

# Date Idea: Dress Boo-tifully for Halloween



By [Melissa Lee](#)

Stumped on fun date ideas for the weekend? Halloween is coming up, and there's no better time for coordinated outfits than this spooky holiday.

**Whether it's with your special someone, or a group of all your special people, dressing up and**

# going all out on Halloween is a must! Check out our date ideas.

If you're celebrity conscious, there are some great and easy celeb pairings for you to dress as this year. The standby is Beyonce and Jay Z, with Miss B wearing her "Single Ladies" leotard and Jay Z sporting all Rocawear. Another option for the more rock-and-roll couple, is Russell Brand and Katy Perry. There is an assortment of wigs to fit Perry's ensemble and for Russell, those who want to wear shirts need not apply.

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For the more literary minded, celebrate the upcoming *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* release by dressing as Harry and Hermione. This costume idea can be easily expanded to include a larger group as well. Another fantastical literary couple would be Bella and Edward from the *Twilight* series.

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And lastly, while Lady Gaga is undoubtedly going to be popular choice this Halloween, you can even make that a group costume, too. This is mostly for the ladies, but brave men can rock it, too! Gather up your friends and strut your stuff in Gaga's most outrageous outfits – from the meat dress to the Kermit the frog ensemble.

**Have a favorite couple costume of your own? Comment below and share with our other readers. Until next week, Happy Halloween!**

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# Celebrity Couples and Their Most Extravagant Valentine's Day Gifts





Kim Kardashian West and Kanye West

If diamonds were a meter of love, West's love for the reality TV star is off the charts. The rapper bought his wife a 73,000 dollar Panthere De Cartier cuff embellished with diamonds and emeralds. Photo: Flynet UK/FameFlynet Pictures

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## From "I Do" to Divorce: Shortest Celebrity Marriages





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Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries

This celebrity marriage only lasted 72 days before the famous couple announced their split. Photo: Fame Pictures

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# Russell Brand Says 'I Loved' Being Married to Katy Perry



By Amanda Boyer

Russell Brand is finally opening up about his prior marriage to singer Katy Perry. While Brand was promoting his new book on the *Today Show* on Monday, Oct. 13, he said something that caught some attention. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the comedian claimed he “loved” being married to Perry and said she “is an amazing person.” The ex-duo were together for 14 months.

**How do you set realistic expectations for your marriage?**

## Cupid's Advice:

To ensure you are going to have a successful marriage with realistic expectations, Cupid has some tips:

**1. Compromise:** Sometimes, you need to agree to disagree in certain situations. In order to make your relationship work, make sure there's give and take.

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**2. Discuss roles:** Talk about responsibilities and who wants to be in charge of cleaning the house or making dinner. This will make your day run smoothly when things get hectic!

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**3. Be honest:** Do not hold off saying something because you are scared or afraid about how it is going to come off. If you decide you want to change something around, discuss it with your partner and get their say on it as well.

**Have another way to set an expectation in your marriage? Let us know below!**

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# 10 Favorite Celebrity Weddings





By [Courtney Omernick](#)

The designer wedding dress, the insane guest list, the mile high wedding cake, and more! Celebrity weddings, what's not to love, right? Even if we can't throw as big of a wedding bash as Kim and Kanye, it can be fun to imagine what our own lavish wedding would look like. Below are 10 of our favorite celebrity weddings.

**1. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West:** Of course they're number one; they're wedding was plastered everywhere, and the pictures from it were some of the highest viewed photos on Instagram...ever! The party started a week before the actual wedding date (Saturday, May 24) in Paris where Kim, Kanye, and a few of their family members relaxed before the big day. Their "I do's" were exchanged outside in Italy next to a giant wall of flowers. Guests such as LaLa Anthony, Joyce Bonelli, Monica Rose, and more were in attendance.

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**2. Emily Blunt and John Krasinski:** Another Italian wedding!



The two actors tied the knot back in 2010 and used George Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como to do so. It was an outdoor ceremony and the guest list included George Clooney (obviously), Matt Damon, Meryl Streep, David Schwimmer, and more.

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**3. Kendra Wilkinson and Hank Baskett:** The former Playboy Playmate and NFL star were married on the front lawn of the Playboy Mansion in June 2009. Wilkinson wore a \$20,000 duchesse-silk gown (that she co-designed) that had more than 55 yards of fabric and was covered in 1,200 crystals with R-Mine Bridal's Armine Ohanessian. Talk about glitz and glamour! Their guest list included Hank's teammates from the Philadelphia Eagles, Hugh Hefner, Holly Madison, Bridget Marquardt, Jon Lovitz, and more famous faces.

**4. Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise:** In November 2006, seven months after the birth of their daughter, Suri, the two actors were married at the 15th-Century Odescalchi Castle outside of Rome. The bride and groom both wore Armani, and their guest list included Victoria Beckham, Jennifer Lopez, Mark Ronson, and others.

**5. Celine Dion and Rene Angelil:** Back in December 1994, the singer married her manager at the Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, Canada. Dion wore a Mirella and Steven Gentile gown that included a 20-foot train and took over 1,000 hours to complete. Oh, we almost forgot to mention Dion's seven-pound tiara that was made of 2,000 Australian crystals...

**6. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban:** The couple was married on June 25, 2006 in an all-candlelight ceremony that took place just after sundown in Sydney, Australia's Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel on St. Patrick's Estate at Manly. Kidman wore a dress by Nicolas Ghesquiere for Balenciaga. The black-tie event included friends such as Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman,

Naomi Watts, and Rupert Murdoch.

