the-weather singer Adele has been out and about recently. The "Somebody Like You" songstress, who's recovering from vocal chord surgery, took a romantic walk with new boyfriend Simon Konecki in the Everglades on Monday, reports <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. Konecki, 36, is a founder of the charity <code>Drop4Drop</code>, which gives clean drinking water to those who need it. "[Konecki] watched [Adele's] every move, especially when she was on the dock and on the boat. He wanted to make sure she didn't fall into the water!" said a witness. "They were lovey dovey with one another [and] very into each other. She seems really happy."

What are some unique and romantic locations to take a walk with your partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes the best dates are the simplest ones. Here are a few unique and romantic places to take a stroll with your significant other:

- 1. The woods: Try escaping the hustle and bustle of city life and driving to a more rural location. Take your partner on an expedition in the woods. Bring along a camera and plenty of insect repellent.
- 2. The harbor: If you live by an ocean, there's most likely a nearby harbor. Most harbors have a boardwalk, some of which have stands that sell ice cream and other snacks. Take your partner and admire the ships and seagulls.
- 3. Your neighborhood: Though this seems less than exciting, chances are you haven't fully explored your own neighborhood. Take a left turn where you normally take a right, and discover the rest of your environment.

Have you ever gone for a walk with your partner? Feel free to leave a comment below.

# Beyonce and Jay-Z Welcome a Baby Girl





Beyonce and Jay-Z have just become Hollywood's newest parents! According to <u>People</u>, they welcomed a new baby girl named Blue Ivy Carter in New York on Saturday. Both mom and the baby are in the best of health. Beyonce's sister, Solange Knowles, tweeted over the weekend that the new baby is the most beautiful girl in the world.

What are some factors to consider when you're naming your child?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Naming your child can sometimes be a difficult endeavor for you and your partner. Not only must you find the perfect name, you also must agree on it. Here are the top factors to consider:

- 1. Family names: Maybe you want to use an old family name or name your child after a much-loved deceased relative.
- 2. Unique names: Your child is unique and their name should be, too. Just don't go overboard to the point where you name your child something completely weird. Keep in mind that he

or she will have to live with the name you give them for the rest of their life.

**3. Favorite names:** Everyone has their favorite names that they've always wanted to name their child. Share your favorite baby names with your partner and have them share with you.

What do you want to name your child? Share your baby names in a comment below.

### Former 'Roswell' Actress Shiri Appleby Debuts Web Series on Dating





Shiri Appleby, 33, made us fall in love with her when she was on the hit alien show, Roswell. Now she is teaching us how to fall in love with ourselves before finding the right partner. Staying true to her acting roots, Appleby will be starring in a new web series, Dating Rules For My Future Self. Appleby's character works up the courage to not marry her boyfriend after receiving a text message from her future self. Through dating, she finds what makes her happy in a relationship and as a single gal, according to YourTango. We definitely look forward to taking dating advice from this girl, who has been in a happy one year relationship.

#### How do you take control of your love life?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship is a 50/50 commitment, but that doesn't mean that you have to lose control of who you are. When dating, you have to be able to have the courage to say "no" to what you don't want and say "yes" to new experiences:

1. Date on your terms: Date when you're ready, and date who

you want to. Don't necessarily rule out blind dates, but don't force yourself to look for love where it isn't a chance of it happening.

- 2. Know when to say "no": Sometimes we get comfortable with a partner and are scared to let go when we feel that the relationship is not going right. If you're not happy, the relationship will fail.
- **3. Say "yes":** Don't turn down the chance to go on a date with someone you probably wouldn't have thought of getting to know. If you're in a relationship, don't be afraid to say "yes" to trying new things to keep your love life fresh.

How do you take control of your love life? Share your thoughts below.

### 'Loosies' Starring Peter Facinelli Teaches Love is Not a Crime





A New York City pick pocketer, Bobby (Peter Facinelli), who lives life on the fast lane with no commitments, bumps into his past one night stand, Lucy (Jaimie Alexander) in the new movie Loosies. When the girl of his dreams drops the bombshell that she's pregnant with his child, Bobby must make a life changing decision to let his partner in on what he does for a living. Not sure if she's ready to raise a child with a criminal, Lucy decides to raise her child without Bobby. Realizing that he wants to have a family, Bobby must decide

Realizing that he wants to have a family, Bobby must decide if he can give up stealing and running from police officers for his relationship. *Loosies* premieres in theaters on Jan. 11.

