

# Beyonce and Jay-Z Enjoy Quality Family Time with Daughter Blue Ivy



By Nic Baird

R&B power couple Beyonce and Jay-Z are shown doting on daughter Blue Ivy Carter in pictures from the *Dangerously in Love* singer's Tumblr. Beyonce is kissing her child's forehead in one photo. In another, Jay-Z carries the 11-month-old as he walks down a tree lined path. Both mother and daughter are appropriately dressed in blue. The baby girl was born this January, and though the couple released photos with the newborn in early February, they've been careful to keep her out of the limelight. That being said, ever since her credited cries rang out at the end of Beyonce's "Glory," she's been the youngest person ever to appear on a *Billboard* chart.

**What are some tips to becoming closer as a family unit?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Family is expected to be there for each other in bad weather, but they're not just a life raft. Here are some ways to bring your family closer:

**1. Routine and tradition:** Building your family is easier if you have traditions at the foundation. This can be as simple as sharing meals together, or as unconventional as unwrapping the Christmas presents with your teeth. Productive routines, like doing chores and homework, can't hurt either. The family identity that emerges will be special because it was celebrated.

**2. Interest and support:** Showing that you're involved with the lives of your family means more than simply demonstrating your concern, or sympathy. Give helpful advice, and be present. When you're around to lend a hand it demonstrates that family has meaning and a purpose.

**3. Special moments:** Make sure to take advantage of spontaneous, significant moments. Children are experiencing life with a lot more wonder. You can create lasting impressions by noticing when your child is amazed at something they've never seen, or tasted a new flavor, or just trying anything for the first time. Be part of that memory, and manufacture them whenever possible! Taking your child on an outing, or for an activity, could end up being a lasting example for how they define family.

**What are some ways your family bonds? Share your experiences below.**

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# Jay-Z and Beyonce Raise Money and Awareness for the Presidential Race



By [Jennifer Ross](#)

Support for the Presidential couple continues from Hip-Hop's royal couple. During President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, Jay-Z and Beyonce continued to show support through raising money and awareness. This past September, the pair raised \$4 million for the President's re-election campaign by hosting an event at Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in New York City. The event was limited to 100 guests, each paying \$40,000 to attend. Also, Jay-Z performed at POTUS' Ohio rally for the final efforts to promote awareness, a day before the official election. When Jay-Z spoke to [MTV News](#) regarding his reasons to support the President, he stated, "I support Barack because I gotta respect that sort of vision. I gotta respect a man who is the first black President ever."

## **What do you do if you and your partner don't hold the same political beliefs?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

When it comes to politics, many people fall in love with a partner that happens to have different beliefs. It's something that may have been noticed on the first few dates but never taken seriously until later – perhaps around election time. And even though the differences can transform a robust debate into an all-out fight, it also has the potential to bring a couple closer. Here are a few ways to help any relationship stay on the same side, regardless of opposing views:

**1. Respect each others' views:** Whether one of you is pro-choice and the other is pro-life, never disrespect each other by ridiculing or dismissing each other's beliefs. Instead, stick to unbiased facts that are provable. Your issue is with the topic and not your partner, so keep the harsh comments out of your relationship. The key is to focus on who you are speaking to and not the topic.

**2. Don't try to change his/her views:** When you and your mate are in a heated debate, don't make it a battle of who will change their views. Rather, use your listening skills and allow each other to have separate convictions. This gives you and your partner the opportunity to learn something about each other than could bring closeness to the relationship.

**3. Agree to disagree:** In the event that the political topic in question is too strong a subject for either of you to see the other's point of view, bridge the gap by agreeing to disagree. Remind yourselves that your love isn't solely based on that one topic. It is based on many other wonderful characteristics. By learning to accept your partner this way, you also learn to love the good and bad in him/her.

**How do you and your partner maintain your relationship when**

you both have different political beliefs? Comment below.

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# Celebrity Baby News: Best Announcements from Famous Couples



By Lily Rose

First comes love; then, comes marriage; then, comes a little one sitting in a baby carriage. In 2012, things may not happen *exactly* in that order – especially for our favorite celebrity couples. No matter the order of things, when the little bundle of joy does come, it is cause for celebration and for baby announcements. When it comes to [celebrity baby news](#), announcements range from traditional to over-the-top.

# Announcing Celebrity Baby News

Some famous couples opt to announce their baby's arrival with a simple yet heartfelt press release. Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler, who welcomed Camden Jack Cutler on Aug. 8, decided to go that route. So did Kelsey and Kayte Grammer, who welcomed daughter, Faith Evangeline Elisa Grammer, on July 13. Also taking a simplistic approach, Hilary Duff tweeted her son Luca's first photo.

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But why settle for simple and heartfelt when you can do it big and make it financially lucrative? From the date the press first learns there's a celebrity pregnancy to the date the child arrives, most publications are scrambling, begging, and scheming to get their hands on the first baby pics. Some celebs, such as former reality TV star turned fashion designer, Jessica Simpson, chose to circumvent the rigmarole by simply selling the pictures. *People* featured the first snapshots of Simpson's daughter, Maxwell Drew. Simpson was reportedly paid \$800,000 for their exclusive right to her little girl's first photos.

