

## TED TALK TRANSCRIPT (2)

### 1. Topic - How to survive a long distance relationship?

Hi, my name is Kelvin, and today I'm going to tell you how to successfully maintain a long distance relationship. First of all, I would like to ask how many of you are in a relationship? Doesn't it feel bad when you haven't seen your loved one for a long period of time, whether it's from a class period, a day, or even a week? Well, I haven't seen my girlfriend in person since WINTER BREAK, so about four months. And I know what you think, pshhh a long distance relationship? That'll never work out. But before I tell you how I've maintained a long term relationship I'll provide some background info. So I've been dating her for about one and a half-ish years. I actually met her at my cousin's place when she was having a party during the summer of our sophomore year. We low key hit it off during the party so I started talking to her. A few months of talking and hanging out with her, I asked her out and we started dating. The thing was, was that she went to Lowell, and I was like that's hella far away, and boy was I wrong, the situation I'm in right now is so much worse. Oh I forgot to mention she was a senior, and at the time I was still a junior. When it was time for colleges to send out their admissions, she found out she was admitted to the University of Texas, Austin, and when I found out I was completely shook, I was panicking and was thinking do we have to end our relationship, will we ever see each other again, and I know I was overreacting. A few months later, it was summer, and we knew we had to have a plan to maintain our relationship. Eventually summer ended and I didn't see her for a while after that but we're still together to this day, so I'm going to tell you a few strategies we used to maintain a relationship that hopefully you won't have to experience.

First of all, try to communicate with them at least ONE time everyday, and it doesn't have to take up your whole day, just make some time. Also you can talk about anything even the little things (like a joke you heard, or what you had for breakfast). For my case, I've been FaceTiming her every night for about 30 mins.

Secondly, do things together even when you're apart. It might sound confusing but there are a few things you can do together even when you're separated like watching something or playing a game. For my case, we've found this amazing extension on google that allows you to sync your netflix so that it would play the exact same thing, it also has a chat box thing included with it, so we can talk with each other. We've also been trying to play some games together (ie

Fortnite), but she doesn't really like to play with me cause I'm always dying first.

Thirdly, try to take time to visit each other, not seeing each other in person for a long of period is pretty taxing on you, visiting each other will take that all away, it'll be like an early christmas present everytime you see each other. And try not to make the trips one-sided, like you're always visiting her and she isn't visiting back and vice versa. In my case, I visited her during Thanksgiving Break, it was actually pretty easy because I have family living in Houston, but it was still a few hours drive, and she came back to the city during Christmas

Fourthly, send each other care packages, and try to make it a surprise. You can honestly send anything that reminds them of you whether it's one of your clothes or even a mix tape. For my case, a few weeks back she send my a pretty cute cup with a heart on it that shines when you pour something hot in it, and last week I send her one of my hoodies and a few of my senior portraits.

There are other things we did, but I would like to bring this talk to an end, so my final step would be to trust each other and stay positive. Trust is a vital component in a relationship, and I'm pretty sure a lost in trust is what ends most relationships, so just be faithful to your relationship.

THE END !!!