

# Celebrity Break-Up: 'Real Housewives of Orange County' Alum Alexis Bellino & Husband Jim Split After 13 Years of Marriage

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In [celebrity news](#), it looks like *Real Housewives of Orange County* stars Alexis and Jim Bellino will be going through a [celebrity divorce](#). According to *UsMagazine.com*, although the [celebrity couple](#) share three children together, the [celebrity break up](#) comes after 13 years of marriage. Based on irreconcilable differences, the pair are calling it quits.

***Real Housewives* fans are upset by this split for sure. What are some ways to work on your marriage before calling it quits?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

It takes hard work to get to the point of marriage and even more work to maintain it. Don't be discouraged if you are going through a rough patch. Cupid has some advice on ways to work on your marriage before calling it quits:

**1. Communication:** One of the easiest ways to fix your marriage is communicating. If communication is part of the problem, it will take both of you to fix it. Expressing yourselves in a

calm, respectable manner will not only fix the issue, but strengthen your relationship. Maybe sitting down over dinner or going for walks will help to set the mood and tone of the conversation. Being respectful is very important, and make sure you are both listening. Nobody wants to be seen and not heard, so respect your partner and really pay attention to what is being said.

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**2. Take time apart:** While this may sound drastic, space can help your relationship tremendously. That doesn't necessarily mean going out and dating other people, but maybe staying at a family member's house or a close friend's house for a week is a good idea. Time away will make you miss your partner, and sometimes that's what relationships need. The space will also give you time to think and regroup. That being said, don't let too much time pass. When you leave someone for a long period of time, you teach them how to live without you. If you want to work things out, agree on the terms and conditions, and take it from there.

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**3. Quality time:** Though it's the opposite of taking time apart, maybe the issue is that you aren't spending enough time together. While there can be various factors playing into why you aren't spending time together, it is important to come together and discuss the issue. You have worked this hard to get to marriage, so don't throw it away over something so silly. Sometimes you have to reignite the spark, so it's time to get the lighter. This is not a one-sided commitment. As a couple, you have to come together and make time for each other. Start simple with a date night or a surprise homemade dinner; you'll be surprised how the little things can make the biggest impact.

**What are some ways you would work on your marriage before calling it quits? Share below.**