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## THE RULES OF LOVE

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- 32 Let not the sun go down upon your wrath
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- 34 Let them have the last word
- 35 Houston, we have a problem
- 36 Dont put them on a pedestal and expect them to stay there
- 37 Know when to listen and when to act
- 38 Never stop trying to be attractive
- 39 If you can say something nice, do
- 40 Dont try to be their parent
- 41 Be part of their life
- 42 If little things annoy you, say so with humour
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- 74 Dont let your parents control your feelings
- 75 Your children come before you
- 76 Nothing is worth falling out over



- 77 Dont shout at the people you love
- 78 Treat them right, no matter how they treat you
- 79 There are no circumstances in which it is ever acceptable to say I told you so
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#### Friendship Rules

- 89 There are no rules
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- 91 Only have people in your life who, on balance, make it better not worse
- 92 If youre going to be a friend, be a good friend
- 93 Forgive
- 94 Never give advice
- 95 Dont make other people uncomfortable
- 96 Find friends who love the truth



- 97 Never lend money unless youre prepared to write it off
- 98 If you dont like their partner, tough
- 99 When one finger points forwards, three point back
- 100 Friendships change
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- 103 People are more important than things
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Had enough yet . . .?