**7. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale:** These two rockers had not one, but two weddings back in 2002! First, they were married in London and then had their second ceremony two weeks later at a private home in L.A. Stefani wore a dip-dyed silk faille gown that was created specifically for her so she could show off her girly, yet punk, personality. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston were among the many stars in attendance.

**8. Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom:** Who could forget Kim's sister Khloe's crazy nuptials to LA Laker, Lamar Odom? The couple tied the knot just one month after they started dating! The ceremony took place at a private residence in Beverly Hills, and the couple said their vows in front of triple arches of white roses created by celebrity florist, Mark's Garden. The bride wore a Vera Wang gown and was walked down the aisle by her step-father, Bruce Jenner.

**9. Katy Perry and Russell Brand:** When the singer and actor wed back in 2010, it was nothing short of magical. Perry wore an Elie Saab Haute Couture gown and \$7,000 Casadei heels to their ceremony at Rajasthan, India's Amani-i-Khas resort. And, don't forget! The two entered their ceremony by riding on top of an elephant! How's that for extravagant?

**10. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi:** The talk show host and model/actress wed in 2008 at their home in L.A. among their closest family and friends. Although the couple didn't have their wedding in an elaborate location, certain items included on their special day sure made for an elaborate event! Both brides wore designs by Zac Posen and Mark's Garden provided the candles and flowers. Later that evening, all guests dined on an all-vegan menu prepared by the couple's personal chef, David Silberkleit.

**What's your favorite celebrity wedding? Share below.**

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# Katy Perry Opens Up About Divorce from Russell Brand



By Kerri Sheehan

Barbara Walters should never be kept waiting. Pop princess Katy Perry learned that the hard way when she was running late for their December 2011 interview. At the time the 'Roar' singer was going through an extremely rough time in her life. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reported that the 'Firework' star dished to Billboard in a new interview, "I shouldn't have done the interview: I was playing Madison Square Garden that same night, and I knew that the end of my marriage (to comedian Russell Brand) was coming." After the divorce Perry found

herself depressed and fighting off suicidal thoughts. Perry is now worlds away from where she was two years ago. She has been enjoying her life with boyfriend and singer John Mayer. Perry gushed over her new beau saying, “”He literally is a genius, as is evident from his songwriting!”

**What are some ways to cope with a fresh breakup or divorce?**

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

Breakups suck! Let Cupid help guide you through the rough waters:

**1. Girl's night:** Nothing makes a girl feel as good as a night spent with her closest friends. They can help you make sense of all the emotions you're feeling post breakup and be your rock when you feel weak. Invite your girlies over for a fun night and don't forget the ice cream and chick flicks!

**2. Clear out:** Get a big shoebox and fill it with anything that reminds you of your ex. Not having these items in plain view will keep your mind from wandering back to your former fling.

**3. Move on:** This point may take a while to get to, but it's so important to get back into the dating game as soon as you feel ready. Seeing what other guys are out there won't keep your longing for your ex.

**How do you cope with breakups? Share below.**

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## **Celebrities Who Dated Out of**

# Their League



By April Littleton

Everyone has heard the saying “opposites attract,” but we still can’t help but wonder how certain celebrities end up with some of the people they date. Is it their personality? Or maybe it’s because of their outlandish style. Whatever the case may be, some of the most average-looking celebrities end up with the most stunning beauties in America. Here’s a list of celebrities Cupid thinks date out of their league:

**Jermaine Dupri and Janet Jackson:** Everyone was stunned when the producer, rapper and songwriter confirmed to the public that he was dating Janet Jackson. The duo dated for eight years until they finally called it quits in 2009.

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**Jamie Kennedy and Jennifer Love Hewitt:** Kennedy dated his *Ghost Whisperer* co-star from March 2009 to March 2010. However, the relationship wasn't smooth sailing when harsh criticisms about their love affair hit the newsstands. In an interview for [People](#), Kennedy said dating Jennifer Love Hewitt wasn't easy when no one wanted them together in the first place.

**Marilyn Manson and Dita Von Teese:** This isn't the first time the musician, actor and painter landed such a hottie. Manson was engaged to Rose McGowan from February 1998 to January 19, 2001 before he met Dita Von Teese on the set of one of his music videos. They became a couple on his 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. They married in 2005 only for Von Teese to file for divorce a year later due to irreconcilable differences. In an interview with the *Sunday Telegraph*, she said, "I get the impression he thinks I was unsupportive, but the truth is I wasn't supportive of his lifestyle, and someone else came along who was."

**Macaulay Culkin and Mila Kunis:** The world never understood the relationship between these two celebrities. Culkin began dating the *That '70s Show* actress in May 2002. The couple stayed together for nearly 9 years – longer than anyone would have guessed. On January 3, 2011, Kunis' publicist confirmed their breakup. The duo remain friends while Kunis has moved on to Ashton Kutcher.

**Kris Humphries and Kim Kardashian:** Even though the *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* star is in a happy relationship with Kanye West and is a new mom to baby North, we can't forget about her brief marriage to Kris Humphries. The basketball player began dating Kardashian in October 2010. They became engaged in May 2011 and married that same year in August. The wedding was highly publicized and even had its own two-part TV special. However, the marriage didn't end in bliss. Just 72 days later, Kardashian filed for divorce.

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**Russell Brand and Katy Perry:** To this day, we still don't know what the *Teenage Dream* singer saw in Russell Brand. The couple began dating after meeting for the second time at the 2009 MTV VMAs. The pair became engaged in December of that year and married in a traditional Hindu ceremony in October 2010. Just 14 months into the marriage, Brand filed for divorce via text message and never spoke to Perry again.