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Simpson isn't the only one to sell the privilege of offering the public its first glimpse of her child. Former *American Idol* judge Jennifer Lopez and Latin crooner Marc Anthony also sold the exclusive rights to the first pictures of their twins. As far as the price goes, Lopez and Anthony didn't do too shabby either: The celebrity couple reportedly made a cool \$6 million.

# Famous Couple's Expensive Baby Pics

Of course, no one does it as big as Hollywood couple [Angelina Jolie](#) and [Brad Pitt](#). The public waited with bated breath to see the child produced by the genetically blessed superstars. Jolie and Pitt reportedly sold the photos of their twins, Knox and Vivienne, for more than \$11 million.

Still, some famous couples chose a different but still non-traditional route to share their celebrity baby news. For example, singer, Beyonce Knowles and her rap star husband Jay-Z erected a tumblr page displaying daughter Blue Ivy's first photo shoot. The page was offered free to the public.

Some think selling your baby's first photos seems just plain wrong. Others figure, why not? It's better than the paparazzi chasing you down the street for them! Let us know your thoughts.

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## Beyonce Performs 'Crazy in Love' with Jay-Z in Brooklyn







By Nic Baird

Surprise guest Beyonce joined her husband Jay-Z on stage at the Barclays Center Saturday. The leather clad Beyonce even had to cover Jay-Z when he missed his queue during “Crazy in Love,” according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). “Oh sh– I should probably rap here,” he said afterwards. Jay-Z had been too caught up in his wife’s vocals to remember his part. By having his wife perform, Jay-Z closed out eight nights at the Brooklyn venue. She was in the audience during the first Sept. 28 show, before taking her support to the stage as her 2008 hit “Diva” played.

**How do you stay involved with your partner’s career?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Unless your spouse is a secret agent, learning about their career will make them more willing to disclose work experiences. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Ask questions:** As a topic of conversation, the things people do during the average day at work is only slightly less monotonous than the weather. But like the weather, it’s very important so you can act with foresight. Problems at work can quickly boil over into personal life. Not only are you showing an interest in your partner’s career, but you’ll be able to anticipate their needs and moods by regularly asking them



about work.

**2. Offer advice:** The follow-up to asking questions about work is offering advice. To fully communicate, you have to offer something to your partner. Your advice should align with your significant other's career objectives. Demonstrating your support comes by helping your partner with their goals, not your own. Make a sincere contribution, and don't be upset if they neglect your tips.

**3. Celebrate together:** A great way to show your involvement with your partner's career is by looking for ways to celebrate their work. This could be a promotion, or an accomplishment. If they have free time after a long stretch at the office, celebrate a break from their labour. It's not only about showing your interest, but also an opportunity to spend time together.

**When do you find time to talk to your partner about their career? Share your experiences below!**

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## **Beyonce and Jay-Z Enjoy a Date Night in NYC**





By Jennifer Ross

Taking timeout from their hectic schedules, Beyonce and Jay-Z had a date night on Sunday in Upper Manhattan, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Located right on the banks of the East River in the Inwood neighborhood, the parents of eight-month-old Blue Ivy enjoyed the evening at La Marina, a new restaurant and lounge with a luxury beach atmosphere. Beyonce, 31, and Jay-Z, 42, were celebrating the launch of Jay's cognac brand, D'usse. As true to her form, Beyonce was beautifully dressed in a leopard-print Roberto Cavalli dress while Jay-Z had a laid back but well put together look.

**What are some ways to keep the spark alive in a long-term relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

As another relationship anniversary passes you by, life can make it challenging to keep the sparks alive and thriving. Should you find yourself without any ideas how to rekindle the flame, here are a few tips to assist you along the way:

**1. Reconnect with each other:** While ongoing communication is key to any relationship, in this case, I am referring to the physical senses. Taking five to ten minutes every day to cuddle with your partner actually can strengthen the

connection between you two. The goal here is to simply hold each other; whether you decide to speak or not is up to your mood.

**2. Laugh at it:** As you two continue on in your day-to-day challenges, it can be difficult to leave those stressful moments out of your relationship. Why not find ways to laugh about them together? Laughing is thought to relieve tension within your body and lift your spirit, not to mention bring you two closer together.

**3. Dress up:** Spending that extra time to perfect your appearance not only makes you feel good about yourself, but it also shows your partner that you care to look good for them. It will also give them the urge to dress up for you as well. Whether you go out to dinner or stay in, dress up for your partner...and for yourself.

**How do you keep the spark alive in your relationship? Share your ideas below.**

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## **Favorite Celebrity Engagement Rings**





By Sarah Ribeiro

Engagement rings can be one of the most important elements in beginning a marriage. They signify the bond you have with your partner, their commitment to you, and the security of your relationship. Of course, there's also the glamour and luxury that comes with a gorgeous diamond on your hand! Here are some celebrity engagement rings that perfectly represent both the strength and extravagance of celebrity weddings and marriages:

## Top Celebrity Engagement Rings

**1. Kate Hudson:** Hudson's engagement ring from Muse rocker Matthew Bellamy is an outstanding statement in such a private celebrity relationship. The \$200,000 platinum ring is a nine carat emerald-cut diamond with tapered baguettes on the side. The two have been engaged for a year, and although they have no wedding date set, they do have a son together, Bingham.