How do you give up your single lifestyle to start a family?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Being single usually means a life of late nights, a lot of alone time and decisions that only affect you and no one else.

When you enter a relationship or add a new addition to your family, nights are spent with someone else and decisions are made for a better relationship with your partner. Here's how to embrace the changes:

- 1. Accept them: Recognize that the change from being selfish in decision making to thinking about your partner is a positive change.
- **2. Take time:** It may be hard at first, but getting into a new routine will allow you to become more serious about life. Take the time you need to come to terms with it.
- 3. Think of the rewards: When losing weight, doctors suggest picturing a skinnier version of yourself every time you think about eating a slice of cake. Every time you think that it will be hard to change your lifestyle, picture yourself with your family or partner. Make sure that you and your partner are both making sacrifices in order to better the relationship.

Have you ever had to change your lifestyle to better your relationship? Share your experiences 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 <u>People</u>, 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.

# Five 'Down-to-Earth' Celebrity Couples





By Melissa Caballero

It's hard to deny how infatuated our society is with the lives of our favorite celebrities and their relationships. We sit with our friends and gossip about each of them on a first name basis as though they're our best buds. We fawn over their fame, fortune and good looks. But it's the rich and famous stars who handle their popularity with a dose of humility that give us a real reason to love them. Having it all and making top headlines in the media is one thing, but the way they act off screen or outside of the studio is what really exemplifies who they are as people. So, let's put aside the celebs with an attitude and stuck up demeanor, and give credit to the ones who have their feet planted right here on Earth.

1. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner. This pair has seen and done it all. But, starring in box-office hits and walking the red carpet doesn't seem to change them. They find happiness simply by being together, spending time with their two daughters (with a third one on the way) and laughing.

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- 2. Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson. Despite all their vampire fame, this duo has yet to sink their teeth into the unfortunate attitudes that Hollywood is known to bring out. Staying true to themselves and their values, Stewart and Pattinson just want to be treated like everyone else. Even after bringing in the big bucks, we see no change in what they choose to wear on the red carpet, and they always show genuine appreciation towards their fans.
- 3. John Krasinski and Emily Blunt. There's no denying that this tandem is adorable. It is so refreshing to see a pair who truly loves one another, without all the drama in Hollywood. This couple seems to fly under the radar and in fact, they seem a bit camera shy. Krasinski and Blunt didn't even feel the need to broadcast their nuptials; instead, they had a private, romantic ceremony in Italy. It isn't about the glitz and glamour for this normal, down-to-earth love struck team.

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4. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie. Simple but sweet, their relationship is on the way to an everlasting love. Staying in, cooking together and hanging out are on the top of their list of date night activities. As one of the youngest items in Tinsel Town, we embrace their normalcy and realistic outlook. With the struggles of being in a long distance relationship, these two leave the drama at the door and take advantage of the time they have together. We hope they enjoy this alone time, as a soon-to-be new addition will undoubtedly stir things up.

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**5. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi.** These two made their love official in 2008 and can be viewed as a great role model

for other homosexual couples. They don't feel that there's anything to hide about their relationship, and it's very clear how they feel about each other. However, they never over do it and never let public criticism get the best of their relationship.

Who are some of your favorite 'down-to-earth' celebrity couples? Share your comments below.

# Marc Anthony Moves On from JLo with Venezuelan Model





Jennifer Lopez isn't the only one moving on. Recently

divorced Marc Anthony revealed his relationship with 24-year-old Venezuelan model Shannon De Lima on Twitter, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The two went public with their relationship this past weekend, when Anthony, 43, sent New Years' wishes to the model. "To Shannon, my statue of liberty," said Anthony. "Kisses baby!"

What are some ways to tell if you're ready to date again?

#### Cupid's Advice:

After a rough split, it's hard to tell when you're ready to get back in the dating scene. Here are a few ways to decide:

- 1. You're in a good place: Once you have fully recovered from your split and have had time to strengthen your bonds with friends and family, you should try dating again. Your future relationships will be more successful if you start them with a good attitude and an open heart.
- 2. You no longer worry about your ex: Most people think about their ex for a while after the split. Once you stop thinking about your ex and worrying about the mistakes in your relationship, you'll be ready to move on.
- **3. You want to date again:** Ultimately, you should only date again if you want to. Even if you are over your ex and content with your life, there is no need to jump right back into the dating scene. Feel free to enjoy single life for as long as it pleases you.

