Ian Somerhalder Gushes Over 'Superwoman' Wife Nikki Reed in Birthday Post





By Alycia Williams

In <u>celebrity couple news</u>, Ian Somerhalder publicly wished his bride a "happy birthday" in a very sweet social media post. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Somerhalder published a birthday post for *Twilight* star Nikki Reed expressing to his followers how much he loves his wife. In the caption of the of the post, he says, "You're the only person I know who can be a full time mom, while running your own company while keeping numerous other jobs ON TOP of devoting your time and energy to my chaotic life work -foundation etc. The list goes on...YOU are superwoman."

In this celebrity couple news, Ian Somerhalder professes his love to his wife Nikki Reed on Instagram for her birthday. What are some ways to make your partner feel special in public?

Cupid's Advice:

Wanting the best for your partner is natural. To make your partner feel special in public, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Take it to social media: When you're looking to get anything across to the public, social media is the way to go. Letting a large amount of people know that you love your partner through a post on Instagram or a loving tweet is a great way to make your partner feel like one of a kind.

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2. Make grand romantic gestures: In order for your partner to feel special in the public, you have to get the public's attention, and what better way to do that than doing something big? Whether it's a getaway vacation, a surprise birthday party, or a marriage proposal (if you're ready), it's sure to make your partner feel special.

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3. Don't be afraid to defend them: Nothing feels better than knowing that your partner has your back. So, when your partner needs a little back-up, don't back down. Stand up for them to anyone who may not be treating them right. That'll keep your

partner feeling special.

What can you do to make your partner feel special? Start a conversation in comments below!

Celebrity Couple Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder Step Out for First Time Since Welcoming Daughter





By Melissa Lee

New parents <u>Nikki Reed</u> and <u>Ian Somerhalder</u> recently stepped out for the first time since welcoming their daughter, Bodhi Soleil. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the <u>celebrity couple</u> attended EIF's XQ Super School Live at Banker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, on Friday, September 8. Though the pair have been parenting since late July, they announced shortly before their celebrity baby's birth that they would be taking a month of silence. As Reed explained, "Just the three of us, no visitors, and we're turning off our phones too, so there's no expectation for us to communicate."

Parenthood looks good on this celebrity couple! What are some ways to stay connected as a couple after having a baby?

Cupid's Advice:

Despite the stress of having a celebrity baby, these new parents look more in love than ever! If you and your partner are concerned about keeping the romance alive after having a child together, check out this relationship advice below:

1. Take time for yourselves: Although a baby can completely occupy all of your time, it's important to ensure that you two are having personal time as well. Stress can result in unnecessary frustration and arguments. In order to avoid this difficulty, try to have at least one night a week where the two of you can be alone.

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2. Try some silence: Take a cue from this celebrity couple and

try out their method of unplugging. It doesn't have to be a month — let's face it, that's a bit unrealistic for people who aren't celebrities! Even just a weekend where you can bond with your partner and newborn can be very beneficial.

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3. Go on a weekend getaway: A few months after your baby is born, extend your weekly date night and go on a short trip. Make the goal of the weekend to reconnect with your partner and remember who you are as a couple outside of being new parents. And don't stress if all you do is talk about your sweet babe!

What are some of your tips for staying connected with your significant other after you have a baby? Leave your thoughts below.

Celebrity Baby: Nikki Reed Is Expecting Child with Ian Somerhalder





By Noelle Downey

<u>Celebrity couple Ian Somerhalder</u> and <u>Nikki Reed</u> recently celebrated their two-year celebrity wedding anniversary with sweet posts for each other on Instagram, and now Somerhalder has taken to the social media platform again to share some ven more exciting news; he and Reed are expecting their first <u>celebrity baby!</u> According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the soon-to-be celebrity parents were pictured with Reed's baby bump evident in a blue dress and Somerhalder on his knees to kiss her stomach in the sweet photo the actor used to make the celebrity pregnancy announcement. "In my 38 years on this earth I've never experienced anything more powerful and beautiful than this," Somerhalder captioned the photo, "I can't think of anything more exciting than this next chapter and we wanted you to hear this from us first. This has been the most special time of our lives." Reed shared the photo and added her own thoughts, saying, "How is it possible to love someone so much already? All I know for sure is it's the strongest feeling I've ever felt. We can't wait to meet you."

There's soon to be another celebrity baby to join the ranks! What are some cute ways to announce your pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to announcing a pregnancy to the world, style is everything! Cupid is here with the three cutest ways to let the world know you and your significant other are expecting:

1. Make your news holiday-themed: If you're announcing your special news around a holiday, why not take advantage of your favorite traditions in order to tell the world you have a baby on the way? If leaves are falling and it's Halloween, pick out two large pumpkins and one smaller one and decorate them like two parents and a baby for an adorable and festive announcement! Closer to Christmas? Pick up two adult-sized stockings and one that's child-sized and label them "Mommy," "Daddy," and "Baby" to let your relatives know they'll be one more gift to buy next Christmas!

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2. Have a precious photoshoot: If you're searching for the perfect way to announce your pregnancy to the world, why not stay classic with a good old-fashioned pregnancy photoshoot? Just like celebrity couple Somerhalder and Reed, pose for some precious photos with your significant other to capture all the love and excitement you're feeling about your new addition being on its way! You'll have great pictures of a super happy time in your relationship and wonderful memories to look back on with your child in the future!

