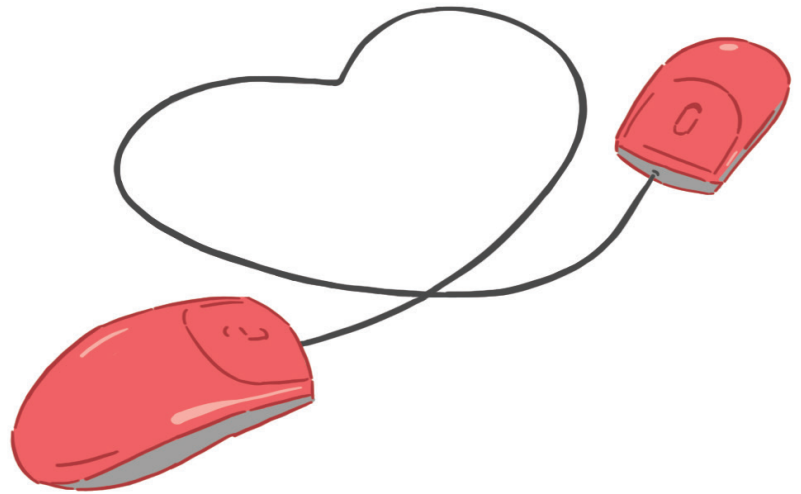


# Online Dating



## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What is the most traditional form of meeting a romantic partner in your country?
2. How do you feel about online dating?
3. Do you know any couples who met online?
4. What risks are there when using online dating services?

### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. steady               | a) a brief description of a person  |
| ___ 2. profile              | b) to put information up (e.g., online) for others to see                               |
| ___ 3. mutual friend        | c) an experience that is worse than you imagined  |
| ___ 4. the dating scene     | d) the perfect relationship   |
| ___ 5. swear by             | e) regular, not changing  |
| ___ 6. database             | f) a lifestyle of actively looking for romance  |
| ___ 7. match made in heaven | g) to express one's strong belief in  |
| ___ 8. filter               | h) a systematic record of information   |
| ___ 9. nightmare            | i) a program that separates a user's unwanted data from wanted data                     |
| ___ 10. post                | j) not real   |
| ___ 11. marital status      | k) a person that you and someone else both know   |
| ___ 12. fake                | l) the present stage of one's relationship (e.g., divorced, separated, married, single) |

## Reading

### ONLINE DATING

#### *Looking for Love*

1. Finding a romantic partner can sometimes feel like a full-time job. When your friends are all in **steady** relationships, you may feel even more alone. Many singles turn to online dating. Dating sites and apps allow you to preview the **profiles** of other singles in your area.
2. People try online dating for different reasons. Some men and women are tired of being set up by **mutual friends**. Others are too shy to approach people of the same or opposite sex. Divorced singles may find it the most comfortable way to get back into **the dating scene**.
3. There are many different dating sites and apps to choose from. Some couples **swear by** a specific one. After finding each other's profiles in a large **database**, they describe their relationship as a **match made in heaven**. In truth, their match was made with Internet **filters**.
4. Some online dating experiences can be described as a **nightmare**. Not all users are honest in their profiles. Users may **post** outdated photos or lie about their job or **marital status**. There are also **fake** profiles that turn out to be salespeople selling products or services. Some sites make it difficult for users to take down their profiles at a later date.
5. Would you tell friends and family if you met your match through an online dating service? Everyone will ask where you met your special someone.

#### Did you know?

The busiest day for people to use online dating is the first Sunday after New Year's.

## Comprehension

Discuss these questions in pairs, and write the answers in your notebook.

1. What situation makes singles feel more isolated?
2. According to the reading, why are dating sites and apps helpful for singles?
3. How are matches made on dating sites?
4. Why is it difficult to trust the appearance of people who use online dating service sites?
5. According to the reading, who might post a fake profile online?

# Vocabulary Review

## A. Complete the Sentences

Complete the sentences using vocabulary from page 1.  
You may need to change the word forms.

1. Don't get married until you have had a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
2. You must \_\_\_\_\_ a recent photo when you create an online profile.
3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ online dating. She has met many nice men online.
4. Allen is a \_\_\_\_\_. I know him from hockey, and Lisa knows him from work.
5. Profiles that seem too good to be true are usually \_\_\_\_\_.
6. His \_\_\_\_\_ says *Divorced*, but he still wears a wedding ring.

## B. Synonyms or Antonyms

Are the following words synonyms or antonyms?

1. database / records \_\_\_\_\_
2. post / take down \_\_\_\_\_
3. profile / summary \_\_\_\_\_
4. nightmare / disaster \_\_\_\_\_
5. steady / shaky \_\_\_\_\_

## Discussion Questions

1. Is it possible to “date” someone for a while without actually meeting the person?
2. How does online dating differ from “blind dating”?
3. What do you know about online dating in other countries? Is it more or less acceptable than in your country?
4. Do couples who meet online have an equal chance at romance as couples who meet in person?
5. How would you feel if your romantic partner didn’t take down his/her online dating profile?
6. Why do you think January is the most popular month for online dating?

## Class Opinion

Walk around the class and ask your classmates questions. Write their answers in the chart below.

Classmate’s name:	What is the best part about online dating? What is the worst part?	What do you think people lie about most on their dating profiles?	What is the best way to find a match made in heaven?

## Listening – Gap Fill

🎧 <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2010/06/15/podcast-online-dating/>

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

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3. swear by, profiles, database, match, filters  
2. mutual, scene  
1. steady, profiles

### ANSWERS: