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### **Picture Prompt**

#### **Can Love Survive at All Costs?**

Getting into relationships and surviving them can be challenging. People might get into relationships because of pressure from family and friends, wanting to fit in with what is popular, or finding genuine love. Even when two people like each other, their chances of staying together can be challenging because of different hurdles. No matter what, love can evolve under different circumstances. Some circumstances happen when two people live far away from each other. This paper will explore the world of long-distance relationships and if love can survive at all costs.

A long-distance relationship is when two people have a love for each other, but they live far away and would like to make it work. This means that time is significant. You would do anything to spend more time with your partner. A long-distance relationship is complex, but it draws you closer and builds trust. The couples in the relationship might feel like they are pulled in two different directions because they are battling with their head and their hearts. Sometimes you might want a hug, but you do not get that. It requires a lot of research and planning, and the Wi-Fi might only sometimes work. Time flies quickly in long-distance

relationships, and you will miss many events and holidays. Some family and friends might need clarification about why you are making that decision. The couples must work towards a goal, or else they should ask themselves why they are doing it. No matter how hard it gets, it is essential to take a step back and communicate effectively.

From a scientific perspective, there is much to say about long-distance relationships. A study from Susie (2014) states that couples did not find many differences between more than 400 geographical partners and 700 long-distance relationship partners. The teams who lived far away from each other were not more likely to be unhappy in their relationship than people who lived near their partners. The blogger still suggested that communication in long-distance relationships can be stronger and more intimate than in couples who live near each other. Scientists also believe that couples are happier if the distance is understood to be temporary.

There are many benefits and disadvantages of being in a long-distance relationship. The pros of a long-distance relationship are that you get a break because not everyone wants to be around their partners all the time. It also improves your communication skills, making spending time with them valuable. It also puts dedication in you and shows how devoted you are. The cons of a long-distance relationship are jealousy and harmful thoughts and feelings that your

partner does not want you. Misunderstandings and arguments can happen, and technical difficulties such as the Wi-Fi stopping or the phone getting broken.

Despite what people may think about long-distance relationships, there are different things people can do to survive them. Establishing a schedule where you can keep in touch or video call is essential. Remember the big picture that a long-distance relationship will not last forever. Try to be patient and aim at that goal. Celebrate each other's victories as much as you can. Be okay that you both will have good days and some bad days. Remember to give compliments, be honest, and, most importantly, build trust.

No matter the disadvantages of long-distance relationships, the good can outweigh the bad. Distance makes the heart grow fonder, and when you are together, you even grow deeper. There is no right or wrong for long-distance relationships because everyone is different and handles situations differently. The distance can show that no matter how far you are, your love is unstoppable. Being in a long-distance relationship can be rewarding in the end because when you spend your time and dedication, it pays off. Love makes us achieve things that we never thought we could do.

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