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Level 0

Chinese women spend \$30 million on virtual boyfriends

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180205-dating-app-0.html>

Young Chinese women are spending \$30 million a month on a dating app called Love and Producer. The app has virtual boyfriends, not real men. Users buy "Purple Diamonds" from the app. They spend these in the app to go on dates and on their relationships. It makes the most money on Apple's China App Store.

The app has two million daily users. Most users are women in their early 20s. They love the romance. A student said she loved it because: "It's like a romantic novel with...voices. It's more real than reading a novel." Another young woman said: "I don't have a boyfriend, so I'm happy to have [virtual boyfriends]".

Sources: <https://qz.com/1193912/love-and-producer-chinas-female-gamers-are-spending-millions-of-dollars-on-virtual-boyfriends/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Young | a. app |
| 2. spending \$30 million | b. from the app |
| 3. a dating | c. money |
| 4. The app has virtual | d. a month |
| 5. Users buy "Purple Diamonds" | e. dates |
| 6. They spend these | f. Chinese women |
| 7. go on | g. boyfriends |
| 8. It makes the most | h. in the app |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The app has two million | a. a novel |
| 2. women in their | b. romance |
| 3. They love the | c. novel |
| 4. A student said she | d. early 20s |
| 5. It's like a romantic | e. have a boyfriend |
| 6. It's more real than reading | f. loved it |
| 7. I don't | g. virtual boyfriends |
| 8. I'm happy to have | h. daily users |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Young Chinese women (1) _____ \$30 million a month on a dating (2) _____ Love and Producer. (3) _____ virtual boyfriends, not real men. Users buy "(4) _____" from the app. They spend these in the app to (5) _____ and on their relationships. It makes the (6) _____ Apple's China App Store.

(7) _____ two million daily users. Most users are women in their early 20s. They (8) _____. A student said she (9) _____: "It's like a romantic novel with...voices. It's (10) _____ reading a novel." Another (11) _____: "I don't have a boyfriend, so I'm (12) _____ [virtual boyfriends]".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DATING APPS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180205-dating-app-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dating apps 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180205-dating-app-0.html>

Write about **dating apps** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
