

Patsy Cline – Back in Baby's Arms (1969)

CHORUS: I'm back in baby's arms

How I _____ those lovin' arms

I'm back _____ I **belong**

Back in baby's arms

Don't _____ why we **quarreled**

We never did _____

_____ we **found out** how it hurts

I **bet** we never **quarrel** _____

CHORUS: I'm back...

Thought I didn't _____ his love

'Til he took it _____

Now I'm back _____ I belong

And in my baby's arms I'm gonna _____

**stay, missed, where (2x), before, anymore,
since, need, away, know**

Patsy Cline's personal life (1932–1963)

In 1953, Patsy married Gerald E. Cline, thus **picking up**¹ the last name she would keep for the rest of her life. Gerald, however, she chose not to keep. Encyclopedia Virginia reveals that she had an affair with Bill Peer, but she broke things off with him and separated from her husband in 1955. By 1957 she'd divorced the latter in time to marry her new **beau**², a linotype operator named Charles Allen Dick. (Needless to say, she passed on adopting that last name for professional reasons.)

¹take hold of and lift or move someone or something.

²a boyfriend or male admirer.

After Patsy and Charles **wed**³, she found herself back to **scraping**⁴ by, performing small local gigs as her new husband served a **stint**⁵ in the army, stationed at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. As Patsy had a baby to care for (the first of two kids she and Charles would have), she was unable to go on tour. Once Charles' enlistment was up, though, the couple relocated to Nashville where her star once again began to shine

Patsy Cline's tragic death

Early in the morning on March 5, 1963, Patsy and two fellow Opry stars, Cowboy Copas and Hawkshaw Hawkins, were flying back to Nashville from a Kansas City benefit concert. The small plane they flew in was piloted by Randy Hughes, who was himself an Opry session guitarist and the son-in-law of Copas as well as being Patsy's manager. Shortly after taking off from a **refueling**⁶ stop, Hughes lost control of his Piper PA-24 Comanche due to poor visibility and the plane crashed outside of Camden, Tennessee. There were no survivors.

There was a memorial service in Nashville for all four performers lost in the crash, where the Wilmington Star News relates that June Carter was in tears and fans paid tribute with floral arrangements shaped like musical instruments, cowboy hats, and boots. After this service, Patsy's remains were returned to her hometown of Winchester for burial.

1. _____ have a heated argument or disagreement.

2. _____ an idea or opinion produced by thinking, or occurring suddenly in the mind; careful consideration or attention.

3. _____ a small adhesive piece of paper stuck to something to show that an amount of money has been paid, in particular a postage stamp.

4. _____ to learn by study, observation, or search : discover.

5. _____ be the property of.

6. _____ used to express certainty; be certain, be sure, be convinced, be confident

_____ ³get married to

⁴draw or move (something) along or over something else, making a harsh noise.

⁵a person's fixed or allotted period of work.

⁶supply (a vehicle) with more fuel.

7. _____ - a lover or spouse (often as a form of address). "my _____ left me for another guy", Similar: darling, sweetheart, dearest, dear, honey

Things You Should Never Do After a Fight With Your Partner

It's completely normal — and healthy — for couples to argue. You're two separate people, and you're going to have different opinions sometimes. You might have heard of some of those classic techniques for how to fight fair, like only using statement starting with "I" or trying not to call names.

But what you might not realize is that how you act after a fight can be as important to your relationship as what you say in the heat of the moment. Here are some reactions to avoid, whether you're totally over it or still working on that whole forgive-and-forget thing.

1. Don't disrespect your partner's need for space.

"In a fight, when one partner is overwhelmed, they may not be able to process their thoughts," Dr. Megan Flemming, clinical psychologist and certified sex therapist, tells Woman's Dat. "Which is why it's important to respect when someone says 'I need a break.'" It can be natural to feel anxious if your partner needs some time to cool off and collect their thoughts — if this happens, take a few deep breaths and think about how'd you want to be treated if the roles were reversed.

"Understand that it's not personal," says Dr. Flemming.

2. Don't have an all-or-nothing mentality.

After a heated argument with your partner, try to keep an open mind. In the midst of a fight, it can be easy to slip into black-or-white thinking. Dr. Flemming says using terms like "you always" or "never" will never solve an argument, so it's important to take a step back once things have cooled off to consider the argument from your partner's point of view.

3. Don't give them the cold shoulder.

If you need some space after a fight, that's completely fine, as long as you tell them. "One of the biggest mistakes people make after an argument is **stonewalling**⁷," Rachel A. Sussman, a licensed psychotherapist and relationship expert in New York City, tells Woman's Day. If you brush your partner off or ignore them, they may think you're punishing them, which

_____ ⁷delay or obstruct (a request, process, or person) by refusing to answer questions or by being evasive.

"she has also stonewalled queries about her love life"

may make them hold back on telling you how they feel in the future. Instead, say, "My emotions don't recede as quickly as yours, but give me 24 hours and I'm sure things will be fine. If not, we can discuss more."