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**2. Kate Middleton:** The royal duchess of Cambridge was definitely given a ring fit for a queen. Her celebrity love Prince William presented her with his mother Princess

Diana's engagement ring, a round-cut blue sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds. At the time it was worn by Diana in 1981, it cost 30,000 British pounds – the equivalent of roughly \$47,000.

**3. Angelina Jolie:** Being one of Hollywood's most luxurious famous couples, this duo will no doubt have an over-the-top celebrity wedding celebration. Newly-engaged Jolie was given a rectangular-cut diamond on a yellow-and-white gold band. Rumor has it Pitt commissioned a jeweler to find the finest-quality diamond for his love, even requesting a cut shaped perfectly for her hand.

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## No Limits For This Famous Couple's Ring

**4. Beyoncé Knowles:** One of Hollywood's most expensive wedding rings naturally belongs to one of the highest-grossing Hollywood couples. The rapper gave Beyoncé a *\$5 million* celebrity engagement ring before their secret marriage in April 2008. The 18-carat diamond, made by jeweler Lorraine Schwartz, is emerald-cut and set in a platinum band. For security purposes, the singer wears a fake copy of it, which is still worth more than \$5,000.

**5. Natalie Portman:** In 2010, the famous actress, vegan and humanist was gifted an eco-friendly engagement ring to fit her lifestyle. Husband Benjamin Millepied found ballet dancer-turned jeweler Jamie Wolf to design the \$35,000 ring, which uses recycled platinum and an antique oval center stone surrounded by pavé diamonds from a conflict-free mine, meaning no miner was hurt or treated unfairly when mining the stones. Millepied personalized his choice by making the ring a statement to his love's activism and loving nature, a sweet

statement for an even sweeter couple.

Which celebrity engagement ring is your favorite? Tell us below.

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# Beyoncé Says She and Jay-Z Enjoy Changing Diapers



By Erin Minty

Beyoncé and her man Jay-Z have been in total baby bliss since the birth of their daughter Blue Ivy in January of this year. The sexy songstress spoke out about her role as a mother on *Anderson Live* last week, [People](#) reports. Beyoncé shares, “I love changing diapers, I love it. I love every moment of it, it’s so beautiful. I love it all.” She also told Anderson Cooper that she often sings Blue to sleep by making up crazy songs. And Jay-Z’s role in all this? According to his wife, he

is “very good” at changing diapers as well!

**How does having a child bring you closer together as a couple?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Deciding to have a baby with your partner can be a stressful time, but it can also lead to a stronger relationship. Cupid has some advice on how adding a child to your family can bring you closer together with your partner:

**1. Shared responsibility:** When you and your partner decide to have a baby, you are now not only looking out for yourselves, but you have to take care of a child you relies solely on you. Sharing this huge responsibility of taking care of a baby will bring you closer together because you truly have something that belongs to both of you.

**2. Bonding time:** A baby can bring two people closer together because of the fact that you will spend so much time together when taking care of the child. Bonding over the time spent, whether it is feeding, cleaning or even putting your baby to bed will strengthen you and your partner’s relationship.

**3. Taking time more seriously:** When you do have a baby, it probably will mean less alone time for you and your partner. While that may sound negative, it will force you to take the time you do have more seriously, and spend every second you can being with your partner. You won’t take a second of time for granted!

**How has having a child strengthened your relationship? Share your insight below!**

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# Beyonce and Jay-Z & Kanye West and Kim Kardashian Show the Love at the BET Awards



What do you get when you bring superstar couples Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles and Kanye West and Kim Kardashian together at the BET Awards? A whole lot of love. The two couples brought a lot of attention when they took the best seats in the house right next to each other. Knowles wore a bright satin dress and Kardashian was showing off her sexy curves in a white mini dress. The two ladies seemed to get along perfectly, and all four of them looked thrilled to have this double date.

**What are the benefits to a double date?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Even though you should always have one-on-one time with someone to get to know them, there are a lot of benefits to

bringing along another couple for a double date. Here are some reasons why a double date might sometimes be better:

**1. You're more comfortable:** When you're alone with your date and there's a constant pressure of thinking of things to say and staring at them awkwardly, it's easy to feel nervous. When you're around more people, you're likely to loosen up a little.

**2. More to talk about:** There's always more to talk about when there are more people at the dinner table. When there's another couple around, you'll have fewer silent moments than if it was just you and your date alone.

**3. Less likely to fail:** Even if you have a terrible date, at least you have two other people to entertain you throughout the night. It's much better than being stuck alone with someone you truly can't stand.

**How do you think a double date can be better? Share your thoughts below.**

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## How Did Beyonce Prepare for Her Daughter's Birth?





Beyonce, recently named the Most Beautiful Woman, may have only given birth to her baby girl Blue Ivy a few months ago, but she's already shedding the baby weight . Before the diva went to the hospital for the one of the biggest debuts of her life, she got ready for her performance with a fresh mani-pedi and an eye brow wax, but she says that when the moment came, all she and her husband Jay-Z cared about was the birth of their miracle. After their new baby girl came into the world, the singer was ready to bounce back, and she began a strict diet and workout schedule. "I'm proud that my waist came back so fast. I'm proud of that and happy, but that was mostly from the breastfeeding," the singer explained to [People](#). "I lost most of my weight from breastfeeding and I encourage women to do it; It's just so good for the baby and good for yourself."