**What other celebrities do you think date out of their league? Comment below.**

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## **Russell Brand Makes Jokes at Katy Perry's Expense**





By Kristyn Schwiep

Russell Brand and ex-wife Katy Perry have been divorced for over a year, but the 38-year-old British comedian is still including Perry, 28, in his stand-up routine. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Brand made joked about his sex life with Perry during a gig at London's Soho Theatre on Wednesday, July 31. "When I got divorced, I considered becoming a monk. When you're a monk, you're not allowed to have sex with anyone. When you're married, it's one person. That's one more than a monk," he allegedly joked. "It's not that different. I'd be having sex thinking, 'Think of anyone, anyone else.'"

**What are some risks of too much humor in a relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

When you decide to add humor into your relationship you should consider the consequences. Using too much humor in a relationship can lead to harsh feelings, confused emotions, and might lead to a break-up.

**1. Confused:** Using humor in a relationship can sometimes ease



an uncomfortable situation, but sometimes you might take it too far. Cracking jokes at your partner could leave them seriously confused on how you actually feel about them and your relationship.

**2. Feelings:** Feelings can get hurt when you use too much humor in a relationship. Even if you think you are being funny you need to consider your partners feelings. You partner might not find the humor that you do and you need to consider his/her feelings before making fun of them, even if it is all in good fun.

**3. Break-up:** Using too much humor in a relationship can ultimately lead to a break-up. You partner might not be able to handle all the jokes thrown their way and it might take an emotional toll on them. Constantly using humor in your relationship can lead to frustration, which can ultimately lead to you being alone.

**What are some risk of too much humor in a relationship? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Celebrity News: Katy Perry Admits Russell Brand Said He Was Divorcing Her Via Text**





By April Littleton

According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Katy Perry told [Vogue](http://Vogue) in an interview how her ex-husband, Russell Brand brought up his plans for divorce, “He’s a smart man, and I was in love with him when I married him. Let’s just say I haven’t heard from him since he texted me saying he was divorcing me December 31, 2011.” The “Wide Awake” singer, 28 and Brand, 38 married in October 2010 after meeting at the 2009 MTV VMAs. Since their breakup, Perry has had an on-again, off-again relationship with John Mayer.

**What are some things you should not use social media for in a relationship?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Nowadays, a relationship isn’t truly official until it’s “Facebook official.” Spilling the beans on your latest crush to your virtual friends may seem cute at the time, but if things get serious between you and the new boo, you might be setting yourself up for failure. Some things should be left

completely private and left off of your Twitter updates. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Cyber fighting:** Many couples use social media sites like Twitter and Facebook to vent about their latest relationship problems. This would be OK if it weren't for the negative public commentary you'll be bound to receive. Putting your private business out there is never a good look for you or your partner. Plus, nasty comments left on your site could lead to bigger problems in your relationship.

**2. Talking to the ex:** If your ex sends you an "innocent" friend request, decline it. It's more than likely he/she will just stir the pot and cause a rift between you and your new love. If your ex is already apart of your social networking community, keep the conversations to a minimum. Your beau doesn't want to see you getting friendly with your ex for the whole world to see, and stay away from that dreaded "Like" button if you're dealing with an insecure partner. Commenting, or showing your appreciation for an old flame's picture or status will lead to an argument.

**3. PDA:** A few pictures of you and your boo kissing is OK, but don't overdo it. Your network of friends don't need to see what you and your partner do behind closed doors. Besides, taking too many inappropriate pictures will be a cause for your site to be blocked or permanently suspended if enough people complain about it. Keep it PG-13 when you feel like sharing the love on the World Wide Web.

**What are some other things you shouldn't use social media for in a relationship? Comment below.**

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# Katy Perry Calls Divorce From Russell Brand a 'Very Tiny Elephant'



By Meghan Fitzgerald

[UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports that a year after her divorce, the 28 year-old singer, Katy Perry is now more comfortable talking about her past relationship. According to [Hollywood Reporter](http://HollywoodReporter.com), Perry stated, "It's a very tiny elephant . . . It's like a little Tchotchke now," referring to her divorce. "The Big D – you can say it." Since her split with Brand, Perry has been in an on-and-off again relationship with John Mayer.

**How do you cope with the aftermath of a split?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Coping with the aftermath of a split is not always the most graceful or welcoming thing to do in life. Although it is not an ideal situation, it is best to pick yourself up and move on. Of course moving on is one of the hardest aspects of life. But you can make it work, and eventually you will. Cupid has some more advice:

**1. Get rid of belongings:** So you just had a split from your partner, what is the next step you might ask. Get rid of everything they ever gave to you. You will never be able to even begin the coping process if you are frequently seeing him all over your room, and your house. Either give their belongings back, or be a dramatic rom-com and burn it all. The burning part releases some repressed emotions so if that's you, go purge.

**2. Stay busy:** Make sure you keep yourself busy with anything besides thinking of your split. Call your parents. Call your friends. Make lunch plans and follow them. Don't stay inside day and night. Get there and experience life. Even if your life may seem like it's over, it is not. Do not be a hermit, go and be with other people. Always try to be with other people after a breakup.

**3. Rebound:** You just went through a breakup, go and rebound it up. Of course it is not really healthy, and you may feel crappy about yourself afterwards. But you will get your mind off of your ex. This rebound relationship is a distraction from your life and thoughts about your past relationship. It's a quick fix, and something fun to do while your heart is trying to mend together.

