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Level 6

More people think online dating is OK

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THE ARTICLE

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A new report says most Americans think online dating is a good way to meet people. Almost 60 per cent of Internet users said there is nothing wrong with trying to find a partner on the Internet. This has changed from ten years ago when the figure was 44 per cent. The report is from the Pew Research Center. It says around one in ten Americans has used online dating services. It also said 11 per cent of people who started a long-term relationship in the past decade met their partner online. However, some people think the Internet does not help with marriage. Around 32 per cent of people agreed that "online dating keeps people from settling down because they always have options for people to date".

Sociologist Dr Kevin Lewis of the University of California told the USA Today newspaper that women must be careful with online dates. He said: "For women, there are lots of guys who are just creepy or unattractive or undesirable." He also said men can have problems finding a date: "They can't get a woman to respond because [women get] so many messages." Dr Lewis also said that 38 per cent of online daters have read an online profile of someone they knew. The Pew Report warned people to be careful about those who tell lies about themselves online. About 54 per cent 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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<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/10/21/dating-online-mobile-pew/2995323/>

WARM-UPS

1. ONLINE DATING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about online dating. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

online dating / Internet users / find a partner / long-term relationship / settling down / sociologist / being careful / creepy / unattractive / messages / online profile / tell lies

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DATING: What are the good and bad things of these forms of dating introductions? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Online dating		
Blind dates		
Love at first sight		
Office romances		
School sweethearts		
Arranged marriages		

4. BE CAREFUL: Students A **strongly** believe online dating is dangerous; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FIRST DATE: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best places for a first date at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Italian restaurant
- Movie theatre
- Disneyland
- A museum
- The beach
- Hiking
- A coffee shop
- City sightseeing

6. PARTNER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "partner". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Most Americans think online dating isn't a good way to meet people. | T / F |
| b. Up to 60% of Internet users said it was OK to find a partner online. | T / F |
| c. Around 10% of Americans have tried Internet dating services. | T / F |
| d. About a third of Americans think online dating helps marriages. | T / F |
| e. A sociologist advised women to be careful of creepy guys. | T / F |
| f. Men find it difficult to find a date because women get many messages. | T / F |
| g. Very few people read profiles and know the person behind the profile. | T / F |
| h. Less than half of people said their date didn't match his/her profile. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. way | a. cautioned |
| 2. wrong | b. weird |
| 3. figure | c. cautious |
| 4. started | d. reply |
| 5. options | e. method |
| 6. careful | f. choices |
| 7. creepy | g. number |
| 8. respond | h. description |
| 9. warned | i. bad |
| 10. profile | j. began |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. online dating is a good | a. with online dates |
| 2. there is nothing wrong with | b. in ten Americans |
| 3. around one | c. for people to date |
| 4. started a long- | d. way to meet people |
| 5. they always have options | e. from their profile |
| 6. women must be careful | f. woman to respond |
| 7. there are lots of guys | g. term relationship |
| 8. They can't get a | h. trying to find a partner |
| 9. those who tell | i. who are just creepy |
| 10. a lot different | j. lies about themselves |

GAP FILL

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A new report says most Americans think online dating is a good (1) _____ to meet people. Almost 60 per cent of Internet users said there is nothing (2) _____ with trying to find a partner on the Internet. This has changed from ten years ago when the (3) _____ was 44 per cent. The report is from the Pew Research Center. It says around one in ten Americans has used online dating (4) _____. It also said 11 per cent of people who started a long-term relationship in the past (5) _____ met their partner online. However, some people think the Internet does not help with marriage. Around 32 per cent of people (6) _____ that "online dating keeps people from (7) _____ down because they always have (8) _____ for people to date".

agreed
services
wrong
options
way
settling
figure
decade

Sociologist Dr Kevin Lewis of the University of California told the USA Today newspaper that women must be (9) _____ with online dates. He said: "For women, there are lots of guys who are just (10) _____ or unattractive or undesirable." He also said men can have problems (11) _____ a date: "They can't get a woman to (12) _____ because [women get] so many (13) _____." Dr Lewis also said that 38 per cent of online daters have read an online (14) _____ of someone they knew. The Pew Report warned people to be careful about those who tell (15) _____ about themselves online. About 54 per cent of online daters said they had a date with someone who was a lot (16) _____ from their profile.