**What are some ways to prepare your body for birth?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Painting the baby's room and baby-proofing the house are all important, but what's more important is preparing your own body for the birth of your child. You'll be glad you did so you're more prepared for labor, and it will be easier for you to shed the pounds after. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Give up bad habits:** There's no sense in taking the slightest risk when it comes to your baby's health, so throw out the cigarettes and remove the alcohol from your home. Avoid going to places like bars where you'll be inhaling toxins that are bad for you and your growing baby.

**2. Eat right:** It's important to maintain a wholesome nutritious [diet](#) and ditch the fast food burgers. You're going to want to get a good daily intake of a variety of proteins, vegetables, fruits and grains. Trying organic food to avoid any toxins and pesticides is also a good idea, but feel free to indulge your cravings once in a while.

**3. Stay fit:** Exercise will help you in a variety of ways. It will help you stay fit, which will also give you good circulation, reduce stress, and give you endorphines to make you happy. Exercising regularly will also make you tired at the end of a long day and a good night's sleep will rest and rejuvenate your body.

**How did you shake your baby weight? Share your comments below.**

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## **Power Celebrity Couples: Hollywood Relationships That Command Our Attention**





By [Whitney Baker](#)

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

## Power Celebrity Couples

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

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**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** Whether Carey is flaunting her post-baby body, Cannon is doing one of his many hosting gigs, or the duo is showing off their adorable twins, this

famous couple seems to have a hand in everything. The attention-seeking family will certainly be captured in tabloids in May this year as Roc and Roe celebrate their first birthdays and Carey and Cannon mark their two-year wedding anniversary.

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

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## Private Hollywood Relationship Still Grabs Attention

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

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**5. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban:** This marriage between Hollywood royalty and a country music superstar appears to be a match made in celebrity heaven. They continuously support one another at award shows, showing their love for each other on the red carpet. Urban credits Kidman for helping him overcome his alcoholism, calling her an "extremely pure



spirit.” The low-key couple has settled in Nashville to raise their daughters, Sunday Rose and Faith Margaret.

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

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## Beyonce and Jay-Z Skip Grammy's for Pizza Date



Beyonce and Jay-Z

have something more important to focus on this year than awards. The new parents recently skipped the Grammy Awards to indulge in a quick pizza date before heading home to baby daughter Blue Ivy, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). A witness said the superstar duo “were just like a regular couple talking and whatnot” while having dinner at their favorite pizza place in Brooklyn. “They were sitting in front of the



place closer to where they make the pizza.”

**What are some ways to keep romance intact after you have a child?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Having children is typically a joyful experience, but there’s no doubt that romance in your relationship takes a hit as a result. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Date night:** You may not have had a specific night in the week where you always went on a date before you had a child. Now, however, it’s necessary to schedule your alone time. That way you can coordinate a babysitter ahead of time.

**2. Post-bedtime hangout:** Although it may not seem like it at first, your child will eventually learn to sleep through the night. When that happens, their bedtime will probably be before you and your significant other’s. Take the time after your son or daughter goes to bed to reconnect as a couple.

**3. Mini-vacations:** It’s understandable that you’d be hesitant to leave your child behind on a trip, but sometimes you need a couple days to unwind. Leave your kid(s) with their grandparents or your siblings. Even if it’s just a weekend getaway, it’s important to spend some quality time alone every once in a while.

**How do you keep the romance in your relationship alive? Share your ideas below.**

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# Jay-Z Performs New Song in Honor of New Baby Blue Ivy



On Monday, Jay-Z posted a new song titled "Glory" on his website, *Lifeandtimes.com*, with the statement, "Life just got REALLY good." He was clearly referring to the birth of his baby daughter Blue Ivy Carter, with Beyonce. According to *Marqueeblog.com*, Jay-Z's lyrics include, "You're a child of destiny/you're the child of my destiny/you're my child with the child from Destiny's Child/that's a hell of a recipe." He added, "The most beautiful thing in this world/is daddy's little girl." Pharrell Williams produced the emotional and personal track. A baby's cry is heard at the end of the song. Among other things, Jay-Z also revealed the couples' struggle with a miscarriage. "Last time the miscarriage was so tragic/we was afraid you disappeared/but nah, baby, you magic."

**What are some unique ways to welcome your child to the world?**

## Cupid's Advice:

So maybe you're not Jay-Z and producing a hip-hop track is not an option to introduce your new baby, but there are plenty of other special ways to welcome your new child. Cupid has a few:

**1. Make a photo collage to share:** Document your pregnancy all the way up to the big moment, and create a photomontage. Putting something together is a project you can work on with your partner. Your closest friends and family will appreciate your effort and will enjoy your new baby.

**2. Send out a birth announcement:** Let the world know how proud you are of your new baby with adorable snapshots on a note card. Without being too personal, you can let everyone know you have brought a beautiful new life into the world.

**3. Welcome party:** Your family and friends are all going to be dying to meet your new bundle of joy, so why not throw a party? Let everyone share your joy and meet your baby all in one shot. It's also easier for you in the end (not having to look presentable every day for a different family member).

**What are some ways you welcomed your child into the world? Share your stories here.**

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# Beyonce and Jay-Z Welcome a Baby Girl





Beyonce and Jay-Z

have just become Hollywood's newest parents! According to [People](#), 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. Beyoncé'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.