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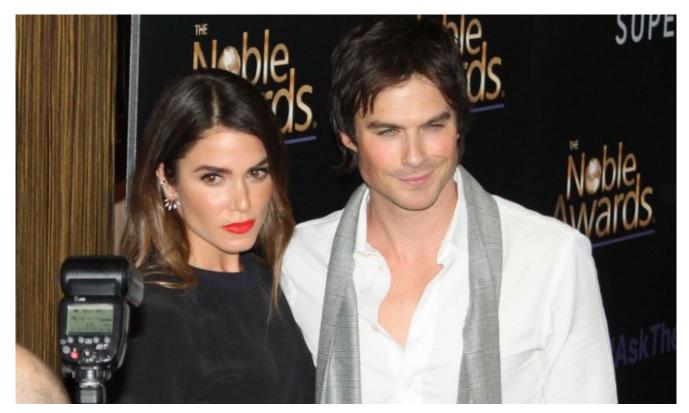
Reed for Making 'Every Day a Dream Come True'

3. Get some help from a soon-to-be older sibling: Purchase a new piece of clothing for any little ones you already have; a special shirt that says "Soon-to-Be Older Sibling!" Wrap up the shirt and capture a video of your child opening the package and realizing there will be a new addition to your little family for a sweet and natural reaction to share with friends and family to announce the big news!

What is your favorite way to make such a big announcement to the world? Let us know in the comments!

Top 5 Most Traveled Celebrity Couples





By Nisha Ramirez and Kayla Garritano

Once you get past the daunting task of packing and getting through 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. Celebrity couples are always seen traveling together, and just like them, you could have you're very own romantic getaway.

These celebrity couples have taken traveling to the extreme:

1. Ethan Zohn and Jenna Morasca: Ethan Zohn won the hit reality TV show Survivor Africa. 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. Kylie Jenner and Tyga: It seems Kylie Jenner and her onagain off-again beau Tyga are always jet setting someplace new. Whether it's Mexico, the Caribbean, Turks and Caicos, or Miami, they seem to prefer tropical locals. They even sometimes bring Cairo, Tyga's song with Blac Chyna, on their trips with them. It's a true family affair!

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- **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 became 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!

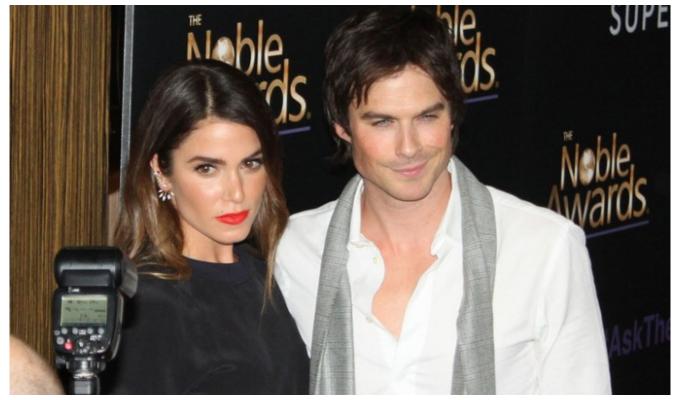
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5. Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder: When this pair got married in 2015 secretly in California, their next step was their honeymoon, planning an extravagant trip around the world. They started with Mexico, then headed to Brazil in less than a week. They were shortly seen together at a film festival in Nice, France. Happy in love, and happy in travel!

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

Celebrity News: Ian Somerhalder Gushes Over Starting a Family With Wife Nikki Reed





By Kayla Garritano

He's head over heelsin love! <u>Ian Somerhalder</u> gushed over his wife, Nikki Reed, and discussed starting a family with her.

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the <u>celebrity couple</u> got married in April 2015, and the <u>Vampire Diaries</u> actor could not be any more in love. "The second we were around each other, and not [dating] other people, we just knew. Oh, I will one day have amazing children with my beautiful wife. Absolutely, definitely," he told <u>Modern Luxury Magazine</u>. "I live with someone who strives to find happiness and peace in the smallest things — whether it's sitting for five minutes under a tree or getting out into the country and spending time on our horses or even just going for a walk around the lake or riding a boat."

This <u>celebrity news</u> has us hoping the couple starts a family soon! What are some ways to discuss having a family with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you and your partner are ready, you are going to be starting a family of your own. Although it may be what you want, you and your partner have to talk about it to make sure you're both happy. Here are some ways to help get the ball rolling:

1. Talk before marriage: If you're going to spend the rest of your life together, it is best to make sure you discuss what the future holds for both of you, meaning whether or not there's potential to start a family. Hopefully if you talk about it, you'll be able to decide if a family is what you really want, or if your partner is the right person for you.

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2. Find a way: If you're both willing to have a family, make

sure you are both able to make it happen, and figure out how you want it to happen. Maybe you want kids of your own, or maybe your best answer is adoption. Are you financially stable enough to raise a child, or do you have a plan for eventually having a kid? Just make sure when you have a child, you are ready.

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3. Drop hints: If your partner is not quite ready to discuss children, dropping a clue here and there may help stimulate their thinking process. For example, if you pass by the baby department at a clothing store, you can acknowledge how cute their little shoes are, or tell your partner that, one day, you want your kids to wear those overalls. Don't bombard your significant other to the point where you scare them, just let them know you've been thinking!

How have you talked to your partner about starting a family? Comment below!

Weekend Date Idea: Kinkajous, Horses, and Clown Fish — Oh My!





By Brooke Crawford

According to *HelpGuide.org*, spending time with a furry friend can provide both mental and physical health benefits. So take a step away from your normal date night activities and invite a furry friend along next time! Our <u>dating advice</u> below could help you relieve some stress and take your relationship to a new level.

An Exotic Weekend Date Idea

The Exotic Animal Experience, located in Orlando, Florida, is home to many endangered and exquisite animals. According to the owner, these animals have been raised together since birth and are now interactive with each other as well as guests. Some of the animals that can be seen include lemurs, kangaroos, and even a kinkajou. If you want to spend time with these cute companions, call ahead to make a reservation.