**Have you coped with the aftermath of a split? If so, how? Explain below.**

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# Expert Relationship Advice: 5 Ways to Turn “Me” to “We”



By Dr. Beth Gineris

In order to create successful partnerships in our lives, we must learn to shift thinking from an independent state (me) to a mutually interdependent state (we). Our mindset becomes both caring and supportive, rather than self focused. Here are some details of the two different relationship styles:

## **The Me-style in relationship**

This is a style that is dependent, co-dependent, dramatic, and

needy. The two people act as halves who come together and make one whole, with weak or non-existent boundaries. In the Me-style both parties feel lonely, unheard and unseen. They are desperate to feel connected.

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**Example: Britney Spears.** She needs others' approval, is insecure, and has found herself entangled with men unavailable to her and lacking stability. She has had great difficulty stepping up to her strength without constant reassurance from others.

### **The I-style in relationship**

This is a style that is independent, solitary, and where individual credit and competition are paramount. Connection is via an intricate tally-sheet of each other's actions; two I's walking side-by-side, with rigid, inflexible boundaries, without interdependence, and lacking dependability.

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**Example: Russell Brand and Katy Perry.** Russell Brand's reasoning for their split was that when you see that you may be incompatible, it's best to call an end to it.

These Me-dependent and I-Independent styles lack empathy and negotiation; either due to an inability of the person to get outside of him or herself to see the other's point of view and weak boundaries of self- **Me-style** OR due to a foundational insecurity of autonomy and competence resulting in rigid boundaries of self- **I-style**.

### **The We-style in relationship**

This is a style that values interdependence, mutual give and take, negotiation, dependability, and trust. The two parties work together toward shared and individual goals; Boundaries are osmotic allowing interconnections without loss of self.

**Example:** Jennifer Garner and the newest *Best Picture Oscar* winner Ben Affleck. They describe a dependable foundation of trust, collaboration and mutuality toward both individual and collective goals.

**Here are five specific ways to bridge the gap between “me” and we”:**

- 1. Discover your style of relating.** Which describers fit? Possessive, needy, manipulated, insecure? **Me-style**; Defensive, competitive, antagonistic, or a fear of being engulfed? **I-style**; Valued, heard, accepted, dependability? **We-style**
- 2. To turn Me to We begin with yourself first.** Determine what is keeping you in a Me or I-style of relating. Is it an issue of security? Is it something you learned from early life-experiences or a misunderstanding of your true strength?
- 3. Define when, how, under what conditions you feel secure.** Create those conditions. Security can take the form of financial, emotional, physical, or spiritual security.
- 4. If you are in a Me-style you have to create independence before you move to interdependence.**
- 5. Share your insights with your partner.** Invite your partner to follow these steps. Trust the process.

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# Russell Brand Speaks Out about Ex-Wife Katy Perry Dating John Mayer



By Andrea Surujnauth

Russell Brand and Katy Perry have been divorced for about seven months now and according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Brand says that he has moved on. He was on Howard Stern's Sirius XM radio show on February 4th and Stern got him to open up about his feelings on the divorce. Stern asked Brand how he felt about his ex-wife dating John Mayer. "What do you make of your ex-wife dating John Mayer?" Stern asked. "Doesn't she know that he's

a worse womanizer than you?" Brand jokingly replied, "Worse or better, depending on how you view it." But on a serious note, Brand spoke highly of his ex. He claims he has nothing bad to say about Perry or her new boyfriend, who she has been dating since July 2012. Despite Stern trying to dig a little deeper, Brand continued to claim that his ex-wife was perfect from top to bottom. He also admits that he is single at the moment and although he would love to have a wife and start a family, he is focusing on himself for now.

**What do you do if someone you once cared about is dating someone you view as dangerous?**

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

When you care a great deal about someone, you just want to see them happy. But what if the new person they are dating seems dangerous to you? What should you do? No worries, Cupid is here for you:

**1. Voice your opinion:** Tell the person that you are concerned about their new relationship, but do not start questioning their relationship or become too nosy. Just let the person know that you have a concern and that you do not want them to get hurt in their new relationship. After voicing your opinion one time, do not bring it up again otherwise this will chase the person away from you.

**2. Let them know you're there:** Let the person know that you care for them and you will be there for them no matter what. Let them know that you want them to be happy and you will back them up in any situation. This way if they decide to leave their boyfriend/ girlfriend, they will know that they have your shoulder to cry on and they won't be alone.

**3. Stay out of it:** After voicing your opinion and letting the person know you are there for them, you have to stay out of their relationship. Do not constantly voice your opinion and

do not pick apart their relationship. They are the one that is in the relationship so they are the only one that knows if it is a bad relationship or a good relationship. You can't force them to do anything that they don't want to do. So stay out.

**What would you do if you believe that someone you cared about is dating someone dangerous? Comment below and let us know!**

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## Are We In Danger of Dating Like Celebrities?



By Joshua Pompey

We see it year after year. Celebrities enter relationships,

only to see them quickly dissolve in record times.

For every one Brad Pitt who finally settles down to commit, there are a hundred Derek Jeters. Russell Brands and Kristen Stewarts. In fact, Bill Maer once said, "Men are only as faithful as their options." The fact is, when it comes to celebrities, options are unlimited for both males and females. When the going gets tough in the celebrity world, the tough can get going and be just fine! The bottom line is that there's no true incentive to make things last *forever* once the initial rush fades.

Unfortunately, this is translating outside of the celebrity world these days. The modern era of dating has completely flipped the world upside down. Attention spans are shorter than ever, and online dating has created the same unlimited options for everyone that at one time were only available to celebrities. People are always on the look out for the next big thing, entertaining way too many options, and having way too many superficial relationships.