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## Beyonce Was Worried Pregnancy Secret Would Be Revealed Prematurely



Beyonce has always been a private person under a public microscope. That's why, when she revealed her baby bump at the 2011 Grammy Awards, Facebook and Twitter were on fire. How long was she

pregnant before popping the news to her fans? [Access Hollywood](#) said that Beyonce was hiding her pregnancy since her four-night Roseland Theater performances. While on stage, the mom to be said she was thinking, “Everyone knows, everyone can see.” Beyonce, we speak for all your fans when we say: We had no idea!

**How do you keep your pregnancy a secret at the beginning?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Finding the right time to tell everyone about your pregnancy can be difficult. Many women wait until they have gotten past the first trimester and others blurt it out as soon as they find out. But just in case you were thinking about holding your tongue, Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Keep the changes to yourself:** You may start to feel extra bloated and moody. Keep those feelings at bay and don’t speak to others about it. People will start to get suspicious. Play it cool.
- 2. Try not to shop:** Baby clothes are so cute, and it’s hard to say “no” once you know that you’re expecting. Be strong, and don’t let a trail of baby clothes give you away.
- 3. Tell one person:** It’s hard to keep such a big secret. Tell one person that you trust, and ask them not to tell. Getting it off your chest will keep you from being stressed.

**How did you hide your pregnancy? Share your experiences below.**

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# Fame, Fortune and Love: The World's Wealthiest Celebrity Couples



By Whitney Baker

Hollywood's It Couples outshine us regular folks in more ways than one: they're happily in love; they live extravagant and fame-filled lives; and they have more money than they can possibly spend. With a total of over \$535 million divided among them, the celebrity couples on our list better have some shopping to do – or they're going to be carrying around quite a few hefty wallets. Here they are:

**1. Beyoncé and Jay-Z:** This celebrity couple is not only the wealthiest couple on our list – raking in nearly double the next-richest duo – but perhaps the busiest as well. Pocketing nearly \$124 million, they earned their paychecks from music sales and singing gigs, as well as endorsement deals and clothing lines.



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**2. Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart:** Ford owes Indiana Jones a big thank you: the most recent installment, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, earned the action star over \$66 million. Flockhart starred in the ABC drama *Brothers & Sisters* (cancelled earlier this year after five seasons), bringing their collective income to over \$70 million.

**3. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady:** These pretty faces earned a combined \$63 million last year. *Forbes* ranked Bundchen the world's highest-paid model for the third-consecutive year, stating that her runway work and cover photos earned her \$45 million. During football season, Brady receives his \$18-million-a-year paycheck.

**4. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** Reports from *The Sun* reveal that this famous couple spends \$10 million a year on their six children alone, accounting for only a fraction of their combined yearly salary of \$55 million. Another big chunk of their paycheck? They are currently renovating the \$56 million French Chateau that they call home.

**5. Will and Jada Pinkett Smith:** With wife Pinkett Smith focusing her efforts on behind-the-scenes work (both writing and producing), there's no doubt that Smith makes his mark on the big screen. Grossing over \$5.8 billion at worldwide box offices and commanding \$20 million per film, Smith is the primary contributor to the couple's joint \$50 million a year income. With a paycheck like that, it's no wonder the couple is raising their family in a 25,000 square foot mega-mansion in Calabasas, Calif.

And now for the runner-ups:

**6. David and Victoria Beckham:** It looks like their 2007 move from London to Los Angeles is paying off, with the couple

earning \$46.5 million in 2010. David's soccer career is supplemented with a few highly lucrative product endorsements, such as Armani and the after-shave and fragrance line called David Beckham Instinct, and Victoria has found chic success through her self-titled fashion line.

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**7. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi:** With Oprah running her own television network instead of hosting her show, DeGeneres is sitting pretty as the queen of daytime talk shows. De Rossi has been busy with her recent acting on *Better Off Ted* and sales from her memoir, *Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain*, making the couple's combined income \$36 million.

**8. Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin:** Currently raising their two children in London, this overseas couple brings in a joint paycheck of \$33.5 million per year. While Martin depends on the worldwide success of Coldplay, the Oscar-winning actress's recent accomplishments include her performance in *Country Strong* and her guest appearances on *Glee*, as well as her family-focused cookbook, *My Father's Daughter: Delicious, Easy Recipes Celebrating Family & Togetherness*.

**9. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick:** The New York City-based couple brings in over \$29 million a year, with Parker as the unequivocal breadwinner. She recently left her position as chief creative officer of Halston Heritage, but has plenty of other lucrative projects to fall back on, including that of movie star, perfumer and spokeswoman, not to mention her starring and producing roles in the *Sex & the City* television series and movies. Broderick has switched gears since his teen heartthrob days (circa *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*) and now focuses his acting efforts on Broadway.

**10. Tim McGraw and Faith Hill:** Thanks to the talents of these

two country superstars, they brought in a combined income of nearly \$28.5 million. McGraw has enjoyed 21 number one singles on the Billboard Hot Country 100 charts and recently ventured into acting, appearing in hit movies such as *The Blind Side* and *Country Strong*. Meanwhile, Hill's musical prowess has earned her a Grammy Award, American Music Award and the People's Choice Award.