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Although horses aren't as exotic as the animals mentioned above, horseback riding can still provide the type of one-on-one time that you and your partner are craving. Sequoia and King Canyon, located in the Sequoia National Park in California, offers three different areas for your next horseback riding adventure. These trails give riders a refreshing view of beautiful scenery — perfect for a tranquil and romantic weekend date idea. Again, be sure to call ahead for accommodations.

Tropical Adventures is a California-based company that provides not only scuba diving classes but trips for divers with various levels of experience. Room, board, and dives are included in their year-round package deals. See who can spot Nemo and his clown fish friends first!

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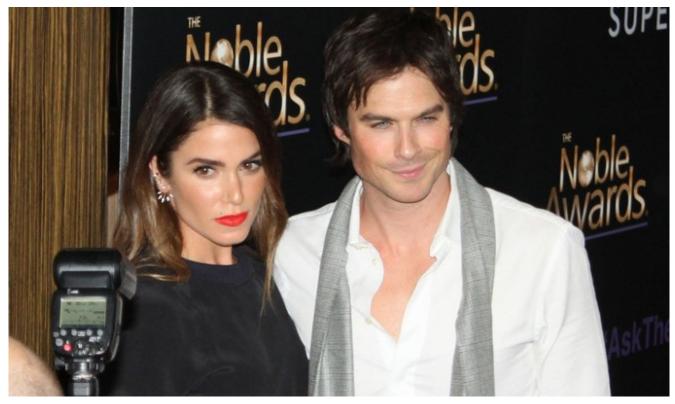
Dating Advice from a Favorite Celebrity Couple

Incorporate your love for animals into your relationship with this date idea. If you need a little inspiration, look to celebrity couple <u>Ian Somerhalder</u> and wife <u>Nikki Reed</u>, as the pair are often seen rescuing and loving on furry friends of all kinds.

What's your favorite way to spend time with animals? Share with us in the comments below!

Celebrity Photo Gallery: Famous Couples Who Work Out Together





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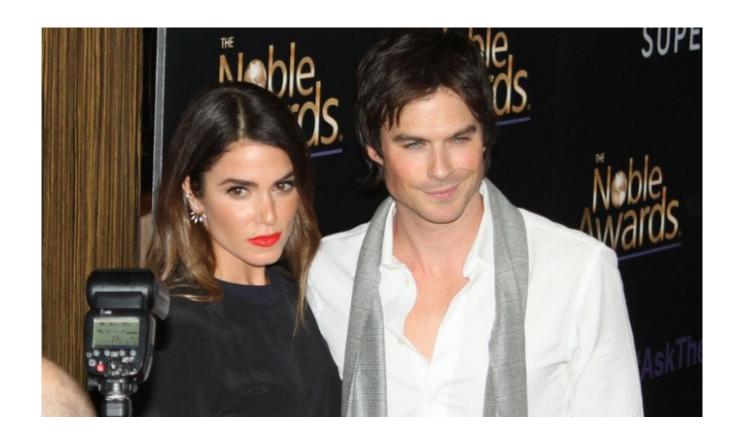


Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

The duo that sweats together, stays together! This famous couple seems to believe this truth, as they are often seen jogging together. Photo: Brian Flannery/FlynetPictures.com

Celebrity Photo Gallery: Romantic Getaways





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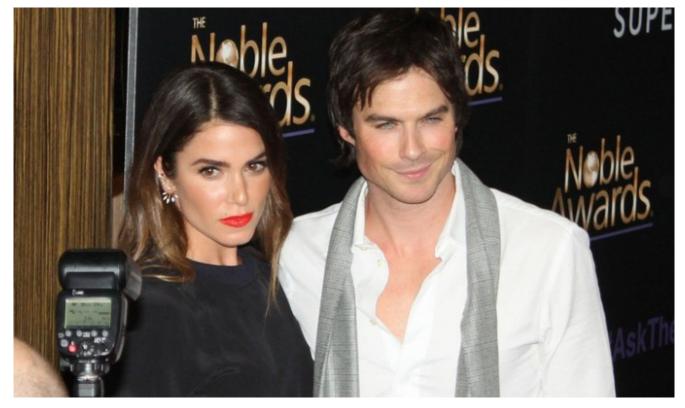


Adam Shulman and Anne Hathaway

This famous couple enjoyed a nice summer getaway in sunny Spain! The pair spent time on a yacht, soaking up the sun and

20 Celebrity Couples Who Are Just Like Us





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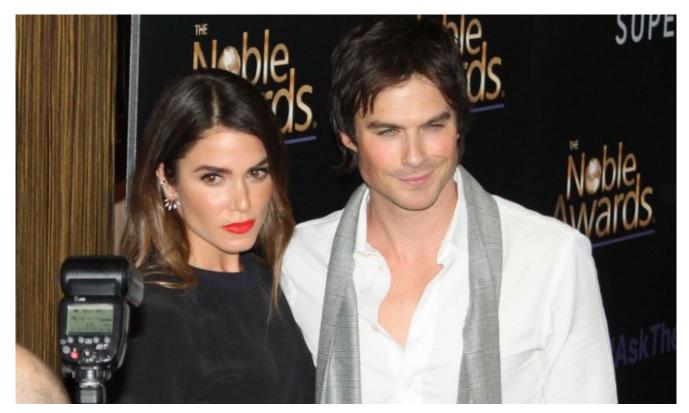


Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder

Like many of us, the actors, who tied the knot this summer, have a passion for animals and consider their pets to be their babies. Photo: Willie Pena/Diana Pena / PRPhotos.com

Ian Somerhalder Thanks New Celebrity Wife Nikki Reed for Making 'Every Day a Dream Come True'





By Maggie Manfredi

Celebs continue to show the love on Instagram! According to People.com, Ian Somerhalder thanked his brand new celebrity wife Nikki Reed via Instagram on Wednesday, May 13. The celebrity couple went on a A-list honeymoon just after their April wedding. They were spotted in Brazil and Mexico. Somerhalder captioned the photo of himself and Reed, "Feet back on US soil aka... New York City. Dreaming of the Costa Rica rainforest. Thank you to this beautiful country: it's land and its people. Thank you to this beautiful woman who makes every day a dream come true. Pura Vida."