How did you know you were ready to date again? Feel free to share your experiences in a comment below.

# Angelina Jolie Buys Brad Pitta Waterfall





Talk about a grand gesture! Angelina Jolie, 35, bought husband, Brad Pitt, 48, a waterfall in California recently. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, 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.

### Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds Have a Date Night





Recently engaged Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds enjoyed a date night in Miami this weekend. According to <u>People</u>, the couple went to a Zuma, a Japanese restaurant, where they shared king crab, pork belly skewers, Wagyu beef and yuzu key lime pie for dessert. After the date, O'Donnell tweeted, "The food was out of this world- and we had a blast- date night rocks." A source tells <u>People</u> that the couple "radiated happiness."

What are some ways to make your date night unforgettable?

#### Cupid's Advice:

The perfect way to spice up your relationship is a date night. Go out, try new things, laugh and enjoy each other's company. Here are some ways to make your date night unforgettable:

1. Do something meaningful: Take your man to the spot he took you on your first date. Take a walk through the same park, but add something new to the night as well, such as a different restaurant. It will be sure to bring back tons of great memories and create many more meaningful ones.

- 2. Try new things: Try something new. A first time experience is special, whether it be trying sushi for the first time or ice skating. It doesn't matter if you end up hating sushi; it's the experience and time spent together that matters.
- **3. Take photos:** Taking photos will guarantee that your date night will never be forgotten. Making silly faces for the camera will remind you of the laughs you and your sweetheart shared on your special night. The photos can also turn into a future gift or scrapbook!

How did you make your date night unforgettable? Share your stories below.

### Eva Mendes Meets Ryan Gosling's Mom





It seems as though Ryan Gosling brought in the New Year right with his two leading ladies by his side. After spending some quality time together earlier during the day on Sunday, Gosling and his mother, Donna, met up with Gosling's girlfriend, Eva Mendes at an AMC movie theater in uptown Manhattan. A source told <u>People</u> that Gosling and Mendes seemed very happy as the trio hung out and went to the movies together.

#### How do you prepare to meet your partner's parents?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Meeting your partner's parents is a big deal; sometimes their feelings about you can give your mate the final seal of approval ... or at worst, denial. Cupid has some advice:

1. Dress appropriately: When it comes to meeting your mate's parents, especially for the first time, it's always best to wear something respectable and not so revealing. You want them to focus on getting to know you instead of giving a bad first impression as soon as you set foot outside of the car.

Think classy instead of tacky.

- 2. Be social: Sure, meeting the parents for the first time can cause you to become a bit nervous, but make sure to remain calm and cool. Ask questions and casually keep the conversation going to show them that you're just as interested in getting to know them as they are in getting to know you.
- 3. Be you: There's nothing worse than being fake, and it's pretty obvious when you're doing it. The important thing parents want to know and see when they meet you is why their son or daughter fell in love with you. Be honest and confident.

How did you prepare when you met your partner's parents for the first time? Share your comments below.

# Brandi Glanville Has Quickie Wedding in Las Vegas





Brandi Glanville rang in the new year by getting a new husband...temporarily that is. The 38-year-old star of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills married a mixed martial arts manager, Darin Harvey this past weekend. However, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>: Glanville, the former wife of Eddie Cibrian, tweeted of the marriage "We're not gonna stay married. But it was a fun way to start out the new year!" According to a source, they got drunk and became hitched for publicity. The two have never been linked romantically and think of each other as brother and sister.

### Why is it important to think things through before getting married?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is not a step to be taken lightly. Cupid's Pulse has some reasons why one should truly think about their relationship before saying "I do."

1. Responsibility: Marriage is a big responsibility and when people walk down the aisle it should be for better or worse.

Kim Kardashian took on a lifelong and very public commitment when she wed Kris Humphries. And, when she separated from her husband, she took away the maturity that this type of union entails, showing that one doesn't truly have to take on that duty for life.

- 2. It's not a joke: When Britney got married in Vegas, and annulled it less than 3 days later, she illustrated to young people that marriage was disposable. A commitment of marriage should be based on proper planning and true love.
- 3. Issues will arise: For those who wed on a whim, they will experience added pressure when problems arise. Being with someone isn't easy and being with a partner you aren't 100 percent sure about is even worse. Some people do make mistakes and don't realize it, until it's too late. But, there should be an added fight and marriage counseling before calling it quits.