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So, what are some ways to avoid the shallow world of celebrity dating? Here are three ways:

**1. Focus on the person:**

Many people who date online play the numbers game. They go on multiple dates per week, thinking they will find "the one" much quicker. This is a bad idea, because it will just result in more superficial conversations and never truly getting to know someone on a deep emotional level. Falling for someone takes time and effort.

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**2. Realize that life is not a movie:**

We tend to always see celebrities living “happily ever after” and want the same for ourselves. We think if we look hard enough, we’ll find that “perfect” person the way people in the movies do, who sweeps us completely off our feet. The problem is, the “perfect” person in our imaginations may not exist. Life is not a movie. Just look at what usually happens to real life “fairy tale” celebrity marriages when they meet their “romantic fates.” Serial dating in the hopes of finding the perfect person is a lost cause unless you are realistic with your expectations.

### **3. Allow logic to enter the equation:**

Celebrities tend to rely more on emotion than logic because there are very few consequences. They will still have their millions, movie deals and mansions when the relationship ends. Us “real people” may not be so lucky. Acting purely on emotion may leave our lives seriously damaged if the relationship doesn’t work out. Allow logic to enter the equation and think long term before forming a relationship that is based on infatuation and sexual attraction.

Don’t become just another celebrity-like statistic. Remember, the dating troubles of us normal folk won’t be featured on any magazines. We don’t have as many chances as those in the celebrity world, and we have the chance of ending up cold and lonely if we make too many love mistakes along the way.

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# Is Russell Brand Dating a Spice Girl?



By Jennifer Ross

It seems that Russell Brand, the British Comic, has a taste for ginger – Ginger Spice that is. Brand, 37, and Geri Halliwell, 40, are reported to be dating, according to [The Sun](#), British paper. Out in public, the two have been seen together in London at Hampton Court Palace, along with Halliwell's daughter from a previous relationship, 6-year-old Bluebell. More recently, Brand posed with the Spice Girls in a Twitter picture at the London Olympics' closing ceremony, which was considered to be the Spice Girls' amazing reunion performance. With his divorce from ex-wife, Katy Perry, only a month old, Brand also briefly dated Isabella Brewster, younger sister to Dallas star Jordana Brewster. Let's hope this

relationship lasts!

## **How do you know if someone is boyfriend material?**

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

With so many personalities in this world, finding a boyfriend may not always be sugar and spice and everything nice. Here are some things to consider when searching for a new love interest.

**1. Communication is key:** When you speak, does he hear you? Better yet, does he remember what you've said? Good communication starts with an open space to express your thoughts and includes someone on the other end listening, being able to understand, and even challenge you in a positive manner.

**2. Attraction:** Good communication without attraction is the same as having a relationship with your brother – sure you love each other, but not in the romantic way. In order to have a boyfriend, there must be a mutual intimate connection to each other, and that starts with physical attraction.

**3. You've bettered yourself:** Another thing to consider is who you were before you met him and who you have become. With all this physical attraction and communication between you two, thoughts and feelings are inevitably going to change. Have you changed for the better? If spending this much time with him encourages you to be a better you, then it looks like you may have a keeper!

**What made you choose your boyfriend? What are the traits you admire most about him? Tell us!**

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# Celebrity Couples Who Have Been Hurt By Their Own Stardom



By Courtney Allen

In wonderful world of Hollywood, maintaining both a long-lasting relationship and a fast-paced career is evidently a huge challenge. The jam-packed schedules and non-stop tabloid mania in the everyday lives of celebrities leaves us constantly wondering when the next split will be—the fact they are going to happen is a guarantee. Nasty rumors of deceit, unexpected flings with co-stars and stress from an intense life can make stardom a celebrity couple's worst enemy. Unfortunately for these five celebrity duos, losing their battle to fame proved inevitable:



**1. Kate and Jon Gosselin:** Jon and Kate Gosselin first captured our hearts with their hit TLC show, *Jon and Kate Plus Eight*, which documented their hectic life as parents of sassy-yet-sweet twin girls and a set of adorable sextuplets. The Gosselins graced our television screens for seven seasons as they traveled the globe as a family, while we all hoped their marriage wouldn't end like many of the reality star relationships that preceded them. But Jon and Kate proved no different as the show slowly revealed Kate's exploding temper and ego while the tabloids unraveled Jon's late-night getaways with other women. Years later, the two had one of the most public divorces in Hollywood.

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**2. Rihanna and Chris Brown:** Rihanna and Chris Brown shocked the world when their relationship began in 2008. In our minds, the singers couldn't be a more perfect match, as they're two beautiful and unique voices with stunningly-good looks. Things quickly changed after an incident in 2009 in which Brown allegedly assaulted the female pop star. The two have made amends since then and rumors of a new relationship have spread, especially after the recent release of their song, "Birthday Cake (Remix)." But due to their long-lasting tabloid presence and heated past, we can't help but think that a second try will end in disaster.

**3. Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt:** The split between *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt, her "Mr. Perfect," was by far the most controversial divorces in the history of Hollywood. With Aniston's glowing skin and Pitt's captivating eyes, they always had America's attention. It wasn't until the 2004 production of *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* that things seemed to get off track. Pitt quickly fell in love with co-star Angelina Jolie while filming the movie, leaving him and Aniston's happily ever after in the dust as rumors swirled of an affair. Jen filed for divorce in 2005 and Pitt almost immediately began dating Jolie. Now called "Brangelina," the couple has

six kids and have made their mark as one of the most powerful couples in Hollywood.