This celebrity wife seems to have it all! What are some ways to make your new spouse feel special?

Cupid's Advice:

The honeymoon stage of a relationship is an exciting time! Here are some ways to make your partner feel special: 1. What's mine is yours: Show your partner you are committed and ready to share your life. You can do this in many different ways. Cupid suggests opening a shared savings account, make this for a future vacation or the nursery for your first child…essentially make it a dream account to get excited together about things to come.

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2. Document it: Be sure to take a note from the celebs and document your time together. Especially in these early moments of marriage there is so much to remember and cherish.

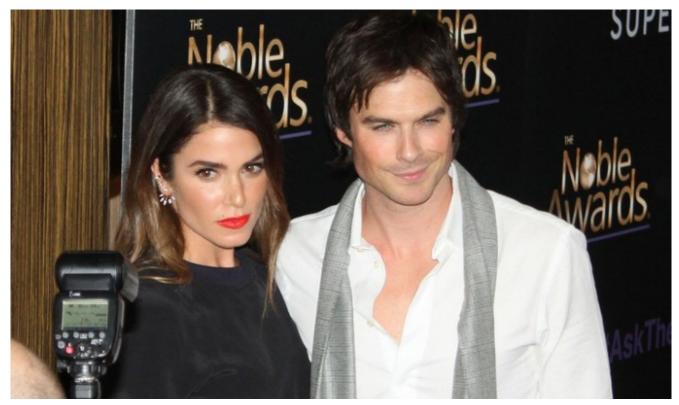
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3. The little things: If you can't afford a celebrity get away like Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder, don't fret! You can still make your new spouse happy and show them the love in the little things. Go out and fill their coffee order before they even wake up, leave little love notes for them to find, or grab fresh groceries and spend a date night in cooking together.

How do you make your special someone feel special? Share with us below!

Get Details on Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder's Sunset Celebrity Wedding





By Maggie Manfredi

A vampire's love is forever! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Twilight star Nikki Reed and <u>Vampire Diaries</u> stud Ian Somerhalder had a sunset <u>celebrity wedding</u> on April 26th in Topanga, California. Reed wore a couture Claire Pettibone gown, and their guests enjoyed pretty white flowers and a live band. An insider said, "Nikki originally wanted a small wedding. But Ian envisioned a big wedding, she was happy to let him call the shots." Instead of gifts at this celebrity wedding, the cute Hollywood couple asked for donations to the Ian Somerhalder Foundation for rescued animals.

This celebrity wedding went down with the sun! What are some

advantages of tying the knot outside?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are a wonderful celebration, and you get to call all the shots! If you are choosing an outdoor location, here are some ideas for you:

1. Use what you got: Have fun with nature's natural wedding aids. Whether that be for seating (tree stumps or hay bails), center pieces (twigs and wild flowers), or party favors (seeds to grow your own nature!)

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2. Under the stars: Who doesn't like the idea of celebrating your love under the stars? With a great outdoor location, you will be able to enjoy the party and also have a beautiful night view. Set up some secluded spots for couples to star gaze away from the party for extra ambiance.

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3.Capture the love: An outdoor location gives you a great advantage in getting some great wedding shots. Try to time your day so that you can get some shots at sunset or dusk. Use nature as your backdrop instead of bland walls, your pictures will be timeless and gorgeous.

What are your tips and tricks for an outdoor wedding? Share with us below!

10 Pieces of Love Advice Learned From Famous Hollywood Couples





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Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson

Love Lesson 1: Don't be afraid to be yourself.

The fashion designer is happy and comfortable in her celebrity relationship, and she's not afraid to tell the world! On her Instagram account, she often posts silly or romantic pictures of her and her hubby. Letting loose with your significant other can strengthen the love between the two of you. Photo: DMac/Flynetpictures.com

Hollywood Couples: Stars Who Dated Their Friend's Celebrity Ex





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John Mayer and Katy Perry

The singer-songwriter dated Taylor Swift from September 2009 to January 2010. After their celebrity break-up, she penned the song 'Dear John,' which reportedly "humiliated" Mayer. He then began an on-again, off-again relationship and love with the 'Firework' singer. In recent months, there have been rumors of a feud between the two pop stars. Perhaps they're fighting over the soulful crooner? Photo: Dmac/FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

Hottest Celebrity Couples Celebrating Their First

Valentine's Day Together





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Cameron Diaz and Benji Madden

This Hollywood couple got real serious, real quick. From their first appearance together in May to their whirlwind wedding in December, Cameron Diaz and Benji Madden are head over heels for one another. Happy Valentine's Day to these newlyweds! Photo: FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

Ian Somerhalder Goes Horseback Riding with New Girlfriend Nikki Reed





By Amanda Boyer

It looks like Ian Somerhalder had a good date and day on Tuesday afternoon. He took his new girlfriend, Nikki Reed, horseback riding and uploaded a picture to his Instagram. The picture shows the couple on their horses together and smiling. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the new couple was in Georgia enjoying some down time.

What are some things to consider before dating a friend's ex?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're starting to have feelings toward your friend's ex and it is mutual, follow these tips before it goes any further:

1. Talk to them: Obviously they are your friend's ex for a reason. It is best to sit down with them and have a heart-to-heart. Find out why their relationship ended the way it did, and dig in to who they are as a person.

