

IS IT GOING TO LAST?: THE RELATIONSHIPS QUIZ

So you're at the start or in the early days of a relationship. How likely is it that this one will last ? Maybe there are a few things that get on your nerves; some warning signs. But there's something more basic about whether you and your new partner agree that might make or break long-term ommitment. See how you score.

	SCORE 1 if you prefer this answer	SCORE 2 if you prefer this answer
Someone lets you down (a babysitter, supplier, friend or relation.).	One of you will usually be prepared to give them a second or third chance; the other assumes they're mucking you about- for this person there is only one chance!	You and your partner usually agree on what to do: whether to be understanding or unforgiving.
There's an opportunity to make a bit of money at the expense of a friend or colleague,	The two of you will take very different views about what to do in this case.	You and your partner tend to agree what to do: either take the money or resist the urge to take advantage of someone you know.
Someone on the street asks for money, explaining that they need to get home to their child	One of you might be tempted to give the money. The other assumes it's a con.	You tend to agree what to do whether it's give the money, shout at the beggar or ignore the request.
You or your partner have done some work, and a colleague suggests that ' It's the best piece of work he's seen in years'.	In this situation, one of you would assume the colleague had a hidden motive and wasn't being honest, the other would accept the comments at face value.	In such situations, you'd tend to agree either than the person was an insincere flatterer or meant what he/she said.
Late for an important meeting, you see an old person, with a walking stick, trying to cross a very busy road.	One of you would immediatly go up and help the old person. The other would ignore him/her and head for the meeting.	You'd tend to agree what to do: help the senior citizen or make the meeting on time
A colleague lets you down by calling in sick	One of you would have genuine concern	You both feel similar, displaying either

<p>on a Monday when you are both due at an important meeting.</p>	<p>for your colleague, hoping they recover quickly. The other appears slightly irritated by this illness and subsequent absence and may even doubt whether they are genuinely ill.</p>	<p>genuine concern or cynicism.</p>
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AFFECTION, how positive, warm and supportive you are to other people, seems to have a big impact on relationships. If the two people involved in a relationship have similar attitudes to other people it provides a positive basis for the relationship whatever other difficulties there are. If partners have very different attitudes to people it will make it difficult for them to form a solid relationship, whatever else they have in common. If you've scored 6 it sounds as though you're poles apart: one of you is warm, trusting and sympathetic to others; the other partner is more cynical and may take advantage of others. You may find this explains some of the areas you feel the relationship is weak. If you score 12 you seem to view others in the same way – whether with higher or lower affection. In-between scores suggest you need to think things over.

But please don't plan your future based on this! It's a simple, informal quiz which seeks to illuminate how partners' attitudes to other people might affect their relationships. The results are not scientifically valid. This quiz is loosely based on the findings of a research project into relationships which used a fully scientific personality test FACET 5. For more information on FACET 5 see www.....