

Ashley Tisdale Steps Out With New Boyfriend Christopher French



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After a few months of single life, *High School Musical* star Ashley Tisdale is dating Annie Automatic musician Christopher French, UsMagazine.com reports. Tisdale broke off it off with music video director Scott Speer earlier this year. The recent couple made their first public appearance when they visited the Apple Store in L.A. on Dec. 26. During a short split with ex-boyfriend Speer, Tisdale also briefly dated Boys Like Girls musician Martin Johnson.

How do you know when to make your relationship public?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't feel pressure to spread the word of your romance, but eventually if someone is important to you they should become

an obvious part of your life. It's hard to decide when exactly to update that Facebook profile. Rather than worry about it, here are some signs to take things public:

1. Close rapport: You and your partner could still be testing the water. Make sure you each feel comfortable and have some clarity about your relationship before telling the world. Wait until you know how to talk to each other.

2. Emotional investment: A few dates is a good start, but if you're going to be with someone publicly then you should know that you're both committed. Considering what you're both looking for in a relationship, could making things public add extra pressure? A decent stretch of dates will make it easier to tell friends and family about your special someone.

3. Longterm options: Be aware of the stresses your relationship could encounter. If distance, responsibilities or baggage from previous relationships are going to threaten this new one, then you have to be careful. Don't jump the gun before you've straightened out whether or not there's a future as a couple.

**When do you think you should make your relationship public?
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