Penn Badgley Says Celebrity Ex Blake Lively Was Best and Worst On-Screen Kiss



By Maggie Manfredi

Pucker up Penn! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Penn Badgley dished the details on his on and off screen romance with celebrity ex Blake Lively during their run on <u>Gossip Girl</u>. A viewer called in to <u>Watch What Happens Live</u> and asked who was his best and worst on-screen kiss, and the actor had an interesting response with regards to his celebrity ex. Badgley said, "I'd say best...I'll say it was Blake, because we actually had a relationship at the time. As for his worst? Maybe Blake after we broke up." The former famous couple had a real life relationship and love from 2007 to 2010. Lively is now a mother and married to Ryan Reynolds.

Sometimes celebrity exes have to work together after a break-up. What are some ways to take the awkwardness out of working with an ex?

There is a reason why there's an old saying "don't dip your pen in the company ink." Some say it is unprofessional, Cupid says this rule is more to save yourself from the awkwardness of working with an ex. But fear not if you broke this rule, Cupid has some tips on how to move forward:

Cupid's Advice:

1. Talk about it: You were lovers but you are still coworkers, so now what? You have to talk about the steps forward. Make sure you understand how you will handle telling your co-workers or boss depending on who knows. Talk through how your day-to-day will change and how you will treat each other in the office. Put it all out on the table so there is no confusion or discomfort.

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2. Keep it professional: Don't bring your break up drama into the office! Lively and Badgley seemed to have handled their situation with maturity and grace. They remained amicable and you can too. Don't get your co-workers involved in the relationship and keep any arguments or personal discussions for your own time.

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3. Work even harder: Take this situation and spin it into a positive! Throw yourself into your work and make a commitment to being better and stronger in the work place as an individual and a professional. It will help take your mind off of the recent break up and it will feel good.

Tell us if you miss watching these celebrity exes heat up the screen on *Gossip Girl*! Share your comments on Badgley and Lively below!

Celebrity Exes Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal Reunite at Golden Globes





By <u>Rebecca White</u>

Tis the season for red carpets, designer gowns, and fabulous celebrity news! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, celebrity exes Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal ran into each other and reportedly "had a moment together during one of the show's commercial breaks." Running into an ex can lead to some awkward confrontations, and even celebrity breakups aren't exempt. These encounters are sometimes unavoidable so be prepared for when you do bump into that former flame.

Celebrity breakups can lead to some awkward confrontations. What are some ways to keep things civil like these celebrity exes did at the Golden Globes?

Cupid's Advice:

While it may be awkward at first to remain amicable with a past partner, you can take a cue from celebrity exes Witherspoon and Gyllenhaal. Even if the relationship ended on negative terms, Cupid has some advice on how to keep breakup emotions from spiraling out of control:

1. Smile and be friendly: Just putting in the extra effort to smile and make small talk during an awkward encounter with an ex, is all it takes to keep things civil. Try to remember that you are both moving on, if you haven't already.

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2. Don't make it a bigger deal than it is: Running into an ex after a breakup can be just like running into an old friend you haven't seen since high school. There's no need for any drama, if you just treat them casually like they are an old friend.

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3. Keep the past in the past: Moving on from the relationship by keeping your focus on your future happiness with someone else is the best way to get out of the past. Celebrity exes Witherspoon and Gyllenhaal even hugged at the Golden Globes, remembering that the past is gone and the present is here. These small efforts will go a long way.

How did you keep things civil after your last breakup? Share your thoughts below.

Is It Okay to Hook Up With Your Ex?





By Katie Gray

Often times in life, we are torn between our emotions and the feelings we have towards other individuals. When we breakup with someone, we are then faced with a series of questions. Are we done for good? Will we get back together eventually? Is that what I even want? Separating from someone you were once close with is hard. It's not always cut and dry, and it can be easy to get into a situation where you have to decide whether to hook up with your ex or not.

Under what circumstances is it a good idea to hook up with your ex?

Celebrity life coach Lisa Haisha weighs in, saying, "If you have a child together and you think there is hope of rekindling the old flame, then do it. Also, if you ended on bad terms, if might be a good idea to heal those wounds and have another hook-up and talk rationally with each other, it's okay to pursue things again." In other words, if there is hope for a brighter future, then give it a shot if it's what both parties involved want. If there is no hope of getting back together, don't bother because it will only lead to more hurt.

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Suzanne Casamento, founder of Fantasy Dating, believes that hooking up with your ex is never a good idea. She warns about future hurt if you hook up with an ex and explains, "Even the most mind-blowing sex is not going to bring your ex back. It's only going to make you crazy. You'll feel like you've reconnected when you really haven't, like you have some sort of claim on that person when you don't. All sex with your ex does is prolong the breakup misery." Plus, you have to remember that you can't meet someone new if you don't let go of someone in your past. Casemento adds, "If you're still sexually connected to your ex, how will you make space for your future?"

If you want to hook up with your ex, should you wait a certain amount of time after your breakup or dive back in?

According to Haisha, it depends on what you want. "If you still have feelings for that person, but you know they're wrong for you, then wait a bit," she says. "If you don't have deep feelings and can't get hurt and neither can your ex, then dive back in." Either way, make sure you're on the same page before you move forward.

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What are some possible precautions to take?

While it's tempting to consider only the pros of hooking up with your ex, it's important to look at the cons too. "You or your ex's heart could get broken, or it can prevent you from moving forward in another healthier relationship," Haisha shares. "They say that you need at least six months of not having sex with your ex before you can truly move on and start fresh without bringing in old baggage."

How do you avoid the pitfalls?

"Be careful and have conscious communication with yourself and with your ex," says Haisha. "If you both understand what you're doing from your higher, evolved selves, you should be okay. If you're needy, inner child wants to act out, it can be an unhealthy choice."