**Who is your favorite wealthy celebrity couple? Share your thoughts with us below.**

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## Top 5 Most Traveled Celebrity Couples



By Nisha Ramirez

Once you get past the daunting task of packing and airport security, traveling can be a great way to bond with your

partner. Whether you decide to take a road trip through the 50 states or hop on a plane headed around the world, visiting a new place and learning a new culture can bring the two of you closer ... and celebrities are no exception. So, take notes and get out your passport, because these star duos take traveling to the extreme:

**1. Ethan Zohn and Jenna Morasca:** Ethan Zohn won the hit reality TV show *Survivor Africa* and his girlfriend, Jenna Morasca, won *Survivor Amazon*. After being together for eight years, the adventure loving couple took traveling to new heights and joined the cast of *The Amazing Race* in September. Zohn and Morasca hoped the competition across the world would help them relieve stress following Zohn's battle against Hodgkin's disease.

**2. Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom:** Avid actor Bloom and his son, Flynn, always travel with hardworking mother, Kerr, for her modeling gigs. The Victoria's Secret beauty has a job that sends her around the world, and she hates being away from her two leading men. Recently, the family traveled to London, after two days of travel, to be with each other while Kerr walked in Paris Fashion Week. When the couple isn't traveling for work, they still find time to fly and visit Kerr's family in Australia. In September, the two went shopping for a house in New Zealand.

**Related Link:** [Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom Welcome a Son](#)

**3. Jay-Z and Beyonce:** These two hip-hop and R&B superstars are always hopping on planes. From laid-back summer vacations to mixing work and pleasure, Jay and Bey have racked up a large number of frequent flyer miles. While Beyonce was working on her album, *4*, the married couple took to France for some R&R and long studio hours. The travel time worked like magic, because Beyonce's album was a success and she's now pregnant with their first child. In September, a month after

the pregnancy announcement, the new parents vacationed in Hvar, Croatia.

**4. Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge:** Traveling is a part of William and Kate's new life together, and they take it in stride. After their lavish wedding, the royal couple took a trip around Canada and the west coast of the United States this year. The North America tour took place from June 30, 2011 to July 10, 2011. Getting to see the world is just one of those royal perks!

**Related Link:** [Prince William and Kate Middleton Are On Their Honeymoon](#)

**5. Eva Longoria and Eduardo Cruz:** How do get over a divorce? Find a hot guy with whom to travel around the world. To kick-start their relationship, Longoria and Cruz vacationed in Mexico and Cabo in April and spent the summer tanning aboard a private yacht in Marbella, Spain. Talk about getting to know each other! Spain is Cruz's home country where he hails as a pop sensation. To top it all off, the duo were spotted in London in July as well. Experiencing new places and things often makes a couple grow closer. Longoria says, however, that she's not ready to tie the knot again quite yet after her divorce from Tony Parker.

**Where are the most exciting placed you've traveled? Share your experiences below.**

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# Kelly Rowland Accidentally

# Reveals Sex of Beyonce's Baby



It's a girl! Or is it? Kelly Rowland kept referring to the newest addition to the Knowles-Carter calm as "she" and "her" while answering questions about Beyonce's bundle of joy in London on Thursday. The X-Factor UK judge revealed to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) she was unsure of what to get her new niece for the baby shower. "I don't know, I think her dad is gonna give her everything anyways, all I can give her is love." With a response clearly insinuating the baby will be a girl, the media is buzzing with excitement. Rowland revealed she receives a weekly update from her best friend and former Destiny's Child band mate. So if anyone knows the sex of the baby, it's definitely be Auntie Kelly. Hopefully Beyonce and Jay-Z aren't too upset!

**What are the differences in preparing for a baby girl versus a boy?**

**Cupid's Advice.**

Aside from the obvious, there are inherent differences between

girls and boys, and it's your job as a parent to be able to develop your child's skills accordingly. Here are some tips:

**1. Research:** As a new parent, do the proper research to know the ways in which baby boys differ from girls in terms of early childhood development.

**2. Your childhood:** Ask your family or your partner's family about the habits you each had as a baby. Your bundle of joy will probably have similar traits, and you'll be better equipped to deal with it.

**3. Color scheme and theme:** Of course you're going to decorate certain ways and purchase specific toys according to your baby's gender. Consider switching it up a bit; instead of pink and blue, go for yellow and green.

**How you you prepare for the birth of a baby girl or boy? Tell us your story below.**

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## JLo Breaks Down During Song About Lost Love







On Saturday night, Jennifer Lopez broke down on stage in front of her fans. The teary eyed songstress paid homage to her old relationships after singing her past hit, *If You Had My Love* at Mohegan Sun concert in Montville, Ct. Lopez used the stage as her own personal therapy session. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), a look-a-like P. Diddy (dated for 2.5 years) , Ben Affleck (engaged to in from 2002-2004), and Marc Anthony (who she recently divorced) all took the stage while JLo sang her new love songs. Hey, we're not judging. Whatever it takes, like JLo's song says to *Get Right*.

**What are some ways to reveal your emotions about lost love?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting your emotions out is a part of moving on and healing after a breakup. We don't all have a stage like JLo, so here are some average ways to reveal your emotions after a lost love:

- 1. Talk it out:** Tell someone you trust—a girlfriend or sibling—how you feel about your past relationship and what you want out of a new one. It's okay to cry on someone's shoulder.
- 2. Writing:** Expressing your feelings in a journal, poem, or letter is very therapeutic and just between you and the paper.

