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# Are They RIGHT or Are They WRONG!!———

### **Healthy Relationship Checklist**

Relationships are an important part of life starting from the day we're born. As teens and adults, dating and intimate relationships emerge as one of the most rewarding and challenging connections we'll make. It is essential to our own happiness and well-being that we are able to distinguish those relationships that are healthy from those that are unhealthy. While many of us may feel that we have few role models in our lives to learn good relationship skills from, it is never too late to educate yourself and ensure your own success. Take a look at the relationships in your life. Are they healthy? If not, it's your right to take a stand.

You are more important than any single relationship. Despite the pressure you may feel to be dating or intimate, choosing to live without an unhealthy relationship is a sign of strength, pride and independence that will ultimately lead to a more rewarding relationship in the future.



### How do you know if the relationship you're in is a healthy one?

You're happy with or without your partner.

You're active and have meaningful friendships outside of your relationship.

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You communicate your needs to your partner. right wrong

Your partner is respectful of your feelings, thoughts right wrong and opinions.



"It doesn't matter what we're wearing, what we've done in the past, or whether or not we said yes but then changed our mind. It's hot when guys respect our decision. Hey, real men respect. And respect is hot."

wrong

right

		judging each other.
right	wrong	Both you and your partner admit when you're wrong.
right	wrong	You discuss differences and compromise equally.
right	wrong	You and your partner value each other as individuals.
right	wrong	You both feel secure about your feelings for each other without jealousy or possessiveness.
right	wrong	You and your partner accept each other's choices without pressuring one another to change.
right	wrong	You respect each other's need for privacy.
right	wrong	You are honest with yourself and each other.
right	wrong	You respect each other's boundaries and are able to say no to sex.
right	wrong	You both can and do keep agreements.
right	wrong	Neither you nor your partner's needs come before the other. They are equally important.
right	wrong	Arguments or fights do not lead to emotional or physical abuse or threats.
right	wrong	Neither partner feels that he/she is making a great sacrifice to stay with the other.
right	wrong	Both of you maintain the freedom to be yourselves.

You and your partner listen to each other without

If you did not answer "right" to each of these questions, take time to decide if the relationship you're in is worth it. Each of us is important and deserves to be happy and healthy... even when we're sharing our lives with others.

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