What are your thoughts on the sanctity of marriage? Share your opinion below.

# It's Time to Stop Asking, 'When Will It Be My Turn?'





By Danae Matthews

The short answer is, I have no idea. I have no idea when you will meet your significant other, if you will be bound to singledom the rest of your life, or if you will in fact run into your future spouse on the train today. Any of these scenarios has a chance of happening.

Recently, I was reading a book that suggested that if you're single, it's probably because you just haven't met "the one" yet. It said that if you're currently single, you should stop thinking about it and rest assured knowing that love and commitment just hadn't happened yet. If you tend to be annoying, no worries, because there is still someone for you. Are you emotionally unavailable? According to the book, one day your prince will come.

Although I don't necessarily want to believe that certain people are bound to live their lives in solidarity, I also think that ignoring the possibility of it happening is illadvised. I mean, it could happen.

The thing is, the idea that the reason you aren't in a relationship is because "it just hasn't happened yet" buys into beliefs about fate, omnipotent planning and the notion that everyone has a soul-mate. Although those beliefs are beautiful, I wouldn't be so fast to take the bait. Let's face it: No one would give that advice about your career, physical appearance or personal achievements. If the "it just hasn't happened" way of thinking isn't good enough for the things that take real effort, why would it ever be good enough for your love life?

There's going to come a time where you may have to take an inward look as to why it is you are dateless. Maybe you're insecure, too loud or maybe you smell. There's a great chance you have halitosis, and no one has ever told you about it. Seriously, your breath may wreak! By re-evaluating yourself, you are ensuring that when you meet people you are presenting the most put together, emotionally sound and happy version of yourself.

Regardless, anything worthwhile is going to take at least a minute amount of effort on your part. You have to be willing and able to put the work into your love life if you want to be in love. You may have to get off the couch, and go out on the weekends or attend therapy sessions. You may have to stop dominating every conversation in which you participate. The bottom line is, you may have to really put yourself out there.

Getting yourself together in hopes of getting a date is sure to benefit your life in multiple ways. You'll value yourself more and will therefore make better decisions about who to date in the first place. Basically, you're telling the world, "Look at me. I'm fabulous! No smelly breath here!"

The bottom line is that you have to stop sitting around wondering, "When will it be my turn?" Instead, get out there and really try. It's going to be scary, and at times it will probably suck. Nothing good in life was accomplished without

trying, so in the meantime, embrace being single and enjoy the time you have dating around!

Danae Matthews writes for the on-line women's health resource Women's Health Base.

### Fergie Says She May Have a Baby This Year





It's a new year, and Fergie and husband Josh Duhamel might be considering making a new addition to the family. "Maybe, who knows?" the singer told <u>People</u>. "We'll see." As of right now, Fergie's focus is on spending more time with her hubby of

three years since she no longer has a schedule to follow everyday. "I'm looking forward to being home and not having to sleep in a different city or country every night," she said.

What are important factors to consider before having children?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Becoming pregnant often comes as a surprise, but many parents have the chance to decide when they're ready to give birth. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Maturity: Be sure that you have the right mentality and you're ready to refocus all of your attention away from yourself and onto caring for your newborn.
- 2. Reasons: If you believe you're ready, be sure you're prepared for all the right reasons. Be sure you're financially and emotionally stable.
- **3. Mutual:** Be sure both you and your partner ready to commit to raising a child. There are plenty of single mothers out there who have raised perfectly brought up children on their own, but I'm sure they'd tell you that it was not an easy task to do alone.

How did you know you were ready? Share your comments below.

# New Couple: Are Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis Dating?





When beautiful women claim they love a guy with a sense of humor people often scoff, thinking that looks matter much more. However, Jason Sudeikis has proven the theory true with his ex-girlfriend January Jones and current fling Olivia Wilde. While single, Wilde had been linked to stars such as Justin Timberlake and Bradley Cooper, but this time could be the real deal. Wilde and Sudeikis were recently spotted when they went to a University of Kansas Jayhawks basketball game, which is a team that Sudeikis considers his own, according to <code>Hollyscoop</code>. To show her support, Wilde even sported a KU beanie with a fuzzy ball on top.

