

Dating



1. Describe the picture. What is happening in the photo?
2. Have you ever been on a date? What was it like?

Reading

Dating practices vary from culture to culture, but before people get married, they usually date or go out together for a period of time to see if they are compatible. Some people enjoy going out on group dates with a number of friends so they feel less pressure and stress of trying to impress the other person.

Other people go on blind dates, that is, going out with a person that you've never met. In either case, most singles try to date people with whom you have similar interests and values. If you have things in common, you're more likely to enjoy each other's company. However, be careful when dating because people sometimes don't show their true colors on the first, second, or fifteenth date.

Furthermore, although finding dates online has become very popular, it's difficult to get to know someone through email or online. Meeting people in person along with a few friends is probably a safe way to get to know others.

Vocabulary Practice

compatible
pressure
impress
blind date
values
true colors

Comprehension Check

1. What do people usually do before they get married?
2. What is the purpose of dating?
3. Why do people choose to go out on group dates?
4. What term means going out with a person that you've never met?
5. Why should we be careful when dating?

Dialogue

Josh: Hey, Jacob, is Mia coming with us?

Jacob: Yes. Why?

Josh: Nothing. I'm just asking.

Jacob: Just asking? But why is your face burning like mad? Ah-huh, someone has a crush on Mia, doesn't he?

Josh: Who has a crush?!

Jacob: Come on, Josh, don't be such a chicken. If you like her, you've got to tell her. Maybe she likes you.

Josh: Well, I don't have the guts to ask her out.

Jacob: What're you so afraid of? Just tell her what you're feeling about her.

Josh: I'd totally die if she turned me down.

Jacob: But that's better than keeping everything to yourself. You've got to let her know. Come on! You've got to take a chance! Even though you are rejected, it's not the end of the world! There's nothing to lose, is there?

Josh: I don't know....Well, maybe, you're right, but how am I going to tell her?