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# I'M A CELEBRITY GET ME OUT OF HERE...

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Last year, Anthony McPartlin (more famously known as one half of Ant & Dec) was asked in an interview in the *Radio Times* whether he was waiting for Dec to settle down before he had kids himself. It wasn't necessarily a silly question. The two presenters, who have won the National Television Award for Best Entertainment Presenter 14 years running for shows such as *Britain's Got Talent* and *I'm a Celebrity...*, are inseparable. As well as working together they live next door to each other and revealed to Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* at the end of last year that they often end up coming home and having supper together too. But Ant, who has been married to make-up artist Lisa Armstrong since 2006, replied candidly to the suggestion that the entertaining Geordie duo might be trying to have kids in sync: "I love that idea, but I'm afraid it's not true. Lisa and I would love to have kids, we're trying. It's tougher than you think when you get a bit older."

Although Ant didn't say for how long he and Lisa have been attempting to bring a new face into the world, nor offered clues as to whether they've sought help or attempted

assisted conception, it was good to see one of the UK's most famous primetime TV faces acknowledging that making babies doesn't necessarily come easily to everyone. Fertility issues are indiscriminate and invisible. Nobody, not even celebrities, are immune. No matter how much they might want to scream: "I'm a celebrity... get me out of here", this is one bushtucker trial they might not be able to succeed at.

Sadly Ant's honesty has only served to intensify the media's 'baby watch' with regular stories conjecturing that Lisa is finally pregnant. Only last month tabloids claimed that she had been spotted with a 'stomach bulge' and at a romantic dinner with Ant was seen toasting water rather than wine. Let's hope the tabloid press are right. However, this sort of public pressure can't help what, anybody who has been through it will know, is a very private struggle.

Matthew Wright, presenter of the Channel 5 breakfast show *The Wright Stuff* and, coincidentally, a contestant on the last series of *I'm a Celebrity...*, has also been very honest about his own attempts to conceive. In an interview that he and his wife, Amelia Gatte,