At the end of the day, it's like anything else: The choice about whether to hook up with your ex is entirely up to you. As Jason Weberman, a certified dating and relationship expert, says, "You're not alive unless you're taking risks!" Do what makes you happy and what you feel is right.

Do you think hooking up an your ex is a good idea? Share your thoughts below.

Nicki Minaj Blasts Her Ex-Boyfriend on Twitter





By Maggie Manfredi

Oh no she didn't! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Nicki Minaj and her ex Safaree Samuels took their drama public on Saturday, Dec. 20. Minaj tweeted, "Even when I try to protect ppl, they still try to take advantage of me. Haven't u learned that God is in control? Stop while you're ahead. Anything you don't appreciate will be taken. God sees your ungrateful evil soul. I gave and gave and gave. Threatening me? Blackmail? Jump," she continued. "30K watch the night my cousin was killed on the street like a dog. More than rappers. But it was never enough. Don't make me. Too much love."

What are some ways to keep things civil after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are tough, especially when one of the parties airs your dirty laundry. Cupid has some advice on how to keep things civil:

1. Stay offline: Just stay off the Twittersphere and Facebook with your personal information. If you need to vent, talk to a

close friend or write it out in your journal. Once you post something on social media, it's hard to get it back. The last thing you want is to regret something down the line.

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2. Don't fear counseling: If you are struggling after your split, don't be afraid to seek outside help. Talking it through with a therapist might be just the release you need. Someone who isn't invested in the situation and who is impartial can give you advice with an unbiased outlook.

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3. Have fun: Go out with your friends, try new things and play. Life is short, so try not to get caught up in the past. Though it's easier said than done, those close to you can help.

How do you feel about tweeting about your ex? Share your thoughts below!

Is It EVER Appropriate To Date Your Friend's Ex?





By Maggie Manfredi

When it comes to the biffle bible, it is safe to say that the commandment, "Thou shalt not date a friend's ex" is at the top of the list. Friendship is based on trust and honesty and so are monogamous relationships. However, it is always important to follow your heart and to do the things in life that make you happy, so is there an exception to this rule? Possibly, but handle the situation with care. There are many factors and steps to take into consideration before you proceed.

Dr. Deb Castaldo, author of *Relationship Reboot* says, "First and foremost is you must have permission from your friend." So, take your friend out for coffee and spill the ex boyfriend beans. As a third party to their previous relationship, you should have a good idea of how it ended and if they are on good terms as individuals. Even if the break up was the opposite of Taylor Swift's "Blank Space" music video, you still need to ask your friend if what you are about to do is okay. This shows you care about their feelings and want their respect and blessing. Depending on how the conversation goes, here are 10 things to consider: 1. Do not get intimately involved with this potential partner prior to having a conversation with your friend.

2. Make sure plenty of time has passed, as it takes awhile to heal after a breakup and your friend will need that time.

3. Do not keep secrets from your friend or her exp; in this situation, being open and honest is key.

4. Be considerate of your friend's feelings. This person was in their life first so it will be tough for them to picture you filling the same role that they did.

5. If your friend says no, it means no. Try not to burn a bridge.

6. Don't be afraid to shop around. Dr. Castaldo says, "There are plenty of fish! You may be better off searching elsewhere for a date and a potential mate. "

7. If your friend gives you their blessing, ease into the relationship. Be considerate in social settings with mutual friends, and on social media posts.

8. Though your bestie may have given you the go-ahead, they still might feel hurt or vulnerable with this new information. Make extra time for them because they have been very good to you.

9. If your friend asks you not to date this ex, try not to take it personally. Keep moving forward and be happy to know that your friend is not bullshitting you.

10. Be kind to the people that surround you. You never know when heartache will strike and you will be glad to have real and true friends by your side.

Have you been in this situation before? We would love to hear your perspective! Share with us below.

Sofia Vergara's Ex Nick Loeb Sneaks Up On Her at Red Carpet Event





By Amanda Boyer

At the Angel Ball in New York City on Monday, things got a little awkward for *Modern Family* star, Sofia Vergara! According to <u>USMagazine.com</u>, her ex-fiancé, Nick Loeb, was caught sneaking up on her on the red carpet. This left Vergara

with a stunned look on her face while, according to an eyewitness, he whispered, "Good to see you."

How do you remain civil with your ex while keeping your distance?

Cupid's Advice:

After your relationship ends, the last you want is to see your prior partner. To remain civil with them when needed, read ahead for some tips:

1. Be independent: You are single now, so flaunt it. Do not be afraid to be in the same room with them! As long as you remember that you don't owe them anything and are your own person, it becomes easier to be civil when you come in contact.

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2. Have conversation: To avoid the awkwardness, talk to them about how they are doing and what they are doing. Keep it to small talk and stay away from heavy topics, especially ones you know you disagree on.

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3. Do something different: If you were together a long time, you probably have mutual friends. It may be time to branch out and meet some new people so that you're not forced to be in constant contact with your ex. This goes a long way to keeping things civil.

Have another way to stay civil and keep your distance? Share here!

Nicholas Hoult Breaks Silence Regarding Ex Jennifer Lawrence's Leaked Nude Pictures





By Katie Gray

Nicholas Hoult has broken his silence regarding the leaked nude photographs of his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Lawrence. The silver starlet and 'Hunger Games' star admitted in a Vanity Fair article that they were intended for then boyfriend, Hoult himself. Lawrence, the Oscar winner, said, "I was in a loving, healthy, great relationship for four years. It was long distance, and either your boyfriend is going to look at porn or he's going to look at you." The pretty pair split in August. Hoult said, "It's a shame," according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Furthermore; "It's shocking that things like that happen in the world," he stated. Meanwhile, J Law is currently dating Coldplay's lead singer, Chris Martin. The couple is surely cautious, given the fact that we live in a crazy world.

