

Language for ...

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1 Warmer

What different ways are there to meet new people? Make a list. Which do you think is best?

- *Take up a new hobby.*
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2 Video



- a** Watch the video. Do the speakers mention ways to meet people that you hadn't thought of?
- b** Read the questions and tick the correct person, based on what you have heard on the video. Sometimes more than one person is correct.

Who ...?	Sam	Patrick	Maitrayee	Erica
1. met a partner or friend at university?				
2. went for a walk on a first date?				
3. has similar interests to their partner or friend?				
4. met their partner on a dating site?				
5. thinks that work isn't a very good place to find a partner?				
6. was married before?				

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- c** Choose the correct option to complete the statements. Then watch the video again and check your answers.
1. If someone is charismatic, they have a *strong/weak* personality.
 2. People who *complement/complete* each other well often have good relationships.
 3. If two people have similar *roles/goals*, they hope to achieve the same things in life.
 4. If a relationship doesn't work *out/off*, then it isn't successful.
 5. Your *comfortable/comfort* zone is a situation or place that you feel relaxed in.
 6. A *careful/caring* person is kind, helpful and sympathetic to other people.
 7. If a person is great *company/character*, they are fun to be with.
- d** Sam says online dating '*sounds like a really difficult thing to do.*' Do you agree? What do you think are the pros and cons of dating apps / online dating?

3 Language in use

- a** Work in pairs. Ask your partner questions to complete the profile.

Student A

OnMyBike, 24

Likes: Star Wars movies, my bike

Pet hates: tidy kitchens, soap operas

Favourite food: Steak, ice-cream in unusual flavours



I absolutely love exercise and work up a sweat every day. Whether it's playing football, taking my dog for a run or cycling to work, I'm happiest when I'm outside making myself tired. You'll never see me wearing a suit.

Student B

NotYourAverageBear, 26

Likes: A night in front of the TV, fresh air

Pet hates: dog hairs, washing up

Favourite food: anything sweet, meat – lots of it!



I don't spend hours in the bathroom. I do go to the gym, wear baggy old sweaters and put my feet on the sofa. I'm an energetic person who likes to exercise by day and chill out by night.

NotYourAverageBear, 26

Likes: (1) _____, fresh air

Pet hates: (2) _____,
washing up

Favourite food: anything sweet, (3) _____



I don't wear make-up or spend hours in the bathroom. I do (4) _____, wear baggy old sweaters and put my feet on the sofa. I'm an energetic person who likes to exercise by day and chill out by night.

OnMyBike, 24

Likes: (5) _____, my bike

Pet hates: (6) _____,
soap operas

Favourite food: Steak, (7) _____



I absolutely love exercise and work up a sweat every day. Whether it's playing football, (8) _____ or cycling to work, I'm happiest when I'm outside making myself tired. You'll never see me wearing a suit.

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- b** Look at the profiles again. Do you think the two people will like each other? Why or why not?
- c** Read the two conversations below. Look at the words and phrases in bold, and match them with their meanings (1-10).

Alexa: *So, how was your first week at university?*

Simon: *It was great, thanks – tiring, but exciting, too.*

Alexa: *Brilliant. Have you made any new friends yet?*

Simon: *Well, I've met quite a few people – you know, in bars and at organized events.*

Alexa: *OK. And anyone you think you might **get on with**?*

Simon: *Yeah, one or two. There's this guy, Paul. He's on my course, and we got talking on the first day. He's really friendly, and we **have a lot in common**. Would you believe it – he comes from Liverpool too!*

Alexa: *Wow, what a coincidence!*

Simon: *And we've got loads of shared interests. He's really into electronics like me, and he loves online gaming.*

Alexa: *Sounds like you two will **get on like a house on fire** – you're never away from your computer!*

Simon: *[laughs] I know. I need to **get to know** him of course, but the first time we met, we really **hit it off**.*

Alexa: *Sounds great, Simon, I'm really pleased for you.*

Simon: *Thanks!*



1. to have the same experiences, interests or opinions as someone else

2. to like each other when you meet for the first time

3. to start to understand someone after spending time together

4. to like someone and be friendly to them

5. to become good friends very quickly and have a lot to talk to each other about

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Maria: *Did Ric **ask you out** last week?*

Ellen: *Yeah, we had lunch at that new Italian restaurant and then went for a walk in the park.*

Maria: *So, how did you get on?*

Ellen: *Well, I'm not sure I'll be going out with him again ... Don't get me wrong, he's nice enough, but I just don't think he's the right guy for me. We didn't particularly **enjoy each other's company**.*

Maria: *That's a shame. Why?*

Ellen: *We're just not **on the same wavelength**. For starters, he's mad about football, which I really hate ... and then, well, he also tucked into this huge plate of meat, and I'm a vegetarian.*

Maria: *[laughs] Well, that's hardly the end of the world!*

Ellen: *I know, I know, but I can't explain – we just didn't **click**. But I'm guessing it'll only be a matter of time before he starts **flirting** with someone else.*

Maria: *Hey, you could be right there – he definitely likes female company. Well, don't worry – I'm sure one day you'll meet an amazing guy and it'll all work out.*

Ellen: *[Laughs] I hope so!*



6. to behave towards someone in a way that shows you have a romantic interest in them

7. to like being together

8. to immediately understand someone and realize that you like them

9. understanding how someone thinks and having similar interests and opinions

10. to invite someone to go somewhere with you because you want to start a romantic relationship with them

4 Communicate

Complete the task in pairs.

Think about a time when you met someone for the first time or went on a first date, and tell your partner about the experience. What happened? What did you like (or not like) about them? Are you friends now? Why or why not?

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We met in a bar / at university.

We didn't really have anything in common.

We got on quite well.

We clicked straight away.

She's very different from me.

We've been friends ever since.

He's a bit bossy / bad-tempered / sensitive.

He's a good laugh / a nice guy / great company.

She's into cooking / sport like me.

It didn't work out.

5 Discuss – speed dating/friending



What is speed dating or speed friending? Do you think it's a good idea? Why or why not?

Red Words

boyfriend** click* friend*** date*** girlfriend** guy** meet*** partner ***
personality*** profile** relationship***