**4. Kim Kardashian and Reggie Bush:** Kim Kardashian bared it all for her E! show *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*, including her relationship with NFL star Reggie Bush. The reality show revealed their head-over-heels romance for several seasons. But after their final split, the unfortunate truth was revealed: Kardashian's stardom was too much for Bush, who never seemed to adjust. Kardashian has since been searching for her fairytale: a guy who accepts both her and her lifestyle. She found love in her marriage to Kris Humphries, but that relationship ended after just 72 days. Now the star is happily dating Kanye West. Thankfully, the socialite seems to be taking her new relationship slow, because if there's anything Kim has learned, it's that fame comes at a high price.

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**5. Katy Perry and Russel Brand:** California girl Katy Perry and British comedian Russell Brand began dating in middle of 2009. The two didn't waste any time getting serious as news of their engagement hit the headlines by the end of the same year. And in just ten months, the couple was married. The world watched the pop-star and her new hubby closely as we formed our opinions on whether they would last. Fourteen months later, the pair proved all the doubters right. Russell Brand filed for divorce last December, citing irreconcilable differences. But between both of their busy schedules and separated traveling, it's no wonder the pair couldn't stand the test of time.

**Which celebrity couples do you think have been most hurt by their stardom? Share your thoughts with us!**

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# Hollywood Relationships: Love, Marriage, and the Money in Between



By Victor McGlothin

Katy Perry was in love with Russell Brand. They got married, and then 14 months later, they experienced a celebrity divorce. When Hollywood relationships heat up so fast and end just as quickly, we all go running to blogs and message boards looking for answers. Often, reasons why celebrity couples break up are obvious...and it usually involves money.

# Causes of Failed Hollywood Relationships

In Perry's case, she was a popular singer before marrying Brit uber-talent Brand. Both of them were exceedingly busy on photo and movie shoots, concert tours, and everything else that accompanies stardom. With so much time spent apart, it's no wonder they experienced problems that ultimately resulted in a failed celebrity marriage. The question is: What makes celebs think they can sustain a healthy relationship and love while living apart and chasing the almighty dollar rather than the connection that keeps the home fires burning?

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Perry and Brand aren't the only culprits to this type of demise. Perhaps the biggest wedding sham of all time was Kim Kardashian's televised nuptials to NBA power forward Kris Humphries of the New Jersey Nets. After 10 million viewers watched the choreographed broadcast on *E!*, 72 short days later, it was all over. Once it occurred to Humphries that Kardashian got what she wanted – astronomical wedding coverage gracing dozens of magazine covers and an \$18 million payday for the exclusive rights – he filed to have the marriage annulled, citing fraud allegations. It was merely an attempt to save face after being used and branded in the national tabloids as the villain and then subsequently lambasted online by Kardashian's family.

Kardashian refused to ante up the \$9 million owed to Humphries for his role of a lifetime in the wedding plot, but then, she offered \$7 million as a consolation prize. Over 90 days after the 72 day scam marriage ended, their celebrity divorce is still pending and adoring fans are still choosing sides. Yet another hot mess caused by money!

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## Money, Relationships, and Love

Stories of Hollywood relationships like Brand and Perry's or Kardashian and Humphries's are all over the place, and there's usually the issue of money behind all of them. Even if money doesn't destroy a relationship and love, it always has a place. Even famous couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie use money to buy happiness on occasion (see her massive engagement ring and \$25 million donation toward children's image rights).

Although us normal folk don't typically have the type of cash that popular celebrities bring to the table, it's still good to learn from the often careless ways in which they throw that money around. We should keep cash in the back of our minds, if at all possible, while pursuing a deep connection.

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## Russell Brand Unfollows Katy Perry on Twitter





British comedian Russell Brand and singer Katy Perry will be officially divorced soon, but Brand is getting rid of any kind of connection between the two and unfollowed her on *Twitter*. The two had only been married for a little over a year before they decided to split, and it appears that the pop star isn't having any trouble [moving on](#). Perry was caught making out with musician Robert Ackroyd at Coachella, and although their relationship is still new, an insider told [UsMagazine.com](#), "They're having a fabulous time."

**What are some advantages to cutting all ties after a split?**

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

Once you split with your ex, it can be best to lose any connection you have to them to avoid drama or heartache. Cupid has some tips:

**1. No jealousy:** If you spend time stalking their latest facebook pictures or checking their most recent friend activity, you'll begin to create scenarios in your head about how much better off they're doing, and it'll create

unnecessary and false jealousy.

**2. No constant reminders:** They became your ex because you wanted them out of your life, so get them out. You don't need any reminders, whether it's pictures or Twitter popping up to give you a little memory of your time together.

**3. Fresh start:** By cutting all ties you can get the fresh start that you need to move on to a better tomorrow. Leave the past in the past and start trekking down a more hopeful, ex-free road!

**What helped you move on from your ex after a break up? Share your comments below!**

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## **On & Off: When Celebrities Should Call it Quits**





By Daniela Agurcia

With fame comes glamour and wealth. These are things everyone wants, but they can also take a toll on a relationship. With a celebrity's busy schedule and a seemingly bottomless bank account, it's hard to make time and decisions for things other than themselves. The fact of the matter is that there's only so much a relationship can take before the best decision is to just call it quits. Here are some of the issues that can ultimately break up a celebrity couple:

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**1. Your age becomes an issue:** There are many celebrity couples whose age difference is more than a couple of years and this starts to become a problem. Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher seemed madly in love and happy to be with each other, until the issue of their ages caught up with them and they realized they both wanted different things in life. When your age difference is significant and you both have a different mindset, this will catch up with your relationship, causing a split. When you're young, you want to continue experiencing



life, while when you're older, you're usually ready to settle down .