4. Don't keep their words in your arsenal.

You know the saying, "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"? Whatever your partner says during a fight should stay there. "List-makers never tell their partners what bothers them in the moment," =Michelle Golland, PsyD, a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles, tells Woman's Dat. So if they say something during the fight that **bugs**⁸ you, tell them their words are frustrating you. If their fighting words annoy you the next day, give yourself some breathing room instead of approaching them again so soon. Bringing up an argument too often can lead to talking in circles, not a resolution.

5. Don't just say, "I'm sorry" if they're still hurt.

That says, "I'm sick of this. Leave me alone. I want to do something else," Laurie Puhn, a couples mediator and author of Fight Less, Love More, tells Woman's Day. "What you want to say is, 'I'm sorry for...' and explain what you're talking about. The second part of the apology is, 'In the future, I will...' and fill in the blank with how you won't make the mistake again."

6. Don't make excuses for why you fought.

There are a million things on which you could **blame**⁹ an argument: a bad day at work, a headache, a restless night. In fact, a University of California Berkeley study found that couples who don't get enough sleep are more likely to fight. Still, passing the blame isn't fair to your or your partner. "Fights are about information," Dr. Golland says. "If you're angry, sad or hurt, that's information your husband needs to know." The next time you have a bad day at work, send a warning text before you get home, Dr. Golland suggests. That way, they know that you may be more **irritable**¹⁰.

⁸ annoy or bother (someone).

⁹ feel or declare that (someone or something) is responsible for a fault or wrong.

¹⁰ having or showing a tendency to be easily annoyed.

How Much Space Is TOO Much Space In a Relationship?

There are some phrases that can send a chill down your spine when you hear them from your partner—and if "We need to talk" is as bad as it gets, "I need some space" isn't far behind. But the truth is, space isn't a bad thing, even in a romantic relationship. It may make you feel a little **panicky**¹¹ if your partner says that they need some breathing room, but space can be a positive force in a relationship. In fact, it can be a great thing.

What Is Personal Space in a Relationship?

Personal space in a relationship means you're taking time to put yourself first and do things that are just for you—choices that will make you feel great about yourself, putting you in a better **mindset**¹² to take care of your relationship. The trick is to get the balance right. If your partner says they need space in your relationship, something has gone a little wrong—either with the partnership or just in their own life. So, whether you've been together for two months or 20 years, you need to take it seriously. The good news is that it's an easy enough problem to fix—as long as you can balance giving them space with making sure that you don't **drift apart**¹³. If you do it right, you may find that having a little distance makes you feel more grateful for each other and, **ultimately**¹⁴, brings you closer together.

So how much space is too much? Here's what you need to consider.

Why Do They Need Space?

The first thing to do is talk to your partner about why they need space. Even if you feel defensive or strange about it, remember that it's a totally normal, reasonable request for them to make—so make sure that you question it with genuine curiosity rather than getting **defensive**¹⁵. It may be that they're really stressed at work, or feel like they haven't

¹¹ feeling or characterized by uncontrollable fear or anxiety.

¹² the established set of attitudes held by someone.

¹³ (of two or more people) gradually become less intimate or friendly.

¹⁴ finally; in the end.

¹⁵ very anxious to challenge or avoid criticism.

"he was very defensive about that side of his life"

had enough time with their friends, or maybe they're just feeling claustrophobic. When you understand what the root of the problem is, it will be easier to know how much space to give—and how to give it.

How Much Space Do They Want?

Once you talk to your partner about why they need space, try to get them to explain how you can give that to them. If they want more time to go to the gym or **pursue**¹⁶ a hobby, that's an easy one to negotiate—you can find out how many times a week they want to do that. If they want something more **nebulous**¹⁷, like "more alone time," you may need to ask them to be a little more specific about how you can help them with that.

In general, you should do your best to make it happen—within reason. If they're saying they want to go travel the world for six months and leave you with two kids at home, you obviously have the right to put your foot down. But, in most cases, you should be able to find a compromise. If it doesn't feel like a huge shift in your lives or something that will draw a **wedge**¹⁸ between you, it's probably OK.

How Can You Check In While Still Giving Them Space?

How do you make sure you give your partner enough space without feeling like you're drifting away from each other? The key is to make sure that you check in regularly. Space between you doesn't have to feel like distance between you—if you do it right. So tell your partner that you're sorry that they're struggling and you want to be able to give them the space they need but suggest that you check in every Sunday or every other week. It's just a chance to touch base, see how things are **progressing**¹⁹, and if your partner is feeling any better. It's also an opportunity to air any concerns you have and talk about how it's affecting the relationship—positively or negatively. Even if your partner needs space, you still have your own needs that should be considered, so explain that you'll feel better if you two can stay connected that way. Communication is key.

¹⁶ follow or chase (someone or something).

¹⁷ indistinct, indefinite, unclear, vague

¹⁸ a piece of wood, metal, etc. having one thick end and tapering to a thin edge, that is driven between two objects or parts of an object to secure or separate them.

¹⁹ develop towards an improved or more advanced condition.