What are some ways to keep the intimate details of your relationship under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

In our society today, it's hard to maintain privacy due to the fact that we are living in the age of technology. It can be difficult to keep all of the intimate details of your relationship behind closed doors. Cupid has some ways to keep the intimate details of your relationship under wraps:

1. Your lips are sealed: Kiss and DON'T tell! If you keep the intimate details of your relationship to yourself, then nobody else can find out and it will remain confidential. It's totally understandable to discuss the personal aspects of your relationship with your close friends and family. However; make sure it's people you can fully trust. Also keep in mind, you never know who is overhearing your conversations — so make sure the stories you are discussing are those that you don't mind if the world were to know. It's safest to keep your lips sealed, just not too sealed!

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2. **Pay attention puhlease:** With the internet and social media, news spreads rapidly like wildfires. People talk and gossip, people post and blog. Since this can occur so quickly, the information isn't necessarily true – but that won't stop the

private details of your relationship from being out there. Don't post too much information online. It's a good idea to monitor your social media and make sure you always have tabs on the whereabouts of your phone, laptop, camera, videocamera, iPad, iPod, etc. You never know when those could be stolen, if someone has made copies of your information, or if someone has hacked into your personal accounts. Monitoring these will allow you to maintain the privacy you deserve!

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3. What happens in 'Vegas' – stays in 'Vegas': It's human nature to want to have privacy in your life and, of course, in your relationships too. When in Rome, do as the Romans do. It's absolutely acceptable to live your life and engage in the kind of relationship that you and your partner both decide on. That being said, it can be really nice to keep the details between you and your partner only. There is a big difference between you and your partner being private, and keeping the entire relationship a secret. It can be refreshing to keep things between just you two. It provokes an 'us against the world' type of feeling which can be enticing!

What are some ways you have kept the intimate details of your relationship private? Share your thoughts below.

Hilary Duff Says Aaron Carter's Love Declarations Are 'Uncomfortable'





By Amanda Boyer

Hillary Duff appeared on Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen on Wednesday, Oct. 8 and, according to <u>USMagazine.com</u>, her ex Aaron Carter became a topic of conversation. Though the two haven't "dated" since age 13, Carter has now recently been trying to rekindle the love through Twitter. As Cohen asked questions about the topic, Duff mentioned she felt "uncomfortable," saying it was a long time ago.

What do you do if you're getting unwelcome romantic attention?

Cupid's Advice:

If someone has feelings for you and you're not on the same page, it can no doubt be an uncomfortable situation. Cupid has some tips on what you can do:

1. Be honest: Thank the person for being honest, but do the

same in return. Don't let the declaration hang for too long, as you'd simply be leading them on. Let them know you aren't interested in them that way, but you feel flattered.

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2. Be clear: Make sure your point comes across clearly when talking to this person. Don't convolute it with long phrases and "fluff." Get to the point in a nice way.

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3. Keep your distance: If you can, try not to be caught in the same places as them. This will make your daily life go more smoothly, and you'll feel comfortable going through your day.

Have other ways to tell your crush you feel uncomfortable? Share your thoughts below!

Nick Cannon Covers Mariah Carey Tattoo





By Maggie Manfredi

Mariah no more! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Nick Cannon has covered his "Mariah" tattoo with a crucifixion that takes up approximately half of the singer's back. Mariah Carey and Nick Canon have been separated for a few months now. Although they seem to be moving on, the "H" of Mariah's name can still be seen on his left shoulder.

What are some ways to move on after a sudden breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

Have you just been through an unexpected breakup? Are you trying to cope as best you can? Cupid has some advice to help you move on and move forward:

1. Comfort: Make sure you are around people who make you happy and are in a safe place. Breakups can take you on a dark road, stay with people who bring light and joy even when you are upset.

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2.Time: Take time away from your ex-partner and think before getting any left over feelings out. Closure is important but so is patience and mending your heart.

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3. Peace: You are aloud to spend some time alone! Cupid doesn't want you to wallow and whine for too long, but work to find your own tranquility.

Do you think Nick and Mariah are done for good? Share your thoughts below!

Ryan Phillippe Says He's 'Proud' of How He and Reese Co-Parent





By Amanda Boyer

Since Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe's separation after seven years of marriage in 2006, Phillippe could not be more pleased with how it has been working out, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. With two kids at ages 15 and 10, the ex-couple has been co-parenting well, according to Phillippe's recent interview with *HuffPost Live*. The actor they still make time to spend time together as a family and are proud of the way they have handled the situation.

What are three factors to consider when co-parenting?

Cupid's Advice:

Want to make sure you are doing a good job co-parenting? Read ahead for some tips:

1. Balance: Think about how you want to raise your kids. If you and the other parent have different visions, things could get messy. Make sure to compromise and listen to each other's points of view. **Related:** <u>Co-Parenting Teenagers in the Summertime</u>

2. Work life: Are you spending too much time at the office? Be aware of what is going on with the kids at all times, even if that means checking in on them when you're busy.

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3. The kid's happiness: Make sure they are happy and good with the arrangement. Listening is key when co-parenting, not just between two members, but with the entire family.

Do you have other factors to consider when co-parenting? Comment below!

Back Together? Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Snap Cozy Pic in Canada





By Amanda Boyer

So maybe they are on-again? According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez look like it! On Monday, August 25^{th,} the couple was spotted out to dinner at Dave & Buster's in Hollywood by some fans taking pictures. Later the following day, Bieber also posted a picture of Gomez on his Instagram and then quickly deleted it. On Wednesday, August 27^{th,} Bieber uploaded another photo of him and Gomez together cuddled up in Canada. According to sources, this pair is getting close and spending a lot of time together again.

What are three important conversations to have before reuniting with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it's good to give second tries to relationships. Want to give it a try? Cupid has some advice on how to talk things out:

1. Ask questions: Are there still feelings there for one

another? Why did the relationship fail in the first place? All questions to ask. It's important to address past issues so that you can then move forward.

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2. Seeing passed what happened: Some things are forgivable/forgettable, while others are simply things you can't get past. Determine which category your past issues fall into, and then go from there.

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3. Things are going to change: Come to terms with the fact that things are going to change moving forward. There's a reason things didn't work out in your relationship the last time, and the only way it's going to work on moving forward is if some important things change.

Have you ever gotten back with your ex? Share how you got there by leaving a comment below!

Taylor Swift References "Dramatic" Ex-Boyfriends at Teen Choice Awards





By Laura Seaman

Taylor Swift struck again as she made a clever comment about her ex-boyfriends at the Teen Choice Awards, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The country star was presenting the award for Choice Actor in a Drama Movie when she made the comment, "I was excited when they asked me to come and present this award, because no one knows more about dramatic males than I do." One of her exes, Harry Styles, won multiple awards with his band One Direction that night, and he ended up beating Swift for the Choice Smile award.

What are some ways to deal with dramatic exes?

Cupid's Advice:

Most people try to avoid drama, and for good reason. It's immature, annoying, and can seriously mess up relationships. It's hard enough to date a dramatic person, but sometimes it's even more difficult to deal with a dramatic ex. They can't seem to just move on, and they want everyone to know about it. Here are some tips to deal with that ex who doesn't know when to end the drama:

1. Unfriend and unfollow them on social media. Passive aggressive Facebook statuses and mopey song lyrics on Twitter can get really old really fast. If you really want to get rid of this annoying virtual drama, the solution is simple: get rid of that person on your social media. No more notifications from them!

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2. Avoid places where they might be. Dealing with a dramatic ex is even worse when it's in person, so while it might be a bit inconvenient at times, it's worth it to avoid the award staring, whispering behind your back, or even a scene if your ex is super dramatic. If you know your ex is going to be somewhere, do your best to avoid that place at all costs! It's not cowardly, it's smart.

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3. Don't give in to the drama. Sometimes your ex will try to drag you into the drama and try their best to make you respond. Whatever you do, don't give them the satisfaction of reacting! Ignore them and don't let their words get to you. Maintain your composure and let them make a fool of themselves without you. Sometimes it might be tempting to shout back and put them in their place, but this is what they want and will only make things worse!

How have you dealt with a dramatic ex? Let us know in the comments!

Chris Martin Says He's 'Friends' With Estranged Wife Gwyneth Paltrow



By Sanetra Richards

The love is still there for Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the estranged spouses have remained friends, despite the announcement of their split back in March. The <u>Coldplay</u> frontman talked about the relationship between him and his spouse during an interview with Ryan Seacrest on Thursday, July 31st. "I'm not the best interviewee on this kind of thing," Martin said when asked by the 102.7 KIIS FM host how him and Paltrow are able to remain friends during their separation. "But we're friends and proud parents. There's lots of love, and that's it," he added. What are some ways to remain friends with your ex postbreakup?

Cupid's Advice:

When you think of an ex, you don't always think of the possibility of being cordial with each other, let alone friends. Matter of fact, the first thing that may come to mind is despising one another. Despite the pages of history, whether good or bad, there is a way to actually become friends. Cupid has some advice to get you and your ex to that point:

1. Find your way to good terms: Communicate thoroughly with your ex-partner to gain a full understanding on why the relationship ended. If there is no chance of reconciling, at least you will be able to avoid a ton of confusion later down the road when you all are working on rebuilding your friendship.

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2. Control your emotions: Avoid harboring those ill feelings. They can lead to even more major problems between you and your ex. Do not expect to any progress if you are a carrying a load or two of baggage from the past. Unfortunately, it's not as easy as it sounds and will take some time to adjust. What's most important is that you give it a try.

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3. Move on: If you are able to do exactly this, your postbreakup friendship has the possibility of flourishing. The two of you are no longer concerned about what the other is doing, per se. You have turned the page and started a new chapter. Embrace it. Go out for lunch like regular friends would do (as

strange as that may seem).

How can you remain friends with your ex post-breakup? Tell us!

Prince Andrew and Monika Jakisic Call It Quits





By Sanetra Richards

Single again and back on the prowl! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Prince Andrew and model Monika Jakisic (also George Clooney's ex) have gone there separate ways after five months of dating. The British Prince was seen out with Dara

Tomanovich, a Canadian lingerie model, at a Royal Ascot event last week. A few months ago, Jakisic uploaded a picture of a nice sized diamond ring alongside of a £600 restaurant bill, sparking rumors of a possible engagment to the royal. Despite the rumors, a spokesperson for the Prince told the Daily Mail, "I can confirm the Duke of York is not engaged to Monika Jakisic."

What are some benefits to splitting up early on in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Breaking up is never really an easy thing to do. However, when it is early on in a relationship, it may actually be quite easier to call it quits and move on. You are probably wondering, "How is that possible?" Cupid has some pros of going your separate ways in the first few months:

1. Less time invested: You spent a few months together as a couple, but decided to split after things took a turn for the worst. Luckily, you were able to detect problems with no solutions right away and removed yourself from the relationship (before those months developed into years).

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2. Able to accept reality: Everyone knows the first stage in a relationship is the honeymoon phase, which consists of googly eyes, love birds, and kissy faces. You and your [ex] partner went through it, but once it was over, you both saw the chances of actually being in a committed relationship were slim to none.

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3. Likely to remain friends: If not too much damage has been

done, couples who may have dated for a short period of time find it easier to be friends after the breakup . . . or at least cordial.

What are some more benefits of splitting up early on in a relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Robin Thicke Speaks Out About Trying to Win Back Paula Patton





By Jessica DeRubbo

It's no secret that Robin Thicke has been making some grand gestures to win back his estranged wife Paula Patton. From dedicating songs to her on stage to naming his new album after her, Thicke is determined to do what he can to mend things. The kicker? "I actually have no idea what I'm doing," he said, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "I'm just kind of flying by the seat of my pants on this one."

