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Daniel says: (16:59:35)  
Hey [P:M]

[P:M] :) says: (16:59:47)  
hiya

Daniel says: (16:59:57)  
how's it going? glad to be back after easter?

[P:M] :) says: (17:00:15)  
yeah it's nice, shame about the weather

Daniel says: (17:00:41)  
tell me about it! thought it might nearly time to bring the bike out again...

[P:M] :) says: (17:01:05)  
I've left mine at home so I can revise instead :')

Daniel says: (17:01:21)  
oh no! sad face indeed!

Daniel says: (17:02:05)  
now [P:T] has added me but she's not appearing on my contact list... if you could invite her in, we could make a start :)  
[P:T]has been added to the conversation.

[P:M] :) says: (17:02:30)  
there we go

Daniel says: (17:02:35)  
awesome

Daniel says: (17:02:39)  
hey [P:T]

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:03:15)  
hey

Daniel says: (17:03:33)  
how's it going?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:04:31)

good thanks, you?

Daniel says: (17:05:03)

yeah good thanks...weather apart of course!

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:05:34)

yeah, its awful here...least its stopped raining

Daniel says: (17:05:53)

well clouds and silver linings and all that...

Daniel says: (17:07:13)

before we start; there's just one formality really... I just need to emphasise that everything which is discussed today comes under the same consent/ethics forms as everything else; no-one will see the raw transcript nor anything which directly identifies you (names, emails etc etc)... kind of goes without saying but just like to make it clear!

[P:M] :) says: (17:07:34)

okay

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:07:55)

thats fine :)

Daniel says: (17:08:01)

awesome

Daniel says: (17:09:28)

so thepoint of this chat/interview/whatever you want to call it is just for me to get a better understanding about how you communicate together as almost a baseline to compare against after you've finished using the hands... so starting of with a simple question; I guess the best way to phrase it would be have you always been a distance couple?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:09:56)

nope, only since september

[P:M] :) says: (17:10:04)

no, we were together from June to octoberish before I came to uni

Daniel says: (17:10:24)

so you met at school/live in the same home city?

[P:M] :) says: (17:11:01)

we were introduced by a mutual friend, we weren't at the same school

Daniel says: (17:11:12)

coolio

Daniel says: (17:11:47)  
so could you describe then how you communicated with each other before coming to uni?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:12:16)  
text and facebook chat, and also meeting up

[P:M] :) says: (17:12:21)  
mostly texting/facebook saw each other quite a bit as well

Daniel says: (17:13:22)  
and what were the kind of reasons for that? Were they for different types of information or were they emotionally different or something else?

[P:M] :) says: (17:13:48)  
eh?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:13:58)  
sorryyyyy, we're confused haha

Daniel says: (17:14:22)  
sorry, let me try and phrase myself better

Daniel says: (17:15:03)  
what determined you using text messages/facebook/seeing each other other using say phone calls or emails?

Daniel says: (17:15:27)  
and then separate to that... what did you use texts for as compared to facebook...

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:15:37)  
well I'm quite shy when it comes to phone calls, its only really since [P:M] has been away that Ive got used to talking on the phone

Daniel says: (17:16:15)  
ok... so they were almost the default kinds of options

[P:M] :) says: (17:16:15)  
texting is just more convenient than phone calls, we'd normally use facebook if we were both at home

[P:M] :) says: (17:16:25)  
yeah

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:16:39)  
also, we met during exam period so didnt have much time to call but texts were faster

Daniel says: (17:16:47)

ah kk

Daniel says: (17:17:18)  
and then seeing each other is just the best thing?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:17:28)  
yesssss :)

[P:M] :) says: (17:17:31)  
yes

Daniel says: (17:17:52)  
awesome

Daniel says: (17:18:20)  
so then moving away... you mentioned phone calls - how has moving apart  
changed the way you communicate?

[P:M] :) says: (17:19:29)  
errm, we try and make sure we use skype as much as possible, so we can actually  
see each other

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:19:33)  
we've really had to make time for it, which is very difficult, almost making  
schedules round college and uni

[P:M] :) says: (17:19:40)  
and failing that we tend to phone

Daniel says: (17:20:24)  
ah kk, so it's changed quite a lot... when you use skype, do you tend to use video  
as well?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:20:40)  
always

[P:M] :) says: (17:20:44)  
all the time

Daniel says: (17:20:50)  
awesome

Daniel says: (17:21:31)  
so similar to before... what made you choose Skype to be the way that you like to  
use to talk to each other?

[P:M] :) says: (17:21:55)  
because we can see each other

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:21:58)  
so we can see each other, makes it slightly easier

Daniel says: (17:22:24)  
ok...

Daniel says: (17:22:57)  
how often do you guys manage to see each other? Is it mainly during the holidays  
or do you manage to find other times as well?

[P:M] :) says: (17:23:50)  
I'm usually at home every 2 or 3 weekends, and all of the holidays

Daniel says: (17:24:13)  
cool

Daniel says: (17:25:30)  
Do you think that the change in communication has affected your relationship?  
or do you think it's wrapped up with moving apart?

