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More people think online dating is OK

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THE READING

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A report from the Pew Research Center says almost 60 per cent of Americans think online dating is a good way to meet people. It says people think there is nothing wrong with trying to find a partner on the Internet. Ten years ago, this figure was 44 per cent. It said 11 per cent of people who met their long-term partner in the past decade met them online. Around one in ten Americans has tried online dating. However, a third of people think the Internet does not help people settle down or get married. This is because they always have other people to date.

Sociologist Dr Kevin Lewis told the USA Today newspaper that women must be careful with online dates. He said: "There are lots of guys who are just creepy or unattractive or undesirable." He also said men have problems finding a date. He said women often do not reply because they have so many messages. Dr Lewis said that 38 per cent of online daters have read an online profile of someone they knew. The report warned people to be careful about those who tell lies. Over half of online daters said they 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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. women must be careful | a. someone they knew |
| 2. guys who are just creepy or unattractive | b. many messages |
| 3. men have problems | c. with someone |
| 4. they have so | d. with online dates |
| 5. read an online profile of | e. from their profile |
| 6. be careful about | f. finding a date |
| 7. they had a date | g. those who tell lies |
| 8. a lot different | h. or undesirable |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Sociologist Dr Kevin Lewis told the USA Today newspaper that women (7) _____ online dates. He said: "There are lots of guys who (8) _____ unattractive or undesirable." He also said men have problems finding a date. He said women (9) _____ because they have so many messages. Dr Lewis said that 38 per cent of online daters have read an online (10) _____ they knew. The report warned people to be careful about (11) _____. Over half of online daters said they had a date with someone who was a lot different (12) _____.

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)