What are three grand gestures to win back your love?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it takes more than an "I'm sorry" to mend bridges in your relationship. Cupid has some advice:

1. Book a trip to paradise: The prospect of a vacation is never a bad thing. Be creative, and book a surprise trip for you and your partner. Perhaps go to the first place you vacationed together as a couple, or choose somewhere he/she has always want it to go. Put the tickets in a card, and write a love note along with it. **Related**: <u>Will Robin Thicke's 'Get Her Back' Save His Marriage?</u>

2. One word: Jumbotron: If you and your partner enjoy sporting events, plan in advance and get in good with the jumbotron operator. Declare your love so that everyone can see.

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3. Decorate at home: Grand gestures don't always have to be expensive. Make an effort to clean your home, and then decorate it with things that speak to your love. Sometimes flower petals or flower bouquets can work wonders in such a setting. Or, perhaps have your wedding video playing when he/she gets home. Whatever the case may be, make it special.

What are some other grand gestures that will speak volumes? Share your thoughts below.

Reunited Exes Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Attend Bible Study





By Sanetra Richards

A couple that prays together stays together, right? According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Jelena were spotted attending a bible study session in L.A. on Wednesday, June 18th. An insider also revealed the the on-and-off-again pair were not hiding their affection either: "They were very lovey-dovey and cute," says a source of the couple who "came and left together with a few friends." The source went on to say the 20-year-old singer and 21-year-old singer/actress "sat next to each other and listened to [Pastor Judah Smith]'s sermon." The pair were very "smitten with each other." Bieber posted a photo on Instagram from Smith's Wednesday evening's teachings. The caption stated, "Bible study with Judah Smith." "He looks so happy and at peace," the source says, while Gomez appeared to be just as calm and composed. The two also seek advice from Smith frequently. Gomez posted an Instagram on Easter Sunday from Smith's church: "He is risen, @judahsmith just thank you." Bieber was introduced to the pastor back in 2010 when he, along with his mom, Pattie Mallette, attended one of Smith's sermons. Smith told Us in January that Bieber is "pretty sensational" and "serious about his faith."

What are some ways to bond with your partner over your beliefs?

Cupid's Advice:

Being connected with your partner spiritually can be one of the best qualities of your relationship. It is also adds to what you both have in common. Cupid has a few ways to bond with your partner over your beliefs:

1. Another connection: As you develop a bond with your partner over your beliefs, you will begin to see each other in a totally different light. You will start to understand their thought process more, what gets them going, and what they are truly passionate about.

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2. Worship together: No more going to sermons or bible study alone. You now have someone by your side who is willing to join you on your spiritual journey.

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3. Open discussions: Talking about your beliefs is another pro of having a partner who is on the same page as you. The conversations will evolve as you both are progressing towards a deeper faith.

How do you bond with your partner over your beliefs? Share your thoughts below.

Justin Bieber Dating Selena Gomez 'Full-On Back Together' Again!





By Shannon Seibert

Well, the rumors have been confirmed. Justin Bieber dating Selena Gomez again! Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez were seen "all over each other" on a Can-Am Spyder on Sunset Blvd looking happier than ever. Later that evening, the couple attended their good friend and music video director Alfredo Flores' birthday celebration at L.A. hotspot Bootsy Bellows. The sizzling couple has reignited their love all over again, for now that is according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>.

How do you know if you should give your ex a second chance?

Cupid's Advice:

Second chances are risky. Love isn't like baseball when you get a definitive three strikes rule, this is your heart we are talking about and it isn't something to be toyed with. When it comes to giving your ex a second chance you have to go with your gut and see if there is something here to be fighting for:

1. They have made an effort to change: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results is the definition of insanity. The same rule applies to human behavior. Obviously the way things were wasn't working for the two of you together, so something has to give. If your ex has made a measurable effort to better himself for the sake of your relationship, that is something to take into account when granting a second chance to dating them again .

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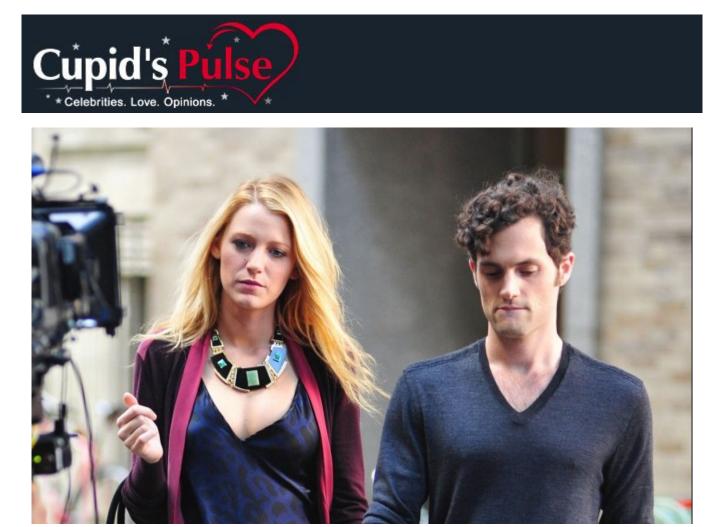
2. He has given you a sincere apology, and meant it: There isn't much you can do with the words "I'm sorry." After a while of hearing the repetitive apologies, they begin to lose their meaning. A real apology entails acknowledgment of their wrongdoing, recognition of the consequences, and a plan of action for what they're going to do to improve. If your ex has sat you down, looked you in the eye, and apologized explicitly for whatever he may have done, that is credible.

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3. Take your past into consideration: Was your relationship toxic? Did your nights end in tears more often than kisses? Can you see yourself dating this person again ? Relationships end in one of two ways: in a break up or they don't end at all, you're with them until you pass. If you can look into your past and smile about it, and look into the future and see him there, he may be worth the second shot, similar to what Selena Gomez did with dating Justin Bieber.

