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More people think online dating is OK

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THE READING

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America's Pew Research Center says almost 60% of Americans think online dating is a good way to meet people and that there is nothing wrong with it. Ten years ago, this figure was 44%. Around one in ten Americans has tried it. The report said 11% of people who met their long-term partner in the past decade met them online. Some people think the Internet does not help people settle down. This is because they always have other people to date.

A sociologist said women must be careful with online dates. He said: "There are lots of guys who are just creepy or unattractive." He said men can have problems finding a date. Women often do not reply because they have so many messages. Many online daters have read an online profile of someone they know. The report said people should be careful about lies. Most online daters have had a date with someone who was a lot different from their profile.

Sources: <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2013/10/21/online-dating-moresociallyacceptablesurvey.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. online dating is a good | a. ten Americans has tried it |
| 2. there is nothing | b. decade |
| 3. Around one in | c. wrong with it |
| 4. met their long- | d. down |
| 5. in the past | e. people to date |
| 6. the Internet does not | f. way to meet people |
| 7. settle | g. term partner |
| 8. always have other | h. help people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. women must be careful | a. their profile |
| 2. There are lots of guys who are | b. do not reply |
| 3. He said men can | c. just creepy or unattractive |
| 4. finding | d. with online dates |
| 5. Women often | e. of someone they know |
| 6. they have so | f. have problems |
| 7. an online profile | g. a date |
| 8. a lot different from | h. many messages |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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America's Pew Research Center (1) _____ of Americans think online dating (2) _____ meet people and that there (3) _____ with it. Ten years ago, this figure was 44%. Around one in ten Americans has tried it. The report said 11% of people (4) _____ - term partner in (5) _____ met them online. Some people think the Internet does not help people settle down. This is because they (6) _____ people to date.

A sociologist said women must (7) _____ online dates. He said: "There are lots of guys (8) _____ or unattractive." He said men can have problems finding a date. Women (9) _____ because they have so many messages. Many online daters (10) _____ online profile of someone they know. The report said people should be careful about lies. Most online daters (11) _____ with someone (12) _____ different from their profile.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **online dating** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