[P:M] :) says: (17:26:09)  
it makes seeing each other more special but that's just part of moving apart

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:26:22)  
it has in some ways, such as if im upset or stressed he isnt physically there which  
is frustrating, when normally he could hug me, but i suppose its all just part of it

Daniel says: (17:26:42)  
so skypping is just trying to make up for not being able to be together?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:26:54)  
yeah

[P:M] :) says: (17:27:09)  
uh huh

Daniel says: (17:27:22)  
So just three left now...

Daniel says: (17:27:52)  
Having moved apart, do you think that communicating makes you feel different  
to when you were together?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:28:38)  
i think we tell each other more personal things and we actually tell each other  
when we're annoyed, because we have to for it to work

[P:M] :) says: (17:29:01)

yes, it's the only form of interaction we have, just talking instead of being physically there for each other, it becomes more important

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:29:10)  
and the time we actually get to talk is more important, whereas originally we just took it for granted

Daniel says: (17:30:03)  
ok, thank you... the next one is slightly off the wall but can you think of an example when you really wanted to talk to each other but had to do so in a way which wasn't satisfactory/you didn't like?

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:32:08)  
when a close family friend died, i went to the funeral but after it i could only text him when really i wanted to actually have him here for comfort

[P:M] :) says: (17:32:29)  
yes, I went to a gig and lost a bracelet that was a christmas present from [P:T], I called to her to tell her and apologise, but it wasn't the same as being able to be there with her

Daniel says: (17:32:34)  
I'm sorry to hear that [P:T]

Daniel says: (17:34:12)  
ending with a real generic question then... What would you like to change about the way you communicate? If anything? This can be as off-the-wall as you like; or something about a technology or something organisationally or indeed nothing at all...

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:35:48)  
im not really sure haha

[P:M] :) says: (17:36:18)  
teleporting! would be useful  
but seriously, we always have different timetables because I'm at uni and [P:T] is at college, being able to have the same free time would be nice

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:36:35)  
more time in general would be good

Daniel says: (17:37:30)  
more time just to hang out?

[P:M] :) says: (17:37:46)  
yeah

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:37:53)  
definitely

Daniel says: (17:38:38)  
cool, that was very useful guys...

[P:M] :) says: (17:38:54)  
no problem

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:39:08)  
youre welcome :)

Daniel says: (17:39:15)  
given what you've said about not having much time together, i'll shoot off now  
unless there's anything you'd like to ask me?

[P:M] :) says: (17:40:36)  
just about the hot hands, we tried them again last night and they seemed to  
warm up initially then the program went back to "hot hands is running" and the  
control box made a clicking noise

[P:M] :) says: (17:40:48)  
then they stopped heating up

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:40:56)  
but we didnt move our hands from the sensor

Daniel says: (17:42:05)  
ok... the clicking noise is fine (should have warned you) - it's just the relay  
switching the power off (hence the hands cooling down)... as for the other; let me  
just check the server log...

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] has left the conversation.

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] has been added to the conversation.

[P:M] :) says: (17:46:31)  
silly [P:T]

Daniel says: (17:46:37)  
lol

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:46:44)  
oops D:

Daniel says: (17:48:08)  
taking a look at the log... the sensors are still picking up a LOT of changes - what I  
think I'll do is change the pressure threshold in the software because what seems

to be happening is that it's registering a couple of hundred on/off's every minute  
- which is why it isn't warming up properly

[P:M] :) says: (17:48:56)  
okay

Daniel says: (17:49:02)  
so if I make it less sensitive, it shouldn't be so picky! I was actually expecting it to  
be the other way round (too warm and not cooling down) but this actually seems  
a worse scenario

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:49:18)  
its freeeeezeing!

Daniel says: (17:49:24)  
I can only apologise that it's not worked as smoothly as i'd have liked!

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:49:27)  
its a challenge to try and keep your hand on it....

[P:M] :) says: (17:49:43)  
that's only initially though

Daniel says: (17:50:59)  
yeah; unfortunately that's because of the materials they use to make it - got to be  
something really conductive I guess and they're cold at room temperature...  
though not being a electronics wizz, thats a complete guess! :)

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:51:30)  
hahaha fair enough :) doubt it helps that my hands are ALWAYS cold

[P:M] :) says: (17:51:43)  
okay, just something to live with I guess :)

Daniel says: (17:51:49)  
:)

Daniel says: (17:52:12)  
I'm always moaning to my partner that her hands are cold - i don't know how she  
can stand it! think id have to walk around in gloves the whole time...

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:52:52)  
hahaha my feet are even worse! [P:M]'s parents and aunt bought me fluffy sock  
and christmas....

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:52:54)  
\*socks

[P:M] :) says: (17:53:01)



It's not just her hands though, she's freezing in general!

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:54:16)  
cold hands, warm heart....

Daniel says: (17:54:37)  
well at least thats the right way round!

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:55:46)  
hahahaha yeah

[P:M] :) says: (17:56:40)  
well if that's everything I must be off!  
thanks daniel :)

Daniel says: (17:56:52)  
cheers [P:M] :)

Daniel says: (17:57:05)  
i'll email you later about the new sensory type stuff...

Daniel says: (17:57:10)  
thanks guys :D :D :D

[P:M] :) says: (17:57:15)  
okie dokie

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:57:18)  
yeah tell him, i wont understand!

[i][P:T] &lt;3. [/i] says: (17:57:23)  
youre welcome! :D  
[P:M] :) has left the conversation.