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2. Time: Make sure it has been longer than just a few months since your prospective beau and your friend have broken up. You do not want to be a rebound to them or be seen as an incredibly bad friend.

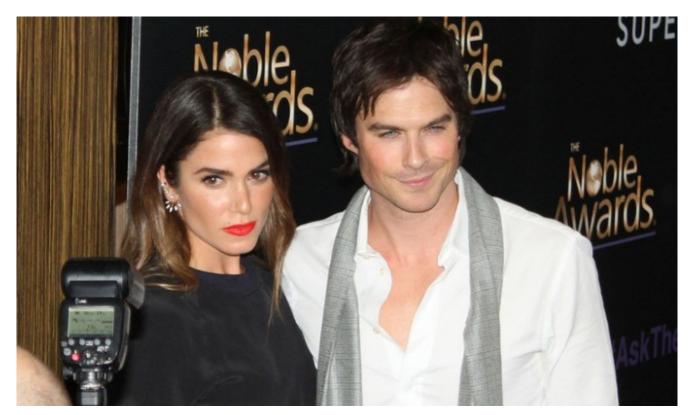
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3. Feelings: Do they still have feelings for each other or miss each other? You do not want to get in the middle of that or start a triangle of feelings.

Have any other points to consider? Share your thoughts here!

Nikki Reed and Derek Hough Hook Up Post-Paul McDonald Split





By Sanetra Richards

More fish in the sea! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Nikki Reed has Dancing with the Stars pro Derek Hough on her hook. The news about the pair came out nearly a month after the announcement of her split from husband of two years, Paul McDonald. A source revealed the 25-year-old Twilight actress and 28-year-old were spotted making out at L.A's Rock & Reilly's on April 18^{th} . They were joined by Hough's friends and costars Mark Ballas and Cheryl Burke: "The whole group was drinking and partying. Derek bought shots for Nikki at the bar," said an eyewitness. "There was lots of PDA, Nikki was feeding him, holding hands, and they left together. They didn't seem to care if anyone was watching." The pair may have been canoodling, but a source says it is "nothing serious". "Nikki isn't currently dating anyone. She is focused on her divorce from Paul and caring for that relationship as well as her latest film projects," says the insider. "Nikki and Julianne are good friends, and she has hung out with Derek a few times through her. They're having fun but it's nothing serious."

How do you know when it's time to move on from a past relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

For some, moving on from an ex seems like an impossible task and/or a long process. You are constantly going back and forth with yourself if you made the right decision. You might even find yourself mentally replaying memories between you and your ex. However, there are quite a few signs that let you know when and how to move on, in a timely manner:

1. All ties have been cut: One of the most clear ways to tell it is time to completely move on is when there is nothing (besides emotions) keeping you and your ex connected. If you both agreed the relationship will never resurface, it is best to consider moving on. However, do not be afraid to take the time needed to help you emotionally heal from the breakup.

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2. They have moved on: There is certainly no need to continue holding on to the what could be's, should be's, and would be's if your ex-partner has found someone else. Any chance of you all getting back together is slim to none — frankly, it is probably best that they have moved on because you all are not together for a reason. This could either be their way of making it clear they are past the relationship or trying to cope with the breakup. Whatever the reason may be, use it to your advantage to move on.

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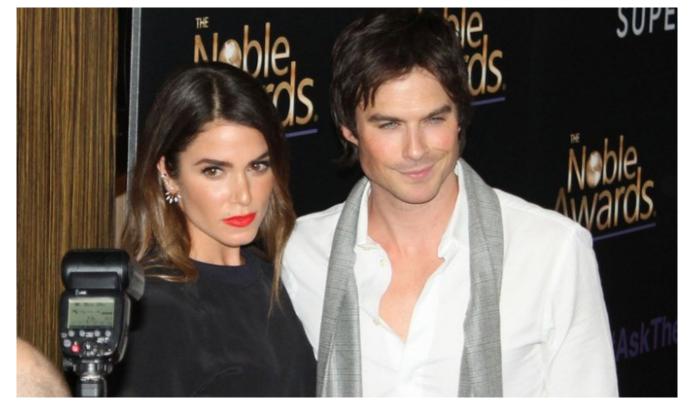
3. You've let go: All of your resentment towards your ex has slowly disappeared and you are at a state where you want to mix and mingle a little bit. You have made up your mind that you will not carry the baggage from the relationship over into

the next. These are two definite ways to tell that you have moved on.

How do you know you are ready to move on from a past relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald Split After 2 Years of Marriage





By Louisa Gonzales

It's official. Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald have decided to

call it quits. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u> a rep confirmed the ex-couple are over, but even though they have decided to go their separate ways, their marriage is ending on good terms. Reed, 25. And McDonald, 29 will continue to share a love of music and their collaborative début album, "I'm Not Falling" releasing in 2014, is still in the works. The duo first met in March 2011 at the premiere of Little Red Riding Hood in L.A., while McDonald was garnering attention as a contestant on Season 10 of American Idol and after seven months of dating they walked down the aisle in a private ceremony in Malibu, California back in October 2011.

How do you know when to call it quits on your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

In life not everything works out and the same goes for relationships. A break-up is hard no matter what the circumstance, but when a relationship is not working out sometimes there is no other choice but to end it. Cupid has some advice on how to decide if it's time to call it quits on your marriage.

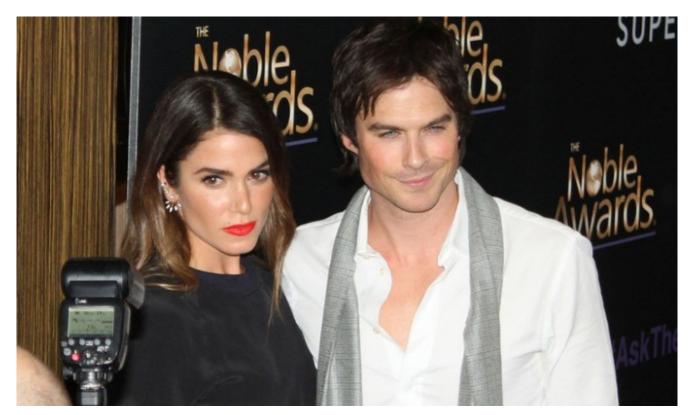
- 1. You're no longer happy: One of the major signs your marriage is not working out is if you are no longer smiling. Happiness is key to every good, healthy and long-lasting relationship. If you and your partner are no longer making each other happy it may be time to move on.
- 2. You're fighting all the time: Every couple have arguments and fights every once in a while and studies show it can sometime be healthy for a relationship, but if you are fighting all the time that isn't a good sign. If you find yourselves fighting and arguing over even the smallest things it could be because you are not the same people you use to be. Too much of anything isn't good and the same goes with fighting.

3. Stop spending time together: If you find that you're no longer spending that much time together and are okay with it, that's be a big clue something is wrong. You and your honey should want to spend time in each other's company or at least put in the effort to. If you find yourselves distancing yourselves from each other it could be because you're both going on different paths.

How can one tell if it's time to call their marriage quits? Share in the comments below.

Celebrity Couple: Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald Put Children On Hold for Music Career





By Andrea Surujnauth

Nikki Reed recently talked to People about her relationship with husband Paul McDonald and their plans for their future. Reed said that the key to a successful relationship is to spend time with one another. "I feel like it's really important to just be with each other and make the other person a priority," she tells People. She mentions that she and her hubby have been spending extra time with each other collaborating on music. "We're actually writing a full-length [album] and we should be releasing that in the next couple of months and hopefully doing some touring in Europe. We're playing a few shows at SXSW." says Reed. When it comes to expanding their family, Reed is in no rush to have kids. "Right now we're just so focused on what we're doing together musically and where we're at in our careers," Reed says. "I can't try to predict what life has in store for us because obviously at a certain point, you throw your hands up and say what's meant to happen will happen. But right now at this moment, I don't feel like I'm insistent on that. I just feel really content."

How do you know when it's time to have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

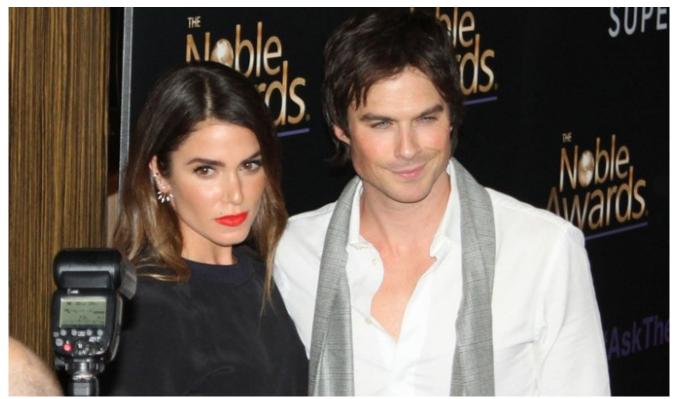
How do you know when you and your partner are ready to have a baby? Cupid is here with a few key signs to help you figure out whether or not you are ready to bring a baby into your life:

- 1. Relationship: Be sure that you are in a stable relationship before you and your partner attempt to get pregnant. If your relationship is on the rocks or barely hanging on a string, a baby will not help the situation. It might make the situation worse. You do not want to bring a baby into a home that has a lot of fighting or negative energy.
- 2. Finances: Be sure that you and your partner are financially prepared for a baby. Keep in mind that women have to go on maternity leave after giving birth. Be sure you and your partner are stable enough to afford this along with all the expenses that goes along with a child. Remember, babies are not a one time expense, money will be needed to take care of that child until they become an adult.
- 3. Space: Babies take up room. If you and your partner are living in a tiny apartnment, it will be difficult to fit a crib and a play pen for your bundle of joy. Be sure you have room for your baby to grow, play, and sleep. If you have all of this prepared, then you are ready to bring a beautiful baby into your life.

How did you know you were ready to have a baby? Share your thoughts below.

'Breaking Dawn Part 2': The 'Twilight' Finale Is Finally Here





By Nicole Weintraub

The long awaited conclusion to the *Twilight* saga has finally arrived with the final installment of *Breaking Dawn Part 2*. Who else is not jumping in their seat from sheer anticipation? Real life couple Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson reunite on the big screen as Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. In the first part of the last installment, our favorite vampire and human couple tied the knot. Low and behold somehow Bella became pregnant and in order to save both her life and their baby's life, Edward turned her into a vampire. Now, officially a Cullen and a vampire, Bella will stand by Edward through thick

and thin to protect her new family and new husband. The Volturi, the official authority of vampires, has learned of the birth of a half human half-vampire child and fears for the safety of vampires as a whole. They seek out to destroy the child, but the Cullens stand together and will fight before they let that happen. In the epic conclusion of the *Twilight* series, the Cullens will rally troops to go head to head against the Volturi to protect all that they love. Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Jackson Rathbone and Kellan Lutz return as the Cullens. You won't want to miss thisas, it already hit theaters November 16th.

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Should You See It: Is that even a serious question? Who has not been waiting for this release since the original movie of Twilight hit theatres? Not only will this be the first onscreen appearance for the real life couple of Stewart and Pattinson since their break up and rekindling, but also it will be the last time to see our favorite couple of Bella and Edward. The trailer alone sends chills down your spine and lures you in just a bit closer to the screen, wanting to watch the entire movie.

