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Rules are set in place for people to adhere to for proper and appropriate behavior, language, or many other different things that need guidance. One of the best examples of rules are the kinds of rules that adults have for children or even rules for the public. Rules are meant to provide guidance and to maintain some type of order at all times. The same is true with life and love, and how there are rules to follow in that aspect. The rules are simple and easy to follow! This rule is the first and most important of all because how we treat other people does affect our own life. How people treat other people displays their personality and how they feel about themselves. People that are caring with kind and positive words towards other people tend to get further in life than negative people do. Treating others with compassion, respect, and encouragement is a virtue. This also shows others that you are a caring person with morals and principles that are positive and following this simple rule can inspire others to be more positive. This will lead to more success and even a happier future that can be noticed always and through long lengths of time. **Honesty is Always the Best Policy** The second rule of love is the most important for having high principles and morals throughout life. This means not lying to yourself, your partner, or to any one at all. The main point of this rule is that people who are close to you always deserve the truth out of love and respect for them. **Cheaters Never Prosper** The second rule is the most important for maintaining healthy and positive relationships throughout life. Love involves being honest and having respect for yourself and for all other people around you. Cheating can be hurtful, harmful, damaging, and can cause a bad reputation to be started. This rule of love pertaining to cheating is often broken during these modern times, and with extremities. This rule should never be broken and is very important for remaining respectful and respectable. **Always Forgive** The fourth rule is the one rule that most people have a hard time following because pride and bitterness get in the way. This rule means so much because forgiveness can set anyone free. Letting go of the hurt and pain, putting it away and forgiving someone who has brought pain can free the soul from the past and all of the negative emotions. The first rule, the golden rule, and this rule go hand in hand because a person wants to be forgiven as much as the person who does the forgiving. This rule is showing love, and respect, for the other person and their feelings aside from the fact that they did something wrong and or hurtful. Forgiving someone for something small or very large can bring peace and reduce stress. This rule applies to both men and women. **Actions Speak Louder Than Words.** This fifth and final top rule of love involves saying sorry multiple times, which can be damaging for different reasons. Changes need to immediately follow an apology, and some times so does an explanation. This rule of love is important for people who really are sorry for what they have done and want to change their ways and express that through actions. Trust will start to increase, along with the lessening of mistakes and irrational decisions. Why do lovers often fight each other?

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Rewriting the Rules: An Anti Self-Help Guide to Love, Sex and Relationships is a friendly guide through the complicated - and often contradictory - advice that's given about sex and gender, monogamy and conflict, break-up and commitment. It asks questions about the rules of love, such as which to choose from all the rules on offer?

By Megbarker megbarkerpsych Next year the second edition of my book *Rewriting the Rules* is coming out. As I was making the edits for the new hopefully improved version, I thought that the approach I took to relationships in the book might be useful to apply to lots of other things too, for example to certain times of year, or places, or feelings. In the book, for each aspect of relationships I explore, I invite readers to consider the following questions: What are the rules about this thing which are often taken-for-granted by our wider culture, our communities, the people in our lives, and ourselves? Why might it be useful to question those rules? What would it be like to embrace uncertainty and to approach this thing without any rules? What are the rules? The three common cultural rules that sprung to my mind when I thought about the festive season were: You must see your family at this time of year, probably in a very specific way such as staying all together in one place for a period of time, or zooming around making sure you see everyone. You have to show your love for each other through exchanging expensive gifts which prove how much you really know this person and their tastes. Why question the rules? So why might it be useful to question those rules? In relation to family many, if not most, of us have complicated relationships with our families, perhaps being estranged or distant from some or all of them. Some people find that they always conflict with their family in unhelpful ways when they spend an extended period together. Some enjoy spending time with family but just find the attempt to pack all of them in to the same short space of time very stressful, for example if they feel they have to see the families of themselves and their partner or partners, or all of their extended family who live in different places. This is compounded for people who have little vacation time and really need to spend what little they have relaxing. Turning to expensive gifts, this recent article by George Monbiot is a good summary of the toll that - often unwanted novelty - presents can take on the planet and on the human lives of those involved in their production. Finally, on feeling happy, many of us actually have good reasons to find the festive period emotionally tough, due to the aforementioned stressors and more. The time away from work - and the turn of the year - can get us reflecting on our careers in ways that are challenging, and time with our nearest and dearest can similarly prompt us to look closely on our relationships. Many people have painful anniversaries at this time of year - of bereavements and break-ups for example - and find that the festive rituals, sights, sounds, etc. What alternative rules are possible? Given all these reasons to question the cultural rules of the festive season, what might we put in their place if we want to make some changes? We might get more intentional about who we see and how we see them over this period. We could agree some limits on gift-giving with the people in our life. You might also consider making handmade gifts instead of buying them, or giving people tokens for an experiences they can have with you in future e. One alternative to this is to think about all of the feelings that the festive period brings up for you, and to consider what your self-care needs are in relation to these. Do you need to factor in some time alone? What kinds of support might be helpful for you? What might you let other people know about things that you find challenging at this time of year? What might embracing uncertainty around the festive period look like, if we stepped away from rules entirely? It really is okay to think about who - if anyone - we want to share this time with. Could you then open up an open, consensual conversation with your nearest and dearest about what is important for each of you around this period, and any limits around what you have the capacity for, or want to offer? Harriet Lerner writes very helpfully about how to do this kind of mutual, consensual communication if you find it hard. This is the idea that people like to express love, and have it expressed to them, in different ways. Giving and receiving gifts is only one of those ways. Again you could open up a conversation with nearest and dearest about how you each enjoy expressing love and having it expressed, and what your limits are around this. You could figure out between you what will work best for all concerned - whether or not it is linked to the festive period. Maybe you could share this idea with other people in your life too. You could even make time or rituals around allowing grief, regret, fear,

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