How many chances have you given your ex? Share your stories in the comments below!

Robin Thicke Will Name New Album After Estranged Wife Paula Patton



By Sanetra Richards Persistence is key! And Robin Thicke seems to be a firm

believer in that. The sultry star is not giving up on his marriage and will do all it takes to get back his estranged wife, Paula Patton. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the "Blurred *Lines"* singer has even named his new album after her, in hopes the record - along with other things, of course - will help mend their broken marriage. The upcoming album, Paula, is set to be released on July 1st. The track list includes the hit "Get Her Back," which Thicke unveiled at the 2014 Billboard Music Awards back in May: "All right, y'all, help me get her back." The pair of nine years separated in February. A source told Us that Thicke "wanted to save their marriage, but it was Paula's choice and she ended it." The source went on to say, "Robin does not want this divorce." Despite their separation, Thicke has put in tons of effort to win his wife back over the past few months, even going publicly. At his February concert in Fairfax, Virginia, Thicke told the crowd, "For y'all that don't know, me and my wife separated but I'm trying to get my girl back." The Baggage Claim actress later released a statement that there was and would always be a "deep love" between her and husband. "We've known each other since we were teenagers," she said. "All I can tell you is there's a deep love there-always was, and always will be. He wasn't my first kiss, but he was my first lots of other things."

What are some ways to try to win back your love?

Cupid's Advice:

Mistakes were made along the way, hearts were broken, tears were shed — but now you are more than ready to give it another try and will do whatever it takes to get your love back. Only problem is, you are unsure of how to exactly go about it (or at least try to). Cupid has some tips to lead you in the right direction:

1. Sincerely apologize: A simple "I'm sorry" will not cut it, especially if things are severely damaged. An apology does not

have to be scripted or rehearsed. Politely ask your partner for a few minutes of their time to genuinely say what is on your heart and ask for forgiveness. Be empathetic! It is OK to be corny and send flowers every now and then. What is most important is that your sweetheart knows you are deeply sorry for the failed relationship.

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2. Correct your mistakes: Typically, an apology has an invisible tag attached to it that says, "DO NOT DO THIS AGAIN!" Unfortunately, this sometimes goes ignored. Do not be the person to express regret, and then later repeat the same regret over and over again. Somewhere down the line, the relationship went wrong. It is up to you to fix the problem(s) that occurred along the way and make sure they never happen again.

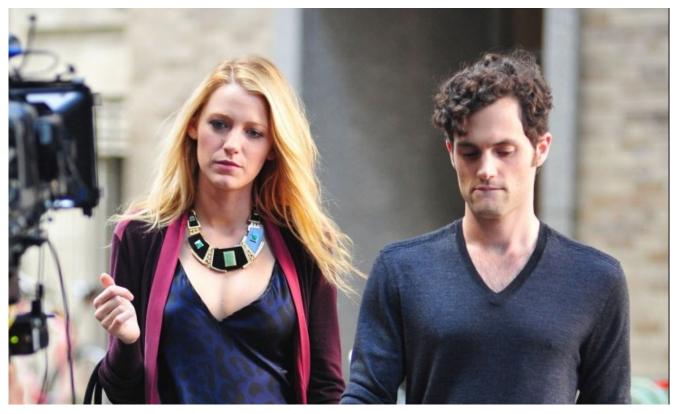
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3. Be an open book: Remain honest with your [ex] partner at all times. If they are willing to give the relationship a second go, have enough respect for them to be nothing short of direct and truthful . . . no matter the circumstance. It may take some time to rebuild what was lost and damaged, but with mutual effort and patience, you all will stand a chance.

What are some other ways to win back your love? Share below.

Adam Levine Reaches Out to Ex-Girlfriends





By Laura Seaman

Adam Levine is trying to make things right before his marriage to model Behati Prinsloo. The singer's ex-girlfriends, including Anne Vyalitsyna and Nina Agdal, "couldn't care less he wants to make it right," a source tells <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Levine's relationship with Agdal had ended when he started ignoring her class and then texting her about him and Prinsloo's engagement. This didn't stop Levine though, as an insider said, "He apologized for how he treated them."

How can you remain civil with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

When relationships end, there's usually a broken heart and hurt feelings involved. These feelings can sometimes make it difficult to forgive and forget, but in the end its better not to burn bridges and lose everything you had. Yes, it ended for a reason, but it also started for a reason; you liked each other at one point:

1. Don't push your anger and heartbreak onto the other person. It might be tempting to yell and blame the other person for everything, but sometimes relationships just end, and that's not your ex's fault. Handle the situation with grace and let it end peacefully. Save the yelling and ranting for when you're alone.

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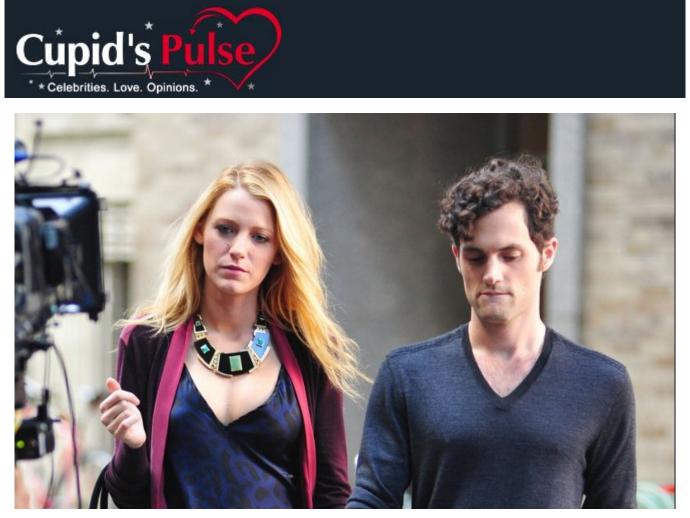
2. Don't talk bad about your ex, even to friends. The hurt of a breakup can make people say things they don't mean, and this leads to rumors getting out of hand or insults getting back to your ex. You never know who will pass on what you said, and if your ex hears some of the things you wish you hadn't said, it might drive a bigger wedge between you.