**3. Social Media:** Although it's never a good idea to bash your exes, revealing your emotions on Twitter or Facebook can be empowering. Just pretend your social platform is your stage, and Jennifer Lopez will be proud.

**How do you reveal your emotions after a breakup? Share your comments below.**

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## Beyoncé and Jay-Z Will Welcome a Child in February



Beyoncé Knowles recently announced on Australia's Sunday Night TV show that she'll give birth to her and husband Jay-Z's first child in February. "My husband and I have been together for 10 years," she said on the program. "All of my 20s. I feel like it is time ..." The singer first revealed her pregnancy news in

August on the black carpet at the MTV Video Music Awards. She said she's "so happy" and looking forward to the new addition to the family.

**What are some special preparations to make for a baby born in the winter?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Congratulations! Whether you'll be a first-time mom or not, it's important to know that there are some special preparations to make for a baby's arrival in winter compared to those who are born during warmer months. Here's some advice:

**1. Clothing:** Since it'll be cold, your baby will need a snowsuit and a thick warm sleep suit. Don't forget fleece blankets and hats that will cover their ears.

**2. Bathing:** To avoid exposure to the cold, be certain the room is warm and comfortable. This means that you're not in a position to skimp on your heating bill this winter.

**3. Car seats:** Since it's winter, don't worry about buying a stroller. Instead, purchase a car seat.

**If you know other preparations to make for a baby born in the winter, share with our readers by commenting below.**

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## **Jay-Z and Beyoncé Raise \$1 Million at Fundraiser**



Buzzed about couple Beyoncé and Jay-Z held a carnival-themed fundraiser for the rapper's Shawn Carter Foundation at New York's Pier 54, where they raised \$1 million. Jay-Z arrived first and later met with his wife at the Spotted Pig's food truck, [People](#) reports. Guests at the fundraiser enjoyed carnival games and treats provided by Spotted Pig and Momofuku Milk Bar. The money raised at the event will send underprivileged students to college.

### How can you give back as a couple?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Giving back to your community with your partner makes for a great time and memories. With the holidays approaching, assist those around you with these three tips:

- 1. Donate:** Donate clothes you and your partner no longer wear.
- 2. Volunteer:** With Thanksgiving almost here, volunteer at a food bank by sorting donations and serving clients. If you do this with your significant other, it's a great way to bond

over a good deed.

**3. Charities:** If your lacking time, make a contribution to charities, such as Habitat for Humanity International and Feed the Children, which both accept money to assist people.

How do you give back to your community with your significant other? Let us know in a comment below.

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## Celebrity Couples You Just Might See at a Sporting Game



By Whitney Baker

Spending a lazy afternoon at a ball game can be the perfect casual date – and celebrity couples seem to think so, too. Sometimes, celeb sightings at a sporting event can be as entertaining at the game itself. There may even be as much

action off the court as there is on it.

So the next time you attend a sporting event – whether it be hockey, basketball or baseball – keep your eyes open for the famous duos below:

**1. Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher:** In February, Underwood's hockey-playing hubby was traded from the Ottawa Senators to the Nashville Predators. Shortly after, Fisher moved into his wife's Brentwood, CA, home (and into her closet), and for the first time during their marriage, the newlyweds settled in the same city. Fans can rest assured that, once the hockey season starts up again in October, Underwood will be at as many home games as her hectic schedule allows.

**2. Beyoncé and Jay-Z:** This musical duo share more than just their choice of career: they also share a love of basketball. The glamorous couple – with Beyoncé wearing heels, no less – is often on hand to cheer for the New Jersey Nets. Spotted at home and away games in cities such as Newark, Dallas, and Los Angeles, their frequent sightings make perfect sense; after all, Jay-Z is a part-owner of the team.

**3. Minka Kelly and Derek Jeter:** Kelly is a fixture at Yankee Stadium, cheering on her boyfriend of three years from a luxury box, along with his family and friends. Recently, she was on-hand to celebrate Jeter's 3,000<sup>th</sup> career hit. Beyond attending his games, Kelly and her New York Yankees captain-beau often work out together, proving that the couple that stays fit together, stays together.

**4. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie:** Duff has followed Comrie's hockey career as he has been transferred from the New York Islanders to the Edmonton Oilers to the Ottawa Senators. Comrie is now playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the couple has settled into a newlywed life filled with a lot of cross-country traveling between their homes in Pittsburgh and



Los Angeles. With her husband in the rink, she may bring along another celebrity couple to keep her company: sister Haylie Duff and her longtime beau, Nick Zano.

**5. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries:** This reality star can often be found sitting courtside as she roots for her love, New Jersey Nets forward, Kris Humphries. With the couple house-hunting in New Jersey and New York, chances are high that Kardashian will be making her mark as one of the team's celebrity fans. Kardashian is following in her younger sister's footsteps in more ways than one: after Khloé Kardashian's own whirlwind romance, she wed Los Angeles Lakers forward, Lamar Odom, in 2009.