**2. Distance:** The life of a celebrity can be hectic. Hollywood stars such as Katy Perry and Russell Brand have crazy schedules that barely give them time to relax and spend time with each other. Celebrities get caught up in everything they have to do and eventually the growing emotional distance between the couples becomes inevitable on both ends. There are only so many times you can Skype before you both realize it's just not enough. If you realize that you're only seeing your beau a couple of times a month, you're not ready to settle down with each other just yet.

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**3. There's someone else in the picture:** Celebrities are constantly on tour or on set with many different people so they're bound to meet someone who they have a lot in common with. When celebrities work apart from their partner, they sometimes get lonely and end up finding that missing company and comfort in someone other than who they're in a relationship with. How can you avoid falling in love with someone like Robert Pattinson when you're cast to play Bella Swan? Sometimes things just happen.

**4. Fame and Money:** A lot of fame and money can get to some people's heads, and problems for celebrities are easily solved with having both, allowing them to avoid making rational decisions. With a lot of money, celebrities can make a quick escape out of a marriage or relationship, and it ends up being a trend in Hollywood to change your mind last minute about a huge decision, just like Kim Kardashian's 72-day marriage. If you notice a pattern in someone's love life that seems too fast paced, stay away!

**How do you know when it's time to call it quits in a relationship? Share your comments below.**

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# Sources Say Katy Perry Wants Russell Brand Back



Rumors are flying that Katy Perry is trying to get Russell Brand back. Although three months ago she released her song "Part of Me" as revenge towards Brand, Perry has seemingly had a change in heart. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "Katy's been trying to get him back!" says a source. "She's a lost soul right now." Perry's change of mind came from a recent trip to India on April 3, the same place where she and Brand were married in 2010. A source says, "She'd already been missing Russell. Being back there stirred up even more old feelings." A friend of Perry's said that the duo getting back together

would be a “long shot.” “Right now, Katy and Russell are trying to get to the point where they can at least be friends.”

## **When is it OK to take an ex back after a split?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Breaking up with your significant other is a tragic experience, and depending on the circumstances, getting back together with your ex could make more drama. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Your ex changed:** So maybe your ex used to have a horrible habit of overreacting and arguing too much, but took some anger management classes, just for you. That’s a sign you should get back together. If your ex can realize he has a problem and create a solution, then it’s acceptable to get back together, as long as you’re sure he changed.

**2. Your ex didn’t cheat:** If your past lover did not break your heart, then it’s okay to talk through things and try to sort out your differences. However, keep in mind that if your ex did something that makes you look bad, like cheating on you, it will be even more embarrassing if you take him back so easily.

**3. You both miss each other:** No matter what terms you and your ex-beau split up on, getting back together has to be mutual. You can’t force someone into falling back into love with you. Missing each other is a big step toward working through issues and becoming a couple again.

**Did you take your ex back after your split? Share your stories below.**

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# Did Katy Perry Sing About Russell Brand at the Grammy Awards?



Newly single Katy Perry may be using her music as an outlet for her divorce with Russell Brand. A nominee for record of the year, Perry performed at the Grammy Awards. She came out with “E.T.” and then followed it up with her new song titled “Part of Me.” According to [People](#), with lyrics like, “You can keep everything.” It sure sounds like the singer was making a reference to Brand.

**How can music help you recover after a tough breakup?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes it can be difficult to find ways to get over your ex. Cupid shares some advice about using music as an aid to recovery:

**1. Sad love songs:** It's cliché, but true. Listening to sad music can give you the perfect opportunity to cry and let it out, instead of holding it all in. It's a better outlet than venting too much to those outside the relationship.

**2. Embrace the music:** Taking up a new habit, such as learning a new instrument or joining a singing group can be a good outlet. It gives you the ability to concentrate on happier moments and forget the lack of compatibility with your ex.

**3. Write it out:** You don't have to be a superstar like Katy Perry to embrace the heartache, and write a song about your ex. It might not hit the charts, but it'll do the trick.

**What are some ways you've used music to get over a break up? Let us know in a comment below.**

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# **Katy Perry and Russell Brand Reach Divorce Settlement**





According to a filing that took place on Tuesday in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Katy Perry and Russell Brand have come to a “comprehensive written settlement of all issues.” A source tells [People](#) that Brand is not seeking cash from his higher-earning ex. Having not signed a prenuptial agreement, Brand would have been entitled to half of what Perry earned during the marriage. Since the ex couple have no children, the only issue was the distribution of property, which they will settling out of court. Seeing that Perry signed the papers with her usual happy autograph that included a smiley face in her last name, she must have been happy with the settlement.

**How do you keep the courts out of your divorce agreement?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

If you conduct yourself well during a divorce and are able to respect and compromise with your ex partner, you can easily settle your divorce out of court. Here are some actions to consider when you want to keep your divorce out of court:

**1. Don't try to take it all:** Remember that you are spitting your assets. Once you go around trying to have your cake and eat it too, you might need to take your divorce to court.

**2. Don't gossip:** Emotions run high during a divorce. Engaging in gossip can only make it worse.

**3. Stand your ground:** If there's something you really want to hold onto such as a piece of property, let your partner know from the beginning.

