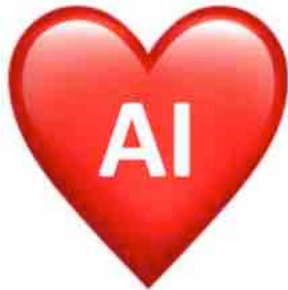


Man sells everything for AI dream "partner"

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A man in Brazil had a sad experience in his search for love. Mr X, 49, sold everything he owned to get enough money to see a woman he met online. He travelled over 2,000 kilometres by bus. He first met her online in 2020 and

fell in love with her. He wanted to marry her. Her name was Jessica. Her online profile read: "I really want to support you. I want you to come to my farm and never work again in your life." Mr X went to meet her in the city of Belo Horizonte, but he could not find her. He showed people photos of her, but nobody knew who she was. He then found out that she was not real. She was created by AI. The man was sad. He said: "I came here to find happiness."

Mr X's story shows how risky it can be to look for love online. Many people feel lonely and want to find a partner. However, they can be easily tricked because AI can make people who look and sound real. Jessica's social media account had over 300,000 followers. She looked like a real woman. The person who created Jessica said they made her to get people's attention online. They wanted to use the AI Jessica to help sell things. Mr X wants people to be careful so they don't make a similar mistake in the future. It is important to check the identity of a person you meet online carefully. The man said: "Sometimes, loneliness at home causes many problems in a person's life."

Sources: nypost.com / dailystar.co.uk / gadgetreview.com

Writing

AI partners can be better than human partners. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

sad experiences / love / money / meeting people online / marry / online profiles / riskiness / online love / being tricked / social media / mistakes / the future / life

True / False

- 1) A man sold all his belongings to go to see his dream partner. T / F
- 2) The man took a 2,000-km train journey to see the woman. T / F
- 3) The man lived on the woman's farm for a short time. T / F
- 4) Nobody knew who the woman in the photographs was. T / F
- 5) The article says AI can easily trick people. T / F
- 6) The woman had about 30,000 followers on social media. T / F
- 7) The man in the article hopes people don't repeat his mistake. T / F
- 8) The man says it's better to be lonely. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. sad | a. look after |
| 2. owned | b. fooled |
| 3. support | c. possessed |
| 4. created | d. dangerous |
| 5. find | e. difficulties |
| 6. risky | f. unhappy |
| 7. tricked | g. get |
| 8. real | h. look at |
| 9. check | i. genuine |
| 10. problems | j. made |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Could you fall in love with an AI character?
- c) Where is the best place to find love?
- d) Have you ever been tricked by someone online??
- e) What is the best thing to do for loneliness?
- f) Are you happier to talk to people online or in person?
- g) Have you ever fallen in love at first sight?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Mr X?

Phrase Match

1. Mr X, 49, sold
 2. He travelled over
 3. online
 4. He showed people
 5. I came here to
 6. how risky it can be to look
 7. Jessica's social media account had
 8. get people's
 9. don't make a similar mistake
 10. check the identity of a person
- a. for love online
 - b. photos of her
 - c. find happiness
 - d. attention
 - e. profile
 - f. in the future
 - g. everything he owned
 - h. you meet online
 - i. over 300,000 followers
 - j. 2,000 kilometres by bus

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about AI partners?
- b) Do you think partners in the future will be non-human?
- c) Would you sell everything to be with your dream partner?
- d) What would your dream partner be like?
- e) Would you date someone you met online?
- f) What are the dangers of online relationships?
- g) How would you feel if you were Mr X?
- h) What advice do you have for Mr X?

Spelling

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2. Mr X, 49, sold everything he oedwn
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11. check the dyiettni of a person
12. oeennissll at home

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. c	3. a	4. j	5. g
6. d	7. b	8. i	9. h	10. e

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	What did Mr X sell to be able to meet the woman he met online?
2.	When did Mr X first meet the woman?
3.	Where did Jessica want the man to go?
4.	What did Mr X show people in the city of Belo Horizonte?
5.	What did Mr X say he wanted to find in Belo Horizonte?
6.	What does the article say can be risky?
7.	What is it easy for AI to do to people?
8.	What did the creator of Jessica want to get?
9.	What does Mr X not want people to make in the future?
10.	What does Mr X say can create problems at home?

Speaking – My Partner

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things a partner must have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Money
- Intelligence
- Good looks
- A dream
- Ability to listen
- Cooking skills
- Nice personality
- Sense of humour

Answers – True False

1	T	2	T	3	F	4	T	5	T	6	F	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.