Who To Take: Anyone! It has action and gore for the boys while still having all of that romance and vampire glamour for the girls. Go with a parent, girlfriends or your partner. Just make sure to make it known that you will not stand for talking or kissing during the movie; this is a movie you will not want to miss a second of after all the waiting you have done.

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In the trailer, not only does your heart start pumping but we are also given a glimpse into the lives of Bella and Edward Cullen as a newly married couple of the same species. In the

last movie we were introduced to the couple as an official husband and wife, but not as a vampire husband and a vampire wife. The two seem to be closer than ever as Edward explains that the two are now the same temperatures. It seems that with now being the same species, the two have a deeper connection. This deeper connection is also further developed with the arrival of their daughter and the desire to protect her from the Volturi. The Cullens ban together as a solid family unit to stand for their own, allowing Bella and Edward to come together as a newly married couple with a fantastic support system.

What are some ways to strengthen a relationship emotionally? Cupid's Advice:

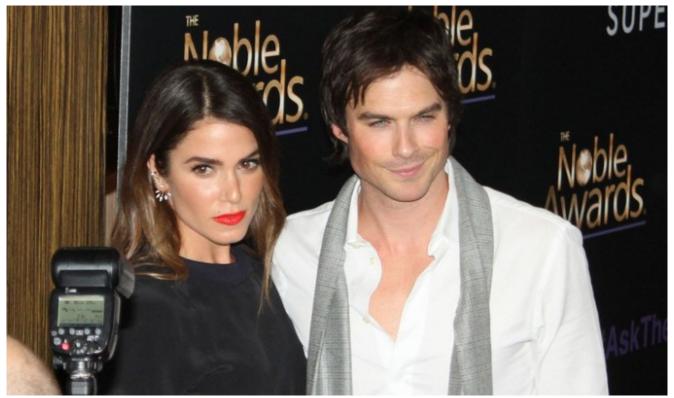
What are some possible ways to further advance as a couple - emotionally? Here are some tips on how to deepen your connection to your significant other:

- 1. Time investment: The more time you spend with someone, the stronger your connection will be come automatically. By experiencing new things together and creating new memories, the two of you will have something to laugh about and look back on. Take some dancing lessons or go ice-skating and create a scrapbook together afterwards.
- 2. Emotional investment: In order to be completely open to strengthening and deepening your relationship, you have to be honest with yourself and with your partner. Keeping secrets is only going to push them further away which will not result in deepening a relationship.
- **3. Physical investment:** Physical attraction and displays of affection (notice I did not say public displays of affection) is a great way to build on an emotional level. For many people relationships are a mixture of physical needs and emotional needs, not just one or the other.

What are some ways you bond with your partner on a deeper level? Share your stories with us in the comments below!

Nikki Reed Says Having Kids Right After Marriage is a Mistake





Nikki Reed is sure that she and her husband, *American Idol* finalist Paul McDonald, want kids, just not any time soon. The 24-year old *Twilight* star told *People* that she thinks "it's a mistake for people to get married and then just [have kids right away]. I feel like it is the pressure of the family

making them do it. We want to travel and be able to fly on an airplane without a baby and just have freedom." Of course, the couple's busy schedules are also major obstacles keeping them from having kids right now.

How do you know how long to wait to have kids after marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

It takes careful consideration, planning and commitment to decide to expand your family and have a baby with your partner. Before you make this huge decision, make sure these things are in order:

- 1. Happiness: Before having children, ensure that you're not only largely happy with yourself, but also completely happy with your marriage. Many people think that having a baby can fix their relationship, but if you're not already happy, it will just create more problems.
- 2. Support: It takes more than two people to raise a child successfully. If you're considering having kids, make sure that you have a solid support system in line. Friends, neighbors and relatives can all help you when you need it and are all essential to being a good parent.
- 3. Finances: Most of all, a couple needs to make sure that their finances are in order. With an extra family member, you and your partner will need to buy everything from a crib to food, and these expenses won't go away when your baby becomes a child. Try to commit to at least 18 years of bills before you can even consider starting a family.

How did you know it was time to start a family? Share your experiences with a comment below.

Reduce Stress and Maximize Romance this Winter





By Lindsay Kriger

During the hectic holiday season, it's easy for stress levels to rise, which can sometimes equal the downfall of romance and intimacy.

To ensure you and your sweetie don't turn sour on each other, here are some of my personal tips for relaxation that you and your partner can practice to help keep you breathing easy this season:

1. Devote a little time to indulging in like-no-one's-watching fun.

Newlyweds Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald are known for loving to hit the dance floor. They've been seen together at many a club cutting a rug. That said, it's time to take their lead and relax with your mate by going out dancing. You'll not only enjoy an intimate evening due to sensual physical contact, you'll also melt away stress and raise your serotonin levels with all that great exercise. And you'll burn lots of calories to boo — by shaking your booties!

2. Share spiked hot cocoa by a fireplace.

If no fireplace is at the ready, light lots and lots of candles. Bring some blankets into the mix. A touch of quiet flame-lit togetherness will soothe your addled nerves, and it's has been known to seriously soften the mood.

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3. Get outdoors with your sweetheart.

Take a cue from lovebirds Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes, who were recently photographed strolling around Paris hand-inhand. Even if Paris isn't in the cards this winter, getting outside and breathing in some chilly fresh air might be an invigorating and rejuvenating move. Leaving your phone at home, put on your coats, hold hands and walk together — even if it's just around your own neighborhood. It'll enable you to devote time to connecting, talking and truly listening to one another — all of which are essential steps to strengthening your bond.