What are some unique sports-related dates you can go on as a couple?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Sporting events are a great way to loosen up with your mate

for a common cause. Cupid has some unique sports-related dates:

- 1. Join a team together: Instead of just watching a sporting event unfold, you can be part of it with your partner. Sign up for a recreational soccer or flag football league in your area, and let the competitive spirit bond you as a couple.
- 2. Check out a less popular sport: You don't necessarily have to check out the NBA, MLB or NFL if you want to go to a sporting event. Consider going to a sport you know little about, like rugby, broomball or curling.
- **3. Sunday football at home:** Put on your jerseys and chill out at home with some homemade nachos and wings. Sometimes the most fun you can have with your partner is the easiest solution.

What are other unique sports-related dates? Share your ideas below.

### Celebrity Couples Who Shy Away From the Spotlight





By Whitney Baker

Some celebrity couples flaunt their relationship for the entire world to see, posing for the paparazzi as if they're at a photo shoot (hello, Kardashian sisters!). Other couples, regardless of whether they've just begun dating or have been married for years, choose to hide from the spotlight and stay mum about the details of their love. Below are five Tinseltown two-somes who are keeping their lips sealed when it comes to romance:

1. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson: Although this cute duo has refused to officially confirm they're a couple, they did come close to doing so on *Oprah* in 2010. The two jokingly referred to Kristen Stewart's "baby" when asked if they were dating. Also, an *Oprah* insider insists that Pattinson and Stewart revealed their relationship to the queen of talk shows before the taping. More recently, Stewart casually mentioned her "English boyfriend" in an interview for British *GQ*. Even so, don't expect too much PDA from this couple — despite their intense love scenes in *Twilight's* latest installment.

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- 2. Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze, Jr.: Gellar and Prinze first met while filming I Know What You Did Last Summer and have been together for more than a decade. After a two-year hiatus from acting, Gellar is now starring in Ringer on The CW and is learning the ins-and-outs of balancing a career and motherhood. In a recent interview with Self, Gellar calls her daughter Charlotte "my best friend" and says that she values time with her family above all else.
- 3. Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin: The Oscar winner and Coldplay frontman have been married for over eight years, but have been tightlipped about their relationship and are rarely photographed together. That's not to say that they don't realize how lucky in love they remain. As Martin recently told CBS Sunday Morning, "From being a loser to going out with an Oscar winner? It's a giant leap. Let's face it: It's like winning the lottery."

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- 4. Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield: With this rumored romance, Stone, who starred in Easy A, The Help and Crazy Stupid Love, has met her match. Garfield is well-known for his role in The Social Network and is currently filming The Amazing Spider-Man, making him another one of Hollywood's hottest twenty-somethings. This publicly-shy couple has been spotted hiking and going to the movies, but they haven't yet officially confirmed their relationship.
- 5. Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher: Since Fisher's trade to the Nashville Predators early last year, country's all-American sweetheart and her hockey-playing beau are enjoying a low-key life in Nashville. The couple is still relishing their status as newlyweds, often opting for trips to the local

Whole Foods Market and cooking at home as opposed to fancy nights out.

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Game

Who are some of your favorite low-key celebrity couples? Share your comments below.

# Rumor: Are Derek Jeter and Minka Kelly On-Again?





It looks like Derek Jeter and Minka Kelly might be rekindling their 3-year romance, as they vacationed in Paris over the holiday weekend. The Yankees all-star and *Charlie's Angels* actress stayed with friends while taking in some of the city's most popular tourist attractions. "They look very much in love, " an observer told *People*. "They were always very, very close [and] very playful as a couple with each other."

What are some ways to decide whether to rekindle a romance?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Deciding to date an ex again can be a tough decision, but there are three important parts of yourself to consider:

- 1. Your gut: Take your initial feeling into account, because more often than not your first instinct on a situation may be the right one.
- 2. Your heart: Your heart may feel broken from the breakup, but make sure being back together is what's going to heal those wounds.
- **3. Your mind:** Often our hearts make us act irrationally, so try to think logically about the situation and weigh your options.

How did you decide to get back together with your ex? Share your experiences below.

### What Did Kristen Stewart Get Robert Pattinson for

#### Christmas?





As a gift for her man, Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart spent \$12,000 for two vintage guitars for Christmas. The *Twilight* star purchased the instruments from Norman's Rare Guitars in Los Angeles' Tarzana district on Dec. 23, according to *UsMagazine.com*. "She said 'He's gonna s—t when he sees them,'" said the shop's owner, Norman Harris, of Pattinson's potential reaction to the gift. The two guitars, a 1959 Fender Jazzmaster and a 1947 K&F Lap Steel, should be useful for Pattinson, as he plans on recording an album.

