

词汇: *relationships* 感情关系

Most of us dream of meeting that **special someone**. For lack of a better phrase, that **Prince** or **Princess charming** who will sweep us off our feet. But to quote the old **adage** from Shakespeare, “The course of true love never did run smooth.” Sometimes our **dream partner** may have an unfortunate surprise to share with us – they may not live in the same town, city, country, or even on the same continent as you.

And so some crazy **lovebirds** decide to enter into a long-distance relationship. We live in a time when the internet facilitates easier interaction with your **cherished** and **treasured** potential **life partner**. However, according to the many people who have been in long-distance relationships, there are certain **pitfalls** that you need to be aware of to enjoy a **committed** and **monogamous** relationship over the wires of the net.

Many people are put off by the very idea of it. A lack of **intimacy** and **companionship** can act as a **deterrent** for some, but for those who embrace a digital distance relationship, they must accept that at times they may feel lonely. Many of us dream of that **inseparable** bond, often named as ‘soulmates’, and here are three tips to help you navigate this potentially tricky form of dating.

Firstly, there needs to be trust. Being faithful is a **prerequisite** in most relationships, but you also need to be able to trust yourself not to stray. Part of the challenge is dealing with loneliness. Also, maintaining a level of **self-sufficiency** and setting goals is another way to help you cope. Not only does it mean you keep your independence, but also gives you more to talk about with your partner. Lastly, you need a plan – dates when you will see each other again, or where the relationship will lead to: perhaps even marriage.

So, long-distance relationships are potentially a difficult situation, but if you do meet **Mr** or **Mrs Right**, and they live far away, there are some steps you can take to make life a little easier.

词汇表

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| special someone | 特别的那个人，生命中重要的那个人 |
| Prince / Princess Charming | 白马王子、白雪公主，理想的另一半 |
| adage | 格言 |
| dream partner | 理想的伴侣 |
| Lovebirds | 情侣，恋人 |
| cherished | 珍爱的 |
| treasured | 心爱的 |
| life partner | 终身伴侣 |
| Pitfall | 陷阱 |
| committed | 忠诚的 |
| monogamous | 一夫一妻制的 |
| Intimacy | 亲昵的言行 |
| companionship | 陪伴 |
| deterrent | 威慑作用 |
| inseparable | 亲密无间的 |
| prerequisite | 先决条件 |
| self-sufficiency | 自给自足，自我满足 |
| Mr / Mrs Right | 意中人，理想伴侣 |

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What puts some people off of long-distance relationships?
2. What is the added benefit of being independent?
3. What is the first thing needed in any relationship?
4. What unfortunate surprise might someone share with you when you first meet them?
5. What do a lot of people call the inseparable bond that some people feel?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. _____ to a person is an important part of being in a relationship.

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| Commit | Committing | Commits | Committed |
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2. Distance limits the amount you can be _____ with your partner.

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| intimacy | intimated | intimate | intimates |
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3. Some people don't believe in _____.

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| monogamy | commit | inseparable | treasured |
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4. Stricter fines may act as a _____.

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| deterrent | deter | deterred | deters |
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5. My dog is a great _____.

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| company | companies | companion | companionship |
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What puts some people off of long-distance relationships?

A lack of intimacy and companionship.

2. What is the added benefit of being independent?

You have more to talk about with your partner.

3. What is the first thing needed in any relationship?

The first tip mentions that trust is needed in any long-distance relationship.

4. What unfortunate surprise might someone share with you when you first meet them?

That they live far away from you.

5. What do a lot of people call the inseparable bond that some people feel?

The inseparable bond felt by some people is often referred to as soulmates.

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. **Committing** to a person is an important part of being in a relationship.

2. Distance limits the amount you can be **intimate** with your partner.

3. Some people don't believe in **monogamy**.

4. Stricter fines may act as a **deterrent**.

5. My dog is a great **companion**.