

Intertype Relations good for Romance
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DUAL

ENTp - ISFp
ESFj - INTj
ENFj - ISTj
ESTp - INFp
ESFp - INTp
ENTj - ISFj
ESTj - INFj
ENFp - ISTp

These relations are the most favorable and comfortable of all intertype relations. Dual partners are like two halves of a whole unit. They usually understand each other's intentions and will naturally protect each other's weak points and appreciate the strong ones. Interaction with your Dual allows you to be yourself. Conflicts between Duals are very rare and if there are any, they are normally short lived and solved without pain. Partners must be truly striving for the same or similar things, however. Plus it is difficult to notice your Dual partner among all the other types and even easier to pass them by. The magnetic effect of Duality becomes obvious when partners do not see each other for a while. Only after being together for a fair amount of time do the partners start realizing how much they need each other. The first stage sometimes can be really tense, like a new engine that requires a "run in". To have a Dual partner is irreplaceable if you have to compete or survive in a socially dangerous environment.

IDENTICAL

ENTp - ENTp
ISFp - ISFp
ESFj - ESFj
INTj - INTj
ENFj - ENFj
ISTj - ISTj
ESTp - ESTp
etc...

These are relations of complete understanding between partners but with an inability to really help each other. Identical partners see the world with identical eyes and come to identical conclusions, plus they have identical problems. They experience sympathy towards each other and try to support each other, but interaction with an Identical partner may become boring unless partners have common interests. If Identical partners feel a mutual attraction to each other their relations can be really loving and caring. In order for Identical relations to last, one partner has to take a role of the Dual, so that if the two are introverts, one often subconsciously attempts to take care of the extroverted side of things, if the two are thinking types, then one would try to fill the resulting emotional void etc. Different backgrounds and function developments of Identical partners could help in this case. The result of Identical relations is self-development, like watching a video of oneself.

MIRROR

ENTp - INTj
ISFp - ESFj
ENFj - INFp
ISTj - ESTp
ESFp - ISFj
INTp - ENTj
ESTj - ISTp
INFj - ENFp

These are relations of mutual correction. Mirror partners have similar interests and ideas, but a slightly different understanding of the same problems. Each partner can see only half of one problem. They always find what the other partner is thinking interesting. The area of confidence of one partner is always the area of creativity for the other partner. What seems concrete to one person is changeable to the other. This difference may often puzzle the partners. It seems for them as if the other partner simply misunderstood the main concept. Therefore partners attempt to correct each other's understanding but usually fail. For the same reason, Mirror partners can be involved in really hot disputes and can even come to blows in the name of their opinion. However, Mirror partners are often very good friends. When they work together on the same project, their mutual correction and adjustment becomes a constructive criticism. The main discomfort in these relations is caused by the difference in Judgement and Perception. Mirror partners generally agree about setting near future goals, but disagree about global aims. Mirror relations usually lack warm atmosphere between partners.

SEMI-DUAL

ENTp-ISTp
ISFp-ENFp
ESFj-ISTj
INTj-ENFj
ESTp-INTp
INFp-ESFp
ENTj-INFj
ISFj-ESTj

Semi-Duality partners usually have no problems in understanding each other in theory. When it comes to fulfilling joint plans, they often fail to co-operate. The extrovert partner hardly listens to the introvert; however, the introvert partner does not get upset and finds a way to adapt. Semi-Duals usually have many topics for conversation and are not bored with each other. But just when they feel like they are halfway to complete understanding, one of them does something that ruins all established harmony. This is how incomplete Duality manifests itself. Semi-Duality partners cannot stay upset with each other for a long time. After partners have calmed down, they attempt to get closer to each other again which leads to another stumble. For the observer, these relations may seem really passionate and loving. Relations of Semi-Duality can be compared with the moth and the flame. They are full of contrasts: from being happy to see partner again to sudden disappointment and bewilderment.

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LOOK-ALIKE

INTj - INFj
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ESFj - ESTj
ISTj - ISFj
ESFp - ENFp
INTp - ISTp

These are relations between equal partners which can be called acquaintances rather than friends. There are no visual obstacles in the development of these relations, partners can talk easily almost about anything. Look-a-like partners do not feel any danger from the other partner. The strong sides of the partners are different in such a way that almost any conversations between them always fall into the area of the confidence of only one of the partners. Look-a-like partners also have similar problems which makes them feel rather sympathetic towards each other. Understanding between partners is usually good. Collaboration between them may be very fruitful especially if partners feel a mutual attraction. Arguments in Look-a-like relations are not common practice. The partners usually try to help each other, or at least feel when their partner requires some form of assistance. However, in many cases the help is not effective enough because partners have similar problems. Look-a-like relations have an average degree of comfort. Partners do not have anything against each other but also nothing for which to struggle. These relations can normally bring a feeling of satisfaction from interaction with an equal and not boring partner.

Other Intertype Relations good for Non-romantic conflict (sisters, brothers, friends, and enemies).

Conflicting Relations- These are relations of constantly developing conflict. Conflicting relations have the worst compatibility between partners among all other relations. However, it does not seem to be so obvious, especially in the earlier stages of development. Conflicting partners appear rather attractive, interesting and with impressive abilities. Both partners are usually convinced that they can coexist and collaborate quite peacefully, but soon it becomes apparent that something is always going wrong.

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Super-Ego Relations- These are relations of mutual respect between partners. Super-Ego partners may think of each other as a distant and slightly mysterious ideal. They often show interest in each other's manners, behavior and thought composition. Both partners experience a warm feeling towards each other, but for the outsider, these relations may look cold. If Super-Ego partners cannot find common interests, their interaction can become very formal.

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Quasi-Identical: These are relations of major misunderstanding. Quasi-Identical partners can interact with each other in a more or less peaceful manner if both partners are Thinking types. If they are both Feeling types however, they are likely to have an argumentative relationship. An absence of personal attraction may cause unnecessary internal tension resulting in conflict between partners. However these arguments do not often last long. The Perceiving partner is usually the first to show the initiative in reconciliation.

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Contrary Relations- These are relations of an unstable psychological distance. Both partners experience difficulties in establishing and keeping a stable psychological distance between them. When somebody else is present, each partner tries to capture the attention of the listener by showing off their strong side.

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Relations of Benefit- One partner, called the Benefactor, is always in a more favorable position than the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary thinks of the Benefactor as an interesting and meaningful person and over-evaluates them in the beginning. When partners are together, the Beneficiary involuntarily starts to ingratiate themselves with the Benefactor. Eventually, the Beneficiary sees the weakness of the Benefactor, but when the Beneficiary tries to help, the Benefactor cannot hear them.

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ESFj > ENFp > ENTj > ESTp > ESFj > INTj > ISTp > ISFj > INFp > INTj >

Relation of Supervision- One partner, called the Supervisor, is always in a more favorable position in respect to the Supervisee who feels the Supervisor is constantly watching every step. The latter usually feels this control and this makes the Supervisee nervous and expect the worse. The Supervisee pays attention and wants to gain recognition and commendation from the Supervisor. However, there is little chance that will ever happen.

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ESFj > ISTp > ENTj > INFp > ESFj > INTj > ENFp > ISFj > ESTp > INTj >...