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3. Do try to keep in contact once in a while. You don't have to talk about the relationship, or why it ended. That would be a bit too awkward. Just ask them how things are going, how their family is doing, and what they've been up to. Ignoring each other will just make it even more uncomfortable if you ever run into each other.

Have you successfully stayed civil with your ex? Tell us how in the comments below!

Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy Settle Custody Dispute



By Sanetra Richards

The smoke has cleared and everything is settled between Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy ... at least for now. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the estranged couple has come to an agreement in divorce court, involving the custody battle for daughter Bryn. Hoppy's attorney, Bernard Clair, released a confirmation statement saying, "My client is delighted that this custody dispute has been resolved; that his co-parenting status has been acknowledged; that the parties' child will have the benefit of being raised by both parents; and most importantly, that his daughter will no longer be at the mercy of a high-profile courtroom battle."

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Every divorce that involves children leads to questions revolving what is best for him or her. Whatever decision you and your ex make, you want to keep your child's best interest in mind, which includes not exposing them to the messy divorce proceedings. Cupid has some tips to help you achieve this:

1. Have respect and decency: The best way to not taint the image your child may have of the other parent is to avoid bashing, at all costs. Your child is already coping with the separation and any unnecessary arguing in their presence will only make matters worse. However, if you and your ex are respecting each other, your child will do the same.

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2. Be honest: Do not keep your child completely out of the loop with what is going on between the two of you. If he or she has question involving the separation, answer it honestly to the best of your ability. As stated before, maintain that respect and reassure them that you and your ex will always be their parents.

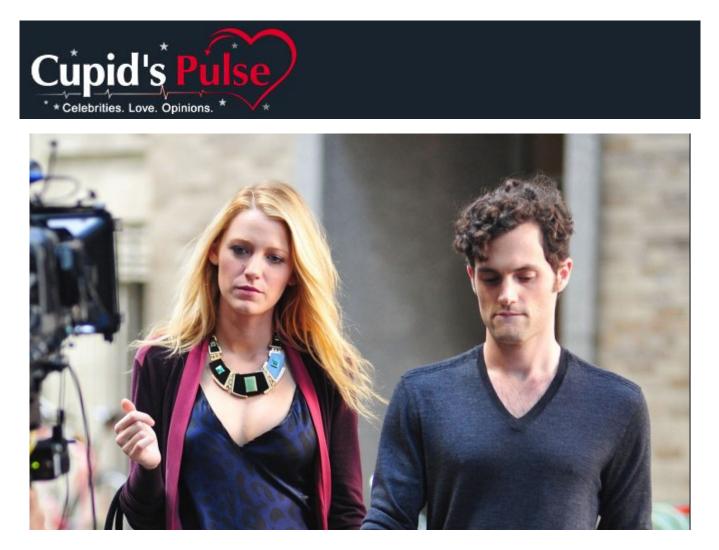
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3. Do not play the blame game: This means absolutely not pointing fingers. Your child is in a very vulnerable state (just like you) and will possibly believe anything negative you may tell them about the other parent. Remember what is most important —being a parent and protecting your child from

any danger, including those harsh words you may want to say.

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings? Share your thoughts below.

Bethenny Frankel Gives Emotional Testimony and Cries in Custody Battle



By Sanetra Richards

Bethenny Frankel opened up her heart on the court stand on

Wednesday, May 28th. According to UsMagazine.com, the former Real Housewife and talk show host gave her testimony in a custody case with ex-husband Jason Hoppy, with whom she has a 4-year-old daughter with, Bryn. The couple split back in 2012 and it has been a bumpy road since. In her statement, the 43year-old was very emotional and even broke down in tears throughout various portions. Frankel recalled on the time when she and Hoppy lived together because he was unwilling to leave: "Jason said to me, 'Get ready, we are going to war. It's over. We're done," Frankel remembered. "He would leave the house in shambles. There would be dishes everywhere. He would pee and poop and leave it in the toilets. He would hold Bryn, and he would say, "You're finished, you're done. I'm going to ruin you." Frankel also told the court a specific instance when her ex-husband would ridicule her in front of their daughter. Frankel claimed Hoppy's taunting happened numerous times in front of her daughter, and that he often tried to get the little girl to turn against her. "He would say, 'Mommy should be Ursula the witch. She's a great witch. You be the princess, I'll be the prince, Mommy will be the witch,'" said the Skinnygirl Dish author as the tears fell. An insider tells Us, "Bethenny is trying to just keep pushing forward. She's in a good place right now."

What are some ways to keep things civil with your ex for your children?

Cupid's Pulse:

With every breakup or divorce that involves children, comes the decision to co-parent (or at least try to). However, before you and your ex can make that choice, there must be an agreement and understanding shared between the two of you. So, how exactly do you keep it civil for your child's sake? Cupid has some tips to help:

 Respect each other: Which basically means no bashing, especially not in your child's presence, whatsoever. If you are habitually arguing in front of your child(ren), they will soon start to believe one parent is not fit — this could possibly lead to lashing out and ill behavior. On the other hand, if you and your ex are showing respect one another, your child will suspect nothing wrong.

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2. Come to terms: You and your ex should face that the separation is real and the chances of you all getting back together are slim to none. You both have turned the page and are now on new chapters. No matter the circumstance, those old feelings should not interfere with your parenting.

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3. Delete: Let go of the anger and resentment. You must both remember, your separation was for the best. By staying together you were ultimately putting your child's happiness was at stake. Think of yourselves as parents before exes.

How do you keep things civil with an ex when children are involved? Share your thoughts below.

