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**Level 0 – 14th March 2024**

## Dating apps are becoming less popular

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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/2403/240314-dating-apps-0.html>

Smartphone apps have a big role in dating. They make it easier to find a partner. However, the two biggest dating app companies have lost \$40 billion in value since 2021. This is because young people do not want to pay to use the apps. Instead, they are using free platforms like TikTok.

In 2017, a poll found that by 2040, 70 per cent of couples would meet online. However, times are changing. Younger people have less money to spend. An 18-year-old said she preferred to meet people in person. She said dating apps were "like a game". She cannot pay for the apps. She said that was a "no-no".

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240314-dating-apps-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Smartphone apps have a      | a. 2021               |
| 2. They make it easier to find | b. the apps           |
| 3. the two biggest dating      | c. big role in dating |
| 4. lost \$40 billion           | d. like TikTok        |
| 5. since                       | e. in value           |
| 6. young people do             | f. a partner          |
| 7. pay to use                  | g. app companies      |
| 8. free platforms              | h. not want to pay    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a poll found                 | a. in person          |
| 2. 70 per cent of couples would | b. for the apps       |
| 3. times are                    | c. that               |
| 4. Younger people have less     | d. a "no-no"          |
| 5. she preferred to meet people | e. meet online        |
| 6. She said dating apps         | f. money to spend     |
| 7. She cannot pay               | g. changing           |
| 8. She said that was            | h. were "like a game" |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Smartphone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ big role in dating. They

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ to find a partner. However, the

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ app companies have lost \$40 billion

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ 2021. This is because young people do

not want to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the apps. Instead, they

are using (6) \_\_\_\_\_ TikTok.

In 2017, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that by 2040, 70 per cent of

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ online. However, (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

Younger people have less money to spend. An 18-year-old said

she (10) \_\_\_\_\_ people in person. She said dating

apps were "(11) \_\_\_\_\_". She cannot pay for the

apps. She said that (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DATING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240314-dating-apps-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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) \_\_\_\_\_

