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Level 2

People lose money in online dating scam

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new Internet scam is targeting people who are looking for love. Conmen are tricking people by using old love letters and romantic language. Conmen buy "scam packs" to help them trick would-be daters. The pack is online and only costs a few dollars. It includes love-letter templates, photos, videos and fake identities. This is all you need to pretend to be someone looking for love. The conmen pretend to be looking for romance on dating sites. They write to their victim and when they become friends, they ask for money. They use many different excuses and reasons why they need money.

London police said 3,900 people were scammed online in 2016. The average amount of money lost was \$12,500. The average age of the victims was 59. More women than men were scammed. A senior police officer described the damage the scams do. He said these crimes destroy lives. He said the emotional damage is usually bigger than the financial loss. He advised people to never give money to strangers. He said: "Never give money to people you meet online, no matter what emotional sob story the person uses." He added that people should always be on their guard online.

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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A new Internet scam is | a. their victim |
| 2. looking for | b. excuses |
| 3. love | c. identities |
| 4. to help them trick would- | d. need money |
| 5. fake | e. targeting people |
| 6. They write to | f. letters |
| 7. They use many different | g. love |
| 8. reasons why they | h. be daters |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. London police said 3,900 people | a. damage |
| 2. The average amount of | b. of the victims |
| 3. The average age | c. lives |
| 4. A senior police | d. on their guard |
| 5. these crimes destroy | e. were scammed |
| 6. emotional | f. to strangers |
| 7. never give money | g. officer |
| 8. people should always be | h. money lost |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170412-online-dating-2.html>

A new Internet (1) _____ people who are looking for love. Conmen are tricking people (2) _____ love letters and romantic language. Conmen buy "scam packs" to help them trick (3) _____. The pack is online and only costs a few dollars. It includes love-letter templates, photos, videos and fake identities. (4) _____ need to pretend to be someone looking for love. The conmen pretend to be looking for (5) _____ sites. They write to their victim and when they become friends, they ask for money. They use many different (6) _____ why they need money.

London police said 3,900 people were scammed online in 2016. The (7) _____ money lost was \$12,500. The average (8) _____ was 59. More women than men were scammed. A senior police officer described (9) _____ scams do. He said these crimes destroy lives. He said the emotional (10) _____ bigger than the financial loss. He advised people to never give money to strangers. He said: "Never give money to people you meet online, no matter (11) _____ sob story the person uses." He added that people should (12) _____ their guard online.

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) _____

