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Level 1

People lose money in online dating scam

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new Internet scam is tricking people who are looking for love. Conmen are using old love letters and romantic language. They buy "scam packs" online for just a few dollars. They include love letters photos, videos and fake identities. The conmen then pretend to be looking for love on dating sites. The conmen write to their victim and when they become friends, they ask for money. They give many different excuses and reasons why they need money.

London police said 3,900 people got scammed online in 2016, mostly women. The average amount of money lost was \$12,500. The average age of the victims was 59. A police officer described the damage the scams do to people's lives. He said the emotional damage is usually bigger than the lost money. He said people should never give money to strangers online, even if that person tells a very sad story. People should always be on their guard.

Sources: <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/old-love-letters-are-being-used-con-online-daters-out-cash-1606131>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. tricking people who | a. be looking for love |
| 2. love | b. language |
| 3. romantic | c. identities |
| 4. for just | d. to their victim |
| 5. fake | e. are looking for love |
| 6. pretend to | f. a few dollars |
| 7. The conmen write | g. and reasons |
| 8. They give many different excuses | h. letters |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 3,900 people got | a. to strangers |
| 2. The average amount of | b. victims was 59 |
| 3. The average age of the | c. the damage |
| 4. A police officer described | d. money lost |
| 5. emotional | e. a very sad story |
| 6. never give money | f. their guard |
| 7. even if that person tells | g. damage |
| 8. People should always be on | h. scammed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new Internet (1) _____ people who are looking for love. Conmen (2) _____ love letters and romantic language. They buy "scam packs" online (3) _____ dollars. They include love letters photos, videos and (4) _____. The conmen then pretend to be looking for love on dating sites. The conmen write to their (5) _____ they become friends, they ask for money. They give many different (6) _____ why they need money.

London police said 3,900 people got (7) _____ 2016, mostly women. The (8) _____ of money lost was \$12,500. The average (9) _____ victims was 59. A police officer described the damage the scams do to people's lives. He said (10) _____ damage is usually bigger than the lost money. He said people should never give money to (11) _____, even if that person tells a very sad story. People should (12) _____ their guard.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **online dating** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