profile
respond
different
careful
finding
lies
creepy
messages

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) online dating is a good way to _____
 - a. meet peoples
 - b. meet persons
 - c. meet people
 - d. meet person
- 2) Almost 60 per cent of Internet users said there is nothing _____
 - a. wrong with try in
 - b. wrong with try on
 - c. wrong with trying
 - d. wrong with tying
- 3) This has changed from ten years ago when the _____
 - a. figurine was 44%
 - b. figured was 44%
 - c. figures was 44%
 - d. figure was 44%
- 4) 11 per cent of people who started a _____
 - a. long-term ration ship
 - b. long-term relay ship
 - c. long-term relations ship
 - d. long-term relationship
- 5) Around 32 per cent of people agreed that "online dating keeps people _____"
 - a. from settling down
 - b. from settling up
 - c. from settling doom
 - d. from settling dawn
- 6) women must be careful _____
 - a. wither online dates
 - b. with online dates
 - c. within online dates
 - d. without online dates
- 7) He said: "For women, there are lots of guys who _____"
 - a. are just clear pee
 - b. are just creep pea
 - c. are just creeps
 - d. are just creepy
- 8) They can't get a woman to respond because [women get] _____
 - a. so many massages
 - b. so many messages
 - c. so many messaged
 - d. so many message is
- 9) The Pew Report warned people to be careful about those who _____ themselves
 - a. tell lives about
 - b. tell lays about
 - c. tell lies about
 - d. tell liars about
- 10) they had a date with someone who was a lot different _____
 - a. from their profiles
 - b. from their profiling
 - c. from their profile
 - d. from their profiler

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

1. What do most Americans think about online dating?

2. How many people think there's nothing wrong with online dating?

3. How many Americans have used online dating services?

4. What do some people think online dating is not so useful for?

5. What do people think online dating stops people doing?

6. What is Kevin Lewis' job?

7. Dr Lewis said lots of guys were "unattractive or undesirable" or _____?

8. Why do some men have problems getting a date?

9. What does the 38% in the article refer to?

10. Who did the report warn people to be careful about?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

1. What do most Americans think about online dating?
 - a) it's wrong
 - b) it's a good way to meet people
 - c) it's creepy
 - d) it's trying
2. How many people think there's nothing wrong with online dating?
 - a) all 60-year-olds
 - b) 6,000,000
 - c) six in ten
 - d) almost 60%
3. How many Americans have used online dating services?
 - a) around one or ten per cent
 - b) around 10,000,000
 - c) about 10%
 - d) 44%
4. What do some people think online dating is not so useful for?
 - a) getting married
 - b) saving money
 - c) falling in love
 - d) giving red roses
5. What do people think online dating stops people doing?
 - a) going out
 - b) settling down
 - c) getting to know people
 - d) talking
6. What is Kevin Lewis' job?
 - a) he's a sociologist
 - b) he's a sociopath
 - c) he's a socio-linguist
 - d) he's a socio-biologist
7. Dr Lewis said guys were "unattractive or undesirable" or _____?
 - a) crappy
 - b) groovy
 - c) creepy
 - d) crêpes
8. Why do some men have problems getting a date?
 - a) women get a lot of messages
 - b) they make mistakes online
 - c) their profile isn't good
 - d) they are just unlucky in life
9. What does the 38% in the article refer to?
 - a) the messages women don't answer
 - b) how many friends are online
 - c) people who had bad online dates
 - d) people who know others from their online profile
10. Who did the report warn people to be careful about?
 - a) sociologists
 - b) computer geeks
 - c) liars
 - d) online daters

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Online dating

You think online dating is the best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): blind dates, parent-arranged meetings or love at first site.

Role B – Blind dates

You think blind dates are best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): online dating, parent-arranged meetings or love at first site.

Role C – Parent-arranged meetings

You think parent-arranged meetings are best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): blind dates, online dating or love at first site.

Role D – Love at first site

You think love at first site is best way to meet a future partner. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): blind dates, parent-arranged meetings or online dating.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'online' and 'dating'.

online	dating

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good• wrong• ten• 11• 32• options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• newspaper• guys• men• messages• 38• 54
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ONLINE DATING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online dating in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ONLINE DATING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'online dating'?
- c) Would you think about online dating?
- d) Is online dating a good way to meet a possible partner?
- e) Do you think everyone will be online dating in the future?
- f) What are the advantages of online dating?
- g) Who does online dating help most?
- h) Is online dating good for marriage?
- i) Is always having "options for people to date" dangerous?
- j) Are more people in love because of online dating?

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ONLINE DATING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What are the dangers of online dating?
- c) Are there any dangers for men?
- d) How do women find out if a guy is "creepy or unattractive or undesirable" before she meets him?
- e) Would you put your photo on an online dating service?
- f) Would you tell (small) lies about yourself on your profile?
- g) If you met someone online, would you tell your friends that?
- h) Is online dating better than "normal" dating?
- i) What would you say to someone you met online who lied on his/her profile?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Dr Kevin Lewis?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) thought | (b) thinking | (c) think | (d) thinks |
| 2. | (a) nothing | (b) none | (c) things | (d) anything |
| 3. | (a) figure | (b) numeral | (c) numbers | (d) digit |
| 4. | (a) term | (b) semester | (c) length | (d) partner |
| 5. | (a) of | (b) with | (c) to | (d) get |
| 6. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) on | (d) down |
| 7. | (a) careless | (b) carefree | (c) careful | (d) caring |
| 8. | (a) creeping | (b) creep | (c) crept | (d) creepy |
| 9. | (a) respond | (b) response | (c) responsible | (d) responsive |
| 10. | (a) married | (b) knew | (c) hated | (d) dated |
| 11. | (a) say | (b) tell | (c) show | (d) be |
| 12. | (a) difference | (b) differed | (c) different | (d) differs |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. nothing ngwro with trying
2. the iergfu was 44 per cent
3. in the past eedadc
4. the Internet does not help with mgaraier
5. online dating keeps people from glteitns down
6. have ptsooin for people to date

Paragraph 2

7. oitgicoSlso Dr Kevin Lewis
8. creepy or aativrctentu or undesirable
9. They can't get a woman to pesndor
10. women get so many ssgmaese
11. tell lies about elmsvtseeh online
12. a lot different from their poflier

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () people to be careful about those who tell lies about themselves online. About 54 per cent of online daters
- () help with marriage. Around 32 per cent of people agreed that "online dating keeps people
- () in ten Americans has used online dating services. It also said 11 per cent of people who started a long-
- () said they had a date with someone who was a lot different from their profile.
- () of Internet users said there is nothing wrong with trying to find a partner on the Internet. This has changed
- () Sociologist Dr Kevin Lewis of the University of California told the USA Today newspaper that women must
- () from settling down because they always have options for people to date".
- () term relationship in the past decade met their partner online. However, some people think the Internet does not
- () daters have read an online profile of someone they knew. The Pew Report warned
- () a woman to respond because [women get] so many messages." Dr Lewis also said that 38 per cent of online
- () or undesirable." He also said men can have problems finding a date: "They can't get
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- () be careful with online dates. He said: "For women, there are lots of guys who are just creepy or unattractive
- () from ten years ago when the figure was 44 per cent. The report is from the Pew Research Center. It says around one

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. dating good meet Online a to is way people.

2. trying to find a partner There is nothing wrong with.

3. ago years ten from changed has This.

4. decade term relationship a - in Started long past the.

5. keeps dating Online down settling from people.

6. guys just There of are lots who creepy are.

7. date a finding problems have can Men.

8. they online knew profile of Read someone an.

9. about tell themselves careful who about Be those lies.

10. Someone a from was different profile who lot their.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

A new report says most Americans *think / thinking* online dating is a good way to meet people. Almost 60 per cent of Internet *use / users* said there is nothing wrong with trying to find a partner *on / in* the Internet. This has changed from ten years ago when the *numeral / figure* was 44 per cent. The report is from the Pew Research Center. It says around one *into / in* ten Americans has used online dating *services / service*. It also said 11 per cent of people who *started / start* a long-term relationship in the *past / post* decade met their partner online. However, some people think the Internet does not help with *married / marriage*. Around 32 per cent of people agreed that "online dating keeps people from settling *up / down* because they always have options for people to date".

Sociologist / Sociology Dr Kevin Lewis of the University of California told the USA Today newspaper that women must be *carefree / careful* with online dates. He said: "For women, there are *lots / lot* of guys who are just creepy or unattractive or *undesirable / undesirability*." He also said men can have problems *finding / founding* a date: "They can't get a woman to respond because [women get] so *much / many* messages." Dr Lewis also said that 38 per cent of online *daters / dates* have read an online profile of someone they *knew / knowing*. The Pew Report warned people to be careful about those who tell lies *of / about* themselves online. About 54 per cent of online daters said they had a date with someone who was a lot *difference / different* from their profile.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n _ w _ r _ p _ r _ t _ s _ y _ s _ m _ s _ t _ m _ r _ c _ n _ s _ t _ h _ n _ k _ n _ l _ n _ d _ t _ n _ g
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1310/131023-online-dating.html>

a new report says most americans think online dating is a good way to meet people almost 60 per cent of internet users said there is nothing wrong with trying to find a partner on the internet this has changed from ten years ago when the figure was 44 per cent the report is from the pew research center it says around one in ten americans has used online dating services it also said 11 per cent of people who started a long-term relationship in the past decade met their partner online however some people think the internet does not help with marriage around 32 per cent of people agreed that "online dating keeps people from settling down because they always have options for people to date"

sociologist dr kevin lewis of the university of california told the usa today newspaper that women must be careful with online dates he said "for women there are lots of guys who are just creepy or unattractive or undesirable" he also said men can have problems finding a date "they can't get a woman to respond because [women get] so many messages" dr lewis also said that 38 per cent of online daters have read an online profile of someone they knew the pew report warned people to be careful about those who tell lies about themselves online about 54 per cent of online daters said they had a date with someone who was a lot different from their profile

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about online dating. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DATING: Make a poster about dating. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ONLINE DATING: Write a magazine article about online dating. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a relationships expert. Ask him/her three questions about online dating. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. way | a. method |
| 2. wrong | b. bad |
| 3. figure | c. number |
| 4. started | d. began |
| 5. options | e. choices |
| 6. careful | f. cautious |
| 7. creepy | g. weird |
| 8. respond | h. reply |
| 9. warned | i. cautioned |
| 10. profile | j. description |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. It's a good way to meet people
2. Almost 60%
3. Around one in ten
4. Marriage
5. Settling down
6. He's a sociologist
7. Creepy
8. Women do not reply because they get so many messages
9. People who know someone from reading their profile
10. Liars

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)