

My boyfriend refuses to use Facebook. Everyone else I know has an account and my friends think that it is odd he doesn't. Plus, it's so much easier to keep in touch with each other, share photos, etc. What can I do to convince him to get online?

First, unless your friends are also dating your boyfriend, which would be odd, what they think about his internet usage isn't relevant. Second, as my dad used to say, if everyone else was jumping off of a bridge, would you jump too? Simply because something is popular doesn't mean it's the best choice. Look at all of those Justin Bieber fans.

Your boyfriend may have very legitimate concerns about Facebook. Respect his wishes. While it is a good way to keep in touch, so is email, phone calls and a good, old fashioned, face-to-face meeting.

I recently moved to the Netherlands and left behind many good friends. I have many wonderful colleagues and neighbors but I am having trouble making deeper friendships. How can I make best friends?

First, be a good friend. What goes around comes around and if you're a good friend, people will be the same to you. Second, find hobbies to bond over. Finally, just because your friends are in another place, doesn't mean you can't keep up with them. Skype exists! Don't leave them behind.

I had a giant yard at my old house in my country and now I'm in a tiny apartment with a teeny balcony. I need some green in my life! How can I bring plants back into my life?

I just killed my third Albert Heijn basil plant, so I might not be the best person to ask. There are lots of good resources out there for indoor plants, growing plants on your balcony, etc. Head over to your local gardening store and ask for some advice. Or try a cactus. I haven't managed to kill mine yet.