How do you decide what gifts to get your partner for special occasions?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It can be a challenge to find the right gift for your lover,

whether it's for a holiday, birthday or anniversary. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Hobbies: Similar to Stewart, try to find a present that shows your support for your love's passions or interests.
- 2. Special meaning: Perhaps you'd like to give your partner something that reflects a special moment in your relationship. For example, if you both enjoy music, then perhaps tickets to see one of their favorite artists is a good idea.
- **3. A reflection:** Whatever you choose to get, the right gift shows your appreciation for your lover and their commitment to you.

What did you get your partner for the latest special occasion? Share your comments below.

# 'The Bachelor' Premiere: Reality TV Couple Ann and Jesse Csincsak Answer Questions About Season 16





Hello, we're back again with another season of 'The Bachelor!" Last night was the start of Season 16 with our new, hot, sexy, eligible, Sonoma winemaker, Ben Flajnik. This time Ben's in control handing out roses; ready to find love this season. For the next 10 Mondays, we will be joined by Ann and Jesse Csincsak to get their weekly perspective of Ben, the single ladies and all the drama that's bound to happen when you get 25 estrogen-fueled women in a room. Here's our take on Episode 1:

1. Many people want to know why Ben went back on the show as the Bachelor? Wouldn't he have had plenty of girls to choose from after being dumped by Ashley? What makes being on the show better for finding love than in real life?

Jesse: I don't think the show is better for finding love; I actually think you have a better chance of winning the powerball than you do finding love on that show. Let's take a walk back through time, shall we? The only couple who actually found love on the show to date are Ryan and Trista. Jason and Molly didn't fall in love until way after their show. Ann & I met at one of my reunions and got married and

Tara Durr and John Presser met at a reunion and got married, so actually there are more people who have found love at my reunions then on the show itself. Ask yourself: Would you be able to fall in love and get married with 50 producers and camera people standing over you?

Ann: Other than the obvious fact that walking on the set of The Bachelor is like walking in a perfect bar with 30 gorgeous girls that have already passed a Psych test (even though some of them squeeked by), I think the more obvious answer is that he is a business man with a business to promote. What better way to do that with 15 million people interested in what YOU do?

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#### 2. Which three girls are your early pick for Ben and why?

Jesse: Right now the only girl they are showing us anything real about is Kacie from Tennesse. There are so many girls that are being kept there just for the drama factor right now that its sickening. Would you keep two girls around if you saw them making out? Those girls got production roses plain and simple!

**Ann:** The girl who got the first impression rose is the only personality we saw that didn't scare us. The rest haven't had time to show us who they are yet.

### 3. There were so many unique introductions this season; a horse, sanitizer, a pageant sash and someone's grandmother. Who had the best introduction?

**Jesse:** I liked the Grandma intro the best. However, I think all the intros were very well-produced. When's the last time you brought your grandma on your first date?

Ann: I fast forward through that part. They talk to the

bachelor for about 2 minutes and they only show 30 seconds of it. Also, it's what the producers want to show you anyway.

4. Any initial thoughts on Courtney? Do you think the producers have pegged her as the new Michelle Money?

**Jesse:** Oh man, there are so many villans being pegged on this season. It's going to be fun to watch.

**Ann:** I think anyone that is willing to drink the first night gets taken advantage of. Like I said before, take the alcohol out of the show and it's just another awkward Monday night.

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5. What are your thoughts about Monica's agenda and Jenna's emotional reaction?

Jesse: I actually feel bad for Jenna. They met that girl in casting and produced her into this season's train wreck by pumping her full of alcohol. She is probably a really nice girl but just doesn't handle her alcohol very well. Keep your chin up Jenna; this too will pass!

Ann: This is super produced and I feel bad for the girls who are letting themselves be a part of this. Jenna probably had a few too many producer-poured drinks, lost it somewhere between cocktail number 8 and 9, and it was all caught on tape!

6. It appears that Ben's ex-girlfriend will be back in the picture this season. Do you think it's fair to the other girls that the producers bring her on the show?

**Jesse:** The producers on this show would literally trade their first born child for drama, so anything is possible.

**Ann:** No. Plain and simple. When do you date a guy who all of the sudden introduces you to his ex-girlfriend? Any guy that did that would find himself alone. That's why we love TV!