Robin Thicke Pleads to Win Back Paula Patton at

Billboard Music Awards





By Shannon Seibert

At the Billboard Music Awards, singer Robin Thicke made two sentimental pleas to win back his estranged wife, Paula Patton. Thicke, 37, first gave thanks for his wife's love and support when he received 'Best R&B Single'. Thicke later performed his new single "Get Her Back" written explicitly for Patton, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>.

What are some grand gestures you can make to win back your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

If you are absolutely certain that your ex is the one who you are supposed to be with, don't let anything stop you from your happiness. Whether it is circumstance, past mistakes, or a simple misunderstanding, if the two of you are truly compatible for each other, there is no reason that can't be possible:

1. A sincere apology can go a long way: When in doubt, start with baby steps. Words can tear people apart, but they can also bring people back together. Give your heart strings a strong tug, and tell your man how you really feel. The phrase "I'm sorry" is a good place to start, and let the rest flow. Don't feel the need to justify every action you've made. Be attentive and listen to what is hurting him, and see what you can do to fix it.

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2. Show that you've paid attention: Sometimes a big gesture is comprised of the little things. What has he been telling you all of this time that you may have overlooked? Put together a bunch of his favorite things to show that you care. Whether it's a mash-up of his favorite music, that chocolate cake from the bakery that he can't resist or the movie you watched together on your first date. Go out of your way to show that you're attentive to his needs and you can give him what he is looking for.

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3. Take a trip down memory lane: Sure there may have been some reasons why your relationship looked like it wouldn't work out, but there are so many reasons that it should. Every couple has their strengths, so use yours to win back your love. Try recreating your first date, or a few tender moments you've been through together. Remind him of how great your were together and the feelings that you share. If you're both adventurous, explain how this rough patch is just part of the bigger journey. If he's more introverted, appeal to his kind and quiet qualities with a love letter.

What have you done to get an ex back? Share with us below!

Should You Give Your Ex Another Chance?





By April Littleton

You and your ex broke things off pretty quickly, and now you're thinking about giving the romance a second try. Maybe the two of you are still in love, or perhaps you're finally on your way to being on friendly terms with your former flame. Either way, you might want to ask yourself some questions before you officially decide to rekindle the spark. Cupid has some advice:

1. The breakup: What caused you and your ex to split up in the first place? Did he/she cheat? Did you cheat? What was the ultimate deal breaker in your relationship, and how do you know for sure things will work out for the better the second time around? Remember, your ex is just that for a reason. Whatever problems the two of you had in the beginning will eventually bubble up to the surface. The issues won't magically disappear. If you expect your romance to flourish this time, be prepared to put in the work to make it happen.

2. Friends and family: What do your friends and family think about your former lover? Do they think you're better off without him/her, or do they think the two of you might be able to work out your problems? Listen to the advice your loved ones give you. They know you better than you know yourself. They'll be able to clue you in on what exactly you need in your life right now – and it might not be your ex.

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3. Your feelings: Once you stop and think about it, you might realize you don't really want your ex back. Are you afraid of being on your own? If you were with your partner for awhile before splitting up, being single again could be a scary situation. You don't remember what it's like to date someone new. How do you even know when you're ready to meet another special someone? Take it a day at a time. You don't need to go back to someone who doesn't know how to treat you right. Eventually, you'll find someone who appreciates all that you are, but first, you have to love yourself.

4. What will change: How certain are you that things will change the second time around? Your ex was still the same

person he/she was when you broke up. A drastic change in their personality and/or behavior is highly unlikely — especially if they believe they played no part in the breakup. You can't go back to a relationship that can't be fixed, and you shouldn't want to risk being the person who is responsible for picking up all the broken pieces of a lackluster romance.

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5. The good versus the bad: You might be able to salvage the relationship if the good outweighs the bad. Think about all the pros and cons to getting back together with your former significant other. Is the outcome worth it?

Did you give your ex another chance? Share your experience below.

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Reunite at Coachella





By Louisa Gonzales

Justin Bieber makes a surprise appearance at Coachella and reunites with Selena Gomez! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Bieber,20, gave a surprise performance, with friend Chance The Rapper, for festivalgoers over the weekend at Coachella in Indio, California on April 13. The superstar may have shocked the crowd by singing "Confident" with his friend, but when it came to Gomez the singer didn't mind not lying low. The pair was spotted sticking close together right before Bieber went on stage and were also seen together walking side by side to Calvin Harris' performance later that night. According to eyewitnesses they were dancing and whispering into each others ears all night.

How do you weigh the pros and cons about whether to get back together with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Many couples break up, but sometimes couple who break up can't stay away from each other and continue to get back together.

When it comes to deciding whether you should give it another go with your ex there are many things to consider and think about. Cupid has some advice on how to weigh the pros and cons about whether to get back together with an ex:

1. The con or why you shouldn't get back together: Sometimes someone just isn't right for you and deep down you know when someone just doesn't cut it for you. If you find you could never trust them before than you probably won't trust them the second time around. If you find you two never get along well, or have a hard time trusting one another, it's probably best to let them go, why waste your time with someone who isn't right for you.

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2. The pro or why you should give it another go: Sometimes relationships don't work out, because it just wasn't the right time in your lives to really be with someone. So what if now in the future you are both in the right places in your life for a committed relationship and still find yourself still drawn to your ex? If you still keep in contact, get along well and are still attracted to your old lover, getting back together might be just what you need.

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3. The pro or con, which one outweighs the other more: If there are more negative than positive memories about your ex than it's probably best to not let the possibility of history to repeat itself. If there are more positive reason on why you should get back together with your old flame, such as even with the negative you accept them or find them endearing. Making a pros and cons list can help you distinguish reasons why you should or shouldn't do something, buy only your heart can decide. What are some pros and cons when it comes to whether or not to get back together with an ex? Share your tips below.