

What do you think about long-distance relationships?

Ahmed / Egypt



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a	Less than two years	a	Do it	a	Cautious
b	More than two years	b	Do not do it	b	Considerate

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My name is Ahmed. I come from Egypt. And my question is, what do you think about _____ relationships?

I have been in a long-distance _____ for a little bit more than two years. I would say don't do it. Don't do it. Don't do it at all. Unless you have very strong _____ to believe that the person you are with is too valuable for you to let _____ go, or some _____ of them being too important in your life for you not to fight against life itself, oftentimes against them. Against yourself to make them... to do your best, to influence them to stay in your life, let's _____.

So in general, I think it's a very difficult _____ to manage on _____ parties. I think a lot of times, _____ problems in a relationship get magnified because of the distance. So there are a lot of problems with a long-distance relationship, absolutely. Is it doable? I think so. I hope _____. So I would say be cautious and be responsible.

Answer Key

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So in general, I think it's a very difficult **enterprise** to manage on **both parties**. I think a lot of times, **typical** problems in a relationship get magnified because of the distance. So there are a lot of problems with a **long-distance relationship**, absolutely. Is it doable? I think so. I hope **so**. So I would say be cautious and be responsible.

long-distance relationship

Meaning: A romantic relationship where two people live far apart and cannot see each other often.

Examples:

- Maintaining a **long distance relationship** requires strong communication and trust.
- They have been in a **long distance relationship** for three years, but they make it work.

strong evidence

Meaning: Clear proof or convincing reasons to believe something.

Examples:

- There is **strong evidence** that exercising regularly improves health.
- Before making a decision, you should have **strong evidence** that it's the right choice.

let them go

Meaning: To allow someone to leave your life, emotionally or physically.

Examples:

- If someone doesn't treat you well, it's best to **let them go**.
- She didn't want to **let him go**, but she knew it was the right decision.

some variation of

Meaning: A different form or version of something.

Examples:

- Most love stories are **some variation of** "boy meets girl, they fall in love, and something happens."
- Every culture has **some variation of** traditional dance.

enterprise

Meaning: A project, challenge, or business that requires effort to manage.

Examples:

- Running a small business is a difficult **enterprise** that requires patience.
- A **long distance relationship** is a challenging **enterprise** that requires dedication from both people.

let's say

Meaning: A phrase used to introduce an example or possibility.

Examples:

- **Let's say** you move to another country—how would you keep in touch?
- If you could live anywhere, **let's say** Paris, would you do it?

both parties

Meaning: Both people or groups involved in something.

Examples:

- **Both parties** need to communicate well for a relationship to work.
- In business deals, **both parties** must agree on the contract terms.