

reconnect with loved ones

As families grow, loved ones may become spread across the country due to their career, educational pursuits or general life changes. If you're lucky enough to be near all of your loved ones this Christmas season, hopefully you have your traditions set and are ready to enjoy them together.

For those hoping to reconnect with loved ones living far away, there are many ways to do so this Christmas. This time of year is perfect for re-establishing relationships with family members and starting new traditions together, and there are many ways to make this happen.

Technology

Technology has closed the gap when it comes to communicating with those living on the other end of the state, country or world. All you need is a reliable Internet connection and a computer to get started.

There are a wide variety of online video chat tools, including Skype, that are both free and effective when it comes to connecting with faraway family members over the Internet. You will need to fill out a free account online with your email address and a password to get started.

Once you have an account, you can invite others in your network to join you on the platform, and you can have live video chats with them from hundreds or thousands of miles away. These online tools are perfect for reconnecting often with loved ones you haven't seen in a while, as well as for keeping relationships strong between grandchildren and grandparents who may be geographically separated.

Start a family blog

Online websites and family blogs are picking up steam as a way to keep relatives connected throughout the year and especially at Christmastime. It's easy to start a free online blog to keep people updated or invite others to post what's going on their lives.

Blogs have photo-sharing capabilities and are chock full of various tools that allow you to share your content through social media or email. Look into free blog tools to get started on uploading family-related news, stories and details on upcoming events. This is a great way to strengthen your family as a unit.



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