# 7. Did Ben get it right or are there any girls who shouldn't have gone home so soon?

**Jesse:** Honestly I like the girl who was rallying the shotgun in the beginning Amber T

**Ann:** You can never tell. Probably some of the girls that went home had to so they could make room for the girls that would bring a lot of drama whether they are right for Ben or not.

# Find Out How George Clooney and Stacy Keibler Spent New Year's Eve





Stacy Keibler didn't have to worry about where her New Year's kiss was going to come from because she and boyfriend George Clooney celebrated the arrival of 2012 together with family and friends at their home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. People reported that, although the former Dancing With The Stars contestant and hunky actor kept things low key this holiday, they still participated in usual NYE festivities. "There will definitely be some dancing and drinking going on," Keibler explained beforehand.

# What are the advantages of celebrating holidays at home?

# Cupid's Advice:

Spending New Year's Eve in crowded bars can be fun, but it can also be a hassle. Cupid has some advantages to ringing in the New Year at home:

- 1. VIP list: If you throw a holiday party at your home, you can invite all of your closest friends and family. There's no chance you'll be sitting next to strangers.
- 2. Save money: Buying drinks or dinner out can be expensive.

Make dinner at home, and accompany your meal with your favorite drinks made at a fraction of the price.

**3. Intimate:** Spending the holiday with friends and family can be a blast, but it might be a nice change of pace to spend a romantic night alone alongside your partner.

How did you ring in the New Year? Share your comments below.

# Important Decisions to Make as a Couple





By Dee Mason

Recently, Emma Watson's boyfriend Johnny Simmons had a life-changing decision to make. It's been reported that Watson asked him to move not only states, but countries, to be with her. Specifically, she asked Simmons to move to London as she completed a year at Oxford University. At the time, the move was even more monumental because it was still early in their relationship. In November this year, reports surfaced that the duo were suffering from problems related to Simmons' refusal to follow her to England.

Moving to be near your partner is no small choice ... and there are many more decisions where that came from. Here are four important choices you'll inevitably encounter in your serious relationship, and factors to consider with each:

#### Going on vacation

It may seem like a fabulous idea, but before you book any last minute cruises, it's imperative that you think carefully. A getaway will see you either cementing your relationship, or realizing you're just not meant to be. Being in someone's company all day is a challenge to many couples when they're just starting out. Think before you grab that bargain on impulse, as it may come with more consequences than you're ready to handle.

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## Moving in together

Meeting your partner for drinks and dinner is one thing, and seeing their dirty socks lying on the floor is quite another. Moving in together a big step, which can either spell the end of a blissful relationship or the beginning of something really special. If your partner's a keeper, then you'll have to make the decision sooner or later.

# **Getting married**

People tend to know, deep down, if their partner is the right one for them. Ask yourself if your partner is your best friend and if you want the same things in life. If you don't feel you can ask them anything or you get bored in their company, it may be time to reconsider the relationship. If you can imagine wanting to be with someone else eventually or you don't consider them a priority, it's probably cause for concern. If, on the other hand, you can confront these issues positively, then it's safe to say you're on to something. Marriage is always a risk, but both an educated and emotional decision can lead to a new and exciting phase of your life.

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#### Having a baby

This choice is a big one. You no doubt love your partner, but are you both ready for the patter of tiny footsteps? Although there is no right answer, it's important to be aware of all of the difficulties and responsibilities that come with parenting. Whatever you do, never make this decision on impulse. Your body sometimes decides for you, so put your sensible hat on until you've talked it through properly.

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These decisions are whoppers. The key is to make sure you want to know the answers before you ask the questions. Emma Watson and Johnny Simmons may have just found that out.

# Russell Brand Files for

# Divorce from Katy Perry





Russell Brand and Katy Perry had a strenuous holiday season. Brand filed for divorce on Friday after 14 months of marriage, reports <u>People</u>. Rumors started circulating when Brand and Perry spent the holidays apart, with Brand in the U.K and Perry in Hawaii with friends. The couple were also spotted without their wedding rings in the days prior to the split. "Sadly, Katy and I are ending our marriage," said Brand in a statement. "I'll always adore her and I know we'll remain friends."

How do you stay on good terms with your ex during a very public divorce?