**Do you think you would be able to settle a divorce out of court? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Valentine's Day Duos: 5 Hollywood Relationships That Spiraled Out Of Control**





By Katanya Royster

Relationships can be hard work, and they require a lot of effort to be put in from both ends. When you both commit, it makes it all worthwhile- in most cases. While many relationships start off on a high note and continue on the path of blissfulness, others plummet to a place of irreconcilable differences, physical altercations and repeated infidelity. They end up heading straight to Splittsville. In fact, all you have to do is ask the following couples:

**1. Chris Brown and Rihanna:** Typically, the phrase “first love” invokes visions of butterflies, sunsets and all things untainted. But, in 2009, we saw an ugly side of first love. Singer, Chris Brown, was accused of assaulting his popstar girlfriend, Robyn “Rihanna” Fenty. At the time of the assault, Brown was 19 and Rihanna was 20. After pictures of Rihanna’s badly beaten face surfaced, fans immediately took sides. Some were ready to dismiss Brown’s actions as a forgivable misstep, while others were relentless in their criticism of him. Either way, it was the worst possible ending to a seemingly beautiful love story. Or was it?



Recent tweets make it seem as if reconciliation may be on the horizon.

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**2. Russell Brand and Katy Perry:** A shocked public let out a collective gasp when Russell Brand filed for divorce from his wife of 14 months. Failed Hollywood marriages are no surprise, but for some reason, we thought these two would be different. So what if Brand is a recovering sex addict and Perry is the daughter of evangelical ministers? We still thought this couple had a fighting chance. Brand's boredom with the couple's sex life and his inability to be alone, may have contributed to the couple's marital problems, reported *US Weekly*.

**3. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries.** Many thought Kim and Kris' lavish wedding was a publicity stunt. So, when Kim filed for divorce after only 72 days of marriage, no one was shocked – except maybe Kris. The NBA star claimed he was surprised by Kim's actions and that he wanted to make the couple's marriage work. After the split went viral, Kim was embarrassed and, in a rare move, retreated from the public eye while her ex-hubby was booed in NYC during a basketball game. Thus, if the marriage was a publicity stunt, it may have been the worst one in history.

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**4. Kobe and Vanessa Bryant:** In 2003, Kobe was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old hotel employee. Kobe proclaimed his innocence, but admitted to infidelity and famously apologized to his wife, Vanessa, with a \$4 million ring and a custom-made Lamborghini. It seems that Kobe's relationship patchwork was a bit like someone putting a Band-Aid on broken leg – a nice gesture, but it didn't actually fix the problem- a cheating husband. In 2011, after 10 years of marriage, Vanessa finally filed for divorce citing

“irreconcilable differences,”. Either way, a woman scorned, plus a husband worth \$150 million dollars, minus a prenup, equals trouble. With that kind of money up for grabs, this downward spiral may have only just begun.

**5. Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren.** Tiger Woods’ fame had just as much to do with his clean cut image as it did with his amazing golf game. However, a one-car accident near Woods’ and Nordegren’s Florida home changed his reputation forever.

A parade of women subsequently emerged and admitted to having affairs with the golf pro. In an attempt to save his marriage, the father of two spent six weeks in a rehabilitation program for sex addiction. Nonetheless, Nordegren filed for divorce granted on the basis that the couple’s marriage was “irretrievably broken.” Nordegren was awarded an undisclosed settlement amount thought to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million dollars.

**How did you know when you or a friend’s relationship was over? Share your stories below.**

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## **Katy Perry Is Caught Flirting With a New Man**





Though Katy Perry may not be fully ready to move on from ex-husband Russell Brand, she is getting there. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the singer was seen at a pre-Super Bowl party where she was seen mingling with many sexy athletes in attendance. She may not be hearing wedding bells again anytime soon, but she's certainly back to her old joking self. "You'll be the first straight man I've had a photo with in a long time, so live up to it," she said to Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, as they posted for a picture together.

**How do you know how long to wait before moving on after a split?**

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

It can be difficult to determine when the right time comes for you to move on from your last relationship. Cupid shares some advice:

**1. Mental closure:** If you think of your ex late at night and are filled with feelings of hate, anger and jealousy, you need some time before attempting to move on and begin a new

relationship.

**2. You stop thinking about them:** When you realize that you've gone more than just days without thinking of them, you're probably ready to begin dating again. You have to be happy by yourself before you can be happy with a new partner.

**3. When dating helps:** If you're potentially interested in someone and they already help you forget your ex, you may be able to move on with them. However, make sure that whoever you begin dating isn't a rebound.

**When did you know it was the right time to move on? Share your stories below.**

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## **Katy Perry Moves On Post-Split in Las Vegas**





A night on the town with some close friends can really help get over a breakup, and that looks to be the case for Katy Perry. According to [E! Online](#), the pop star was spotted in Las Vegas this past weekend supporting her best friend, jewelry designer Markus Molinari. It remained a quiet evening for the singer as she supported a fundraiser and spent some quality time with close friends. Despite the general romantic buzz of Sin City, it's certainly an opportunity for Perry to begin to move on from her recent split with Russell Brand.

**Where are some great vacation spots to visit after a breakup?**

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

Oftentimes after a breakup, the best way to move on can be to find some time to relax on your own or with good friends.

Cupid shares some post-split vacation spots:

**1. Atlantic City:** Share a hotel with some friends for the weekend, and gamble the night away. If gambling isn't your thing, the boardwalk is filled with tasty food and fun shopping. Either way, it'll be sure to take your mind off of

your ex and help you enjoy being single.

**2. Fantasy island:** Ever dreamed of that one vacation you've always wanted to go on? Well, make it a reality by finding cheap flights and using up some of those vacation days at work. What better way to get over someone than by not having to show up to work for a few days?

**3. Get active:** It's easy to stay holed up inside after a break up. Instead, go somewhere and get moving. Check out the slopes for some skiing or hiking.

**What are your dream vacations after a break up? Share your ideas below.**