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4. If it's too cold to venture outside, stay in and cook together.

Learn how to bake apple pie from scratch. Rolling and

punching dough is fantastic stress relief — plus it's kind of sexy. Also, studies have shown vanilla and cinnamon to be some of the ultimate aphrodisiac scents, so be sure to mix lots of these flavors into your recipe.

5. Take a hot bubble bath together.

While you're at this indoor-activity stuff, since the weather is foul, climb in a hot bubbly bath together. Lots of delicious-smelling products and lots of physical intimacy are your ticket to a stress-free night. It's like a free couples' therapy session.

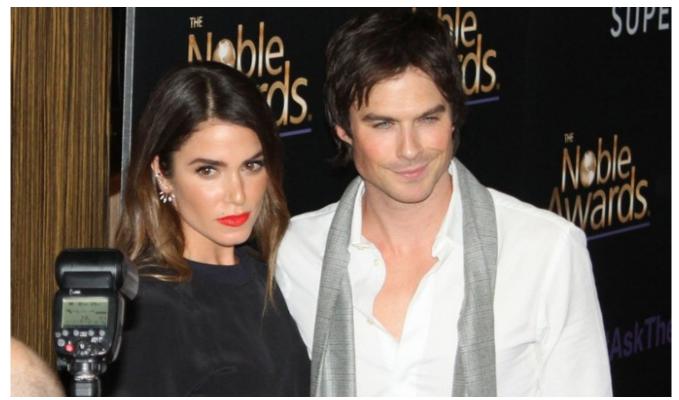
6. Do yoga — and strrrrreetttttcccchhh the stress out of your body.

On your own, yoga is great for your mind and body and can really help reduce the anxieties of everyday life. Bringing your partner into the experience is great, too, as it adds in a touch of sensuality. After all, it's always wonderful to have the opportunity to touch and be touched by your partner. As you each help the other to move your bodies in new ways, it might even give you new ideas for how to move your bodies once you're off that yoga mat. Yep, a few good downward-facing dogs and you may both find yourselves feeling refreshed and energized for romance in no time!

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Nikki Reed Says Marriage Is 'Easy Breezy' So Far





In light of the recent influx of celebrity divorces, it's great to come across a happy and healthy Hollywood marriage. Nikki Reed, who tied the knot with *American Idol*'s Paul McDonald, told *People*, "The first year [of marriage] is not the hardest. Gosh, if this is the hardest, then it's gonna be easy breezy." She added that even under the most stressful situations, she and her new husband still make a great team.

As a newlywed, how do you set a good precedent for your marriage?

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Cupid's Advice:

It's important set the precedent for a healthy relationship from the beginning, not just when it comes to marriage, but also when it comes to dating. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Don't sweat the small stuff: Fighting over silly things is a waste of time and can only put an unnecessary riff between you and your partner.
- 2. Speak up: If your partner says or does something you don't like, tell them from the beginning that their behavior is unacceptable.
- 3. Be their best friend: A perfect partner isn't just a lover, but also a best friend.

How do you connect with your partner early on? Share your thoughts below.

Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald Tie the Knot





Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald tied the knot at a private ranch in Malibu, Calif. on Sunday. The Twilight star and former American Idol season 10 contestant 27 told UsMagzine.com, "We couldn't be happier! [We were] surrounded by our family and friends. We're so glad this day has come!" Reed and McDonald first met at the premiere of Little Red Riding Hood and after two months of dating, they were engaged in June. McDonald admitted to MTV News that Reed is the perfect girl for him. "She's amazing. She's the perfect girl. We fit each other; when you know, you know, and she's the one."

What are the advantages of a short engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Some women plan for their wedding from the time they're children to the time they're ready to get married. When the time comes, they typically indulge in at least another year to plan. Here are three reasons why to cut the planning process short:

1. Less stressful: Having less time to focus on minor details,

such as favors, the planning process won't be too hectic.

- 2. Less procrastinating: The more time you have, the more you'll procrastinate. Less time means you'll work harder and faster on making your big day magical.
- **3. Smaller weddings:** Weddings are often small with only close friends and family when you rush to pull your wedding day together, which creates a more intimate affair.

Why do you prefer a short or long engagement? Share your thoughts below.

Twilight's Nikki Reed and Idol's Paul McDonald Are Engaged





Breaking Dawn star Nikki Reed and former American Idol contestant Paul McDonald are engaged after a whirlwind romance, reports <u>People</u>. The pair hit it off after meeting in March, and have been extremely happy together since. Reed showed off her ring at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday, where she told reporters, "He's the one. I've never met anyone like him. I've never met anyone who has such a good solid heart and comes from such a good solid family and is just a genuine person. We have the exact same sense of humor. I've never laughed so much with anyone as I do with him."

What are some things to be careful of in a whirlwind romance?

Cupid's Advice:

The swept-off-your feet feeling is highly coveted in a relationship. However, it's important to step back every once in an while. Here are a few things to be careful of in a whirlwind relationship:

1. Taking the right steps: It's fine to have a quick courtship, but make sure you are taking the right steps. For

example, try giving your beau a key to your home or apartment before moving in together. Slowing down your relationship, even a little bit, will pay off in the end.

- 2. Discussing your goals: While you may only be concerned with your love for your partner, it's important to discuss future goals before taking the next big step. If the two of you want different things in life, your relationship may face struggles down the road.
- 3. Setting boundaries: Make sure the relationship is moving at a pace that's comfortable for both of you. Don't allow your partner to persuade you to take the next step if you don't feel ready. Make sure that you know how far you are willing to take the relationship, and stick to your convictions.

Have you had trouble in a whirlwind romance? Feel free to comment below!