# Cupid's Advice:

Going through a divorce is hard enough even without attention

from others. Here are a few ways to stay friendly with your ex:

- 1. Monitor rumors: When a split gathers attention, false rumors are bound to pop up. Try monitoring the rumors, and denying false assumptions whenever possible.
- 2. Keep it private: Though you are probably surrounded by friends who want to know the details behind your split, some things are best kept private. You can tell your friends the details later when you and your ex have had time to heal.
- 3. Keep in touch with your ex: Keep in touch during your divorce. Don't let your lawyers do the communicating for you. In order to stay friends in the future, you'll have to lay the groundwork now.

Have you gone through a public split? Feel free to share your experience in a comment below.

# Kobe Bryant Relocates to a Resort Post-Split





When Kobe Bryant was forced to leave wife Vanessa after cheating allegations, he didn't have to go very far. The NBA basketball star found a private villa located on the Newport coast of Southern California. The resort that Bryant is staying at has 24/7 housekeeping and butler service. However despite these services for \$800 a night, Bryant has apparently elected to take advantage of the laundry unit located in the private garage provided to him, as he was spotted doing just that, according to <code>RadarOnline</code>. Don't misinterpret that move, thought, because Bryant is still living the life of the rich and the famous after his impending divorce. According to sources, he has his \$400,000 Lamborghini parked outside his villa.

How do you decide where to go after a sudden split with a live-in partner?

### Cupid's Advice:

When you make a decision to separate from a live-in partner, it can come with all sorts of consequences, one of which is where to go after the split. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Assess current living arrangements: If you're currently paying the rent and are responsible for the lease, then it's obvious that your partner should be the one to leave and find new living arrangements. If the reverse is true, you'll need to relocate.
- 2. Friends and family: If you have to find somewhere to go after a sudden split, often the best case is to live with a family member or friend until you have more permanent living arrangements figured out.
- 3. Temporary living quarters: If you have the means, you can live in a resort or hotel like Kobe Bryant decided to do after his breakup. Of course, if you don't have quite the same level of income as Bryant, you might have to live without room service.

What did you do after you split with a live-in partner? Share your experiences below.

# LeBron James Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend Savannah Brinson





Miami Heat basketball star, LeBron James, popped the question to his longtime girlfriend Savannah Brinson at a New Year's Eve dinner party at the Shelborne hotel in South Beach. According to <a href="People">People</a>, the party was hosted by his Heat teammate Dwyane Wade and his girlfriend Gabrielle Union. It was a celebration not only of 2012, but also a belated birthday party for James. According to witnesses, James picked up the couple's two sons and swung them around right after popping the question.

## Where are some creative places to pop the question?

# Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is a moment in your life that you'll never forget. Here are some great places to act as the setting for your amazing moment:

- 1. During fireworks: Fireworks are always a sign of a joyous occasion and serve as a great backdrop to the question, "Will you marry me?".
- 2. On top of a rollercoaster: As the old saying goes, life is

a rollercoaster, so celebrate this high point in your life in the fast lane.

**3. On a chairlift:** The winter months are a time of romance. Pop the question on top of a white mountain or on a chairlift during a ski trip.

Where do you dream of being proposed to? Share your fantasy engagement below.

# Ashton Kutcher Moves On from Demi Moore In Italy With New Woman





It looks like Ashton Kutcher may already be moving on. The *Two-and-a-Half Men* actor, 33, was recently spotted in Italy with writer-director Lorene Scafaria and business partner Matt Mazzant for the holidays, reports *People*. Kutcher posted a photo of the trio on twitter with the caption, "Roman holiday with homies." Kutcher's ex-wife Demi Moore, 49, is vacationing in the Caribbean with daughter Rumer Willis.

#### What are some single-friendly getaways post-breakup?

## Cupid's Advice:

Many people wish for a change in scenery after a tough breakup. Here are a few single-friendly getaways:

- 1. The family: Visiting your family is one of the most helpful ways to recover after a breakup. For some fun outside of the dating scene, try going shopping with your parents or taking your nieces to an amusement park.
- 2. Spa destinations: Traveling to the nearest spa/resort is a great way to relax after a breakup. Though often pricey, sharing a room at a resort with some close friends can help

make the expense more manageable and the experience more memorable.

3. International locations: Take some time post-breakup to visit exotic locales that you've always wanted to see. You'll be too busy trying to decipher the language to worry about your dating woes. Bring a friend to make the trip more exciting.

Have you ever taken a post-breakup trip? Feel free to share details in a comment below.