

**Investigationalism: And once you know, find out more ...**

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, researching people has never been easier. Some may say that this isn't only an invasion of privacy, but also entirely creepy. Trust us: they're guilty of researching someone too, but are careful enough to delete their search histories afterwards.

Google is the fastest and easiest way to access information. You should embrace the idea; not only is it fun, but it's extremely resourceful. It's amazing how much you can learn about someone by simply typing their name, preferably in quotations, in a search engine. If he has a common name, you may have to resort to an advanced search, adding a qualifier (like +Edmonton or +basketball, depending on what you know about him) to filter through the results. Other gold mines of information include blogs, Myspace or Facebook—you shouldn't shy away from using them.

What you find	What it means
A hundred billion pictures on his Facebook profile.	Whoa, narcissism.
He is a British Lord born in 1819.	This is not the man you are looking for. Narrow the search!
He plays a sport.	Excellent! Now do a bit more research and you'll have an excellent conversation starter.
He was a contestant on Canadian Idol	Your work has just begun. Try to find a link of his TV performance on youtube.com
His blog	Read it to find out more!



**Dating: the transition from high school boyfriend to university boyfriend**

If you are currently in a relationship, these are things you should never do:

**Fight via e-mail**

Many of us have laptops nowadays, making instant messaging and emailing as common a means of communication as phone calls. Under no circumstances should disputes be carried out in written form, however. The reasons are simple and logical: anything that can be read over and over will inevitably be misread. Not to mention that while the spur of the moment emotions you felt at the time of your feverish typing may have fizzled by the time the "your message has been sent" page comes up, the recipient of your communiqué is going to feel the full effect of your momentary wrath.

**Say you want to take a break**

This is otherwise known as breaking up without balls. If you no longer want to be with someone, just bite the bullet and break up. A break suggests that you plan on getting back together at some point, but if you really want to be with someone you wouldn't be taking a break in the first place. It might be hard to let go, or even think of moving on, but it's completely selfish to expect your boyfriend to sit in waiting while you figure things out. If you're worried about making the hugest mistake of your life, just remember that breaking up for the time being doesn't mean that the door is permanently closed, and if your relationship is "meant to be" you may find each other again a few years down the line.

**Take a class together**

You may think that this will provide a great way to spend some quality time with that special someone, but it's a very bad idea. For one thing, even the most uncompetitive individuals can become obsessed with not being the "dumber" one in the relationship. Not to mention it becomes very difficult to stay focused on a lecture if you're in the middle of fighting with your boyfriend/girlfriend. You're far better off arranging to have breaks at the same time than committing to a semester of saving each other a seat.