

## 10 Tips to Build a Healthy Relationship

Healthy relationships don't just happen, they are built. Both spouses/partners must work on improving themselves as well as improving the partnership.

- 1. **Time Together** The very definition of a relationship: the way in which two people are connected. Go on dates, video chat, and make each other a priority with time.
- 2. **Time Apart** It's also healthy to have separate interests, friendships, and hobbies too. You'll both grow as individuals and appreciate each other more.
- 3. **Boundaries** It's important to give each other partner privacy and personal space and know where you end, and your partner begins.
- 4. **Safety** Both partners feel safe without any physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional abuse.
- 5. **Trust** Trust is a key component, and you must be vulnerable. Time to build will vary, but you should be able to rely on each other's loyalty and honesty overall.
- 6. **Communication** Open and honest communication while sharing your wants, needs, and feelings even when they differ from your partners.
- 7. **Managing Conflict** Every couple experiences conflict from time to time, and the key to managing your differences is connecting without insults, name-calling, sarcasm, and other behaviors of negativity.



- 8. **Teamwork** A couple in a healthy relationship views themselves as a team, and teams work together- They do not compete against each other.
- 9. **Intimacy** Mutually satisfying sexual relationship and the ability to share together one's thoughts, feelings, and needs. Physical and emotional intimacy maintains a connection
- 10. **Commitment** Maintain your commitment with boundaries between your relationship and the outside world. Work to block any exits in the relationship with an effort to thrive.

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