**Who is your favorite sporty celebrity couple? Share your thoughts below!**

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## **Beyoncé Announces Pregnancy at VMA's**





Beyoncé stunned the world Sunday night when she announced that she and husband Jay-Z are expecting their first child. If it wasn't already obvious, the diva showed up to the VMA's in an orange wrap dress and kept rubbing her belly, according to [People](#). After confirming the rumors from the red carpet, she went on to show off her baby bump while on stage performing 'Love On Top' and started off the performance by screaming, "I want you to stand up on your feet. I want you to feel the love that's growing inside me." Jay-Z was in the crowd, as excited as ever about the news, and the couple seemed happy to share it with the world.

**How do you know at what age to have a baby?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It's not always easy to know when it's the right time to have a baby. Cupid has some advice:

**1. It feels right:** If you and your partner have discussed having a child for a while and the two of you agree that now is the time, then it doesn't matter what age you are; the time is right for both of you.

**2. Ask your doctor:** With modern day technology and medicine, your doctor should be able to tell you when the best time to

have a child is in order to have a smooth and healthy pregnancy.

**3. It just is:** Most pregnancies aren't planned and, in fact, are a surprise, so sometimes you're ready because you have to be!

**How do you know at what age to have a baby? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Celebrity Couples We Can't Wait to See at MTV's VMAs



By Tanni Deb

From Britney Spears to Nicki Minaj, this year's MTV Video Music Award (VMA) nominees are teeming with A-list music stars. The three top contenders include Katy Perry, with nine

nodes (the most of any performer this year), and Adele and Kanye West, both with seven nominations each. While it will be exciting to see which stars take home a trophy for their designated categories, we're also eager to see which of our favorite celebrity couples will attend. Although we won't know for sure who will show up to the VMAs until Sunday, Aug. 28, here are five celebrity couples we hope make an appearance:

**1. Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z:** Listed as the "most powerful couple" for *TIME* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in 2006, the duo dated for six years before secretly getting married in 2008. *OK Magazine* reported that "the couple is very supportive of one another – making sure to attend performances and appearances together." That means we can definitely count on them to arrive together, since Beyoncé is up for a nomination, right?

**2. Britney Spears and Jason Trawick:** Although these two love birds have made many public appearances together, the first time they stepped out as a couple was at the St. Bernard Project Event in May, 2011. Spears' relationship with Trawick seems to be getting serious, but now the question is whether he'll attend the VMAs to support his pop singer lady, or not?

**3. Katy Perry and Russell Brand:** In May, 2011, comedian Russell Brand visited Japan to see his wife perform, but unfortunately, he was deported due to criminal incidences that happened more than a decade ago. Distraught with the news, the *Firework* singer tweeted, "So...my husband just got deported from Japan. I am so sad." Don't worry, Katy. Since the VMAs take place in L.A. this year, your hubby should have no problem attending. After all, how could he miss the opportunity when you have the most nominations?

**4. Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber:** The teen heartthrob and the *Wizards of Waverly Place* beauty were set up on a date by her

mother and his management team at the end of last year. In an interview with *Seventeen* magazine, the 18-year-old Disney star admitted that she is head over heels for Bieber, and the pair were even seen exchanging 'I Love You's' while shopping in New York City last month. This year, they attended many award shows together, including the Oscars, the ESPY Awards show, and the Billboard Music Awards. Let's just hope they won't miss out on this one.

**5. Lady Gaga and Luc Carl:** The mother monster credits her boyfriend for helping her become "successful" in the music industry. Last year, she told *Rolling Stone*, "I've really never loved anyone like I loved him. Or like I love him." Despite break-up rumors, hopefully her supportive boyfriend will be by her side to cheer her on at the VMAs.

Who did we forget? Anyone you'd like to see? Let us know in a comment below. Don't forget to tune into **MTV on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9 p.m. ET**. For a complete list of nominations, visit MTV.

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## Jay-Z    Raves    About    Wife Beyonce    During    Interview





It looks like love got the best of him! Jay-Z finally broke his longstanding silence when it comes to talking about wife Beyonce to the media. He just couldn't contain himself during a phone call into a Miami, Florida, radio station, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). And when he opens up, he *really* lets it fly. "What I've learned from her is similar to what I learned from Mike [Jackson] – and I know that's blasphemy to compare the two because Mike was such an innovator – but I think she's like the second coming," said Jay-Z. "You know, the hard work and dedication that she puts into her shows. It just makes you want to work harder at your own craft. She's like a machine."

**How do you publicly show your support for your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Some people are more forward about their relationships than others in public. Regardless, it's important to show your love and support to the world ... at least once in a while. Cupid has a few suggestions:

**1. Cheer:** If your partner is being honored for an accomplishment, it's extremely important that you are there with a beaming smile on your face and your hands wildly clapping together. Seeing the support of the one you love



makes the occasion even more memorable.

**2. Be attentive:** Sometimes it's the small things that count the most. When you're out with your mate, keep a watchful eye on him or her. If she's getting hit on at the bar and doesn't seem to be liking it, step in. If she trips on a crack in the sidewalk, catch her.

**3. Plan dates:** Going on dates typically involves going out in public. Make sure your significant other has no doubts that you're paying attention to her and only her while you're surrounded by others. The phrase, "I only have eyes for you" comes to mind.

**How do you show your partner support in public? Share your thoughts below.**