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## **Level 0**

### **People lose money in online dating scam**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170412-online-dating-0.html>

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

Thousands of people get scammed online, mostly women. They lose an average of \$12,500. Their average age is 59. The police talked about the damage the scams do to people. The emotional damage is bigger than the lost money. People should never give money to strangers online, even if that person tells a very sad story.

Sources: <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/old-love-letters-are-being-used-con-online-daters-out-cash-1606131>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-38936509>  
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/living/2842069/dating-sharks-rob-singletons-tips-stay-safe-online/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170412-online-dating-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A new Internet scam is   | a. reasons          |
| 2. love                     | b. looking for love |
| 3. fake                     | c. letters          |
| 4. The conmen pretend to be | d. need money       |
| 5. They write               | e. for money        |
| 6. They then ask            | f. identities       |
| 7. They give many           | g. tricking people  |
| 8. why they                 | h. to people        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Thousands of people get     | a. the lost money |
| 2. They lose an average        | b. is 59          |
| 3. Their average age           | c. very sad story |
| 4. the damage the scams do     | d. to strangers   |
| 5. emotional                   | e. scammed online |
| 6. bigger than                 | f. to people      |
| 7. never give money            | g. of \$12,500    |
| 8. even if that person tells a | h. damage         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170412-online-dating-0.html>

A new Internet (1) \_\_\_\_\_ tricking people who are looking for love. Conmen buy "scam packs" online (2) \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. They include love letters photos, videos and (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The conmen pretend to be looking (4) \_\_\_\_\_ dating sites. They write to people. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ money. They give many (6) \_\_\_\_\_ they need money. Thousands (7) \_\_\_\_\_ get scammed online, mostly women. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ average of \$12,500. Their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ is 59. The police talked about the damage the scams (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The emotional (11) \_\_\_\_\_ bigger than the lost money. People should never give money to strangers online, even if that person (12) \_\_\_\_\_ sad story.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ONLINE DATING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170412-online-dating-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

