

Ituzaingó School of English
Adolescents III – ASSIGNMENT #1

A) READING – Read the text

Please date my dad!



‘So, how was the date?’

You probably think this is a parent asking the question to their child. But many children are now helping their single parents find love, too. Clint Bouchez, a 52-year-old businessman from Reigate, Surrey, got divorced ten years ago. His daughter, 26-year-old Charlotte, doesn't

05 want her dad to end up alone – her mum remarried five years ago, and Charlotte has a boyfriend.

Charlotte and Clint are very close. They often go out together in the evening, they're planning a trip to India for later in the year, and they're both Bruce Springsteen fans. But Charlotte thinks that Clint

10 needs a new partner, and he agrees.

‘My dad is the perfect man,’ she says. ‘He’s warm, he’s generous, he knows how to look after a woman, how to treat a woman. He’s a gentleman. He’s always the one who pays on dates. He’s romantic and he’s fun. I don’t mind spending Friday and Saturday nights

15 with my dad and that says a lot – I’m only 26.’

Dating in the 21st century is very different from when Clint was young. Internet dating has changed everything. ‘It’s difficult now just to walk over to a woman and ask her “Can I buy you a drink?”’ he says. ‘Before, when you met people face to face, there was

20 sometimes a “spark”, a feeling of romantic destiny – you don’t get that from someone’s profile picture.’

Charlotte wrote Clint’s dating profile for an online dating website. Clint would like to meet a woman who works, preferably a businesswoman. Someone who’s independent, but funny and

25 clever. He has had several dates, but none of the women were right for him. He and Charlotte are still looking. ‘I’m always hopeful,’ he says. ‘I really believe that sooner or later I’m going to find “the one”.’

1. Choose the correct option: TRUE or FALSE

a. Clint is a businessman.

TRUE **FALSE**

b. Clint got divorced from Charlotte ten years ago.

TRUE **FALSE**

c. Charlotte wants Clint to find a new partner.

TRUE **FALSE**

d. Charlotte says his dad's the perfect man for every woman.

TRUE **FALSE**

e. Clint finds dating very difficult nowadays.

TRUE **FALSE**

f. Clint would like to date an independent woman.

TRUE **FALSE**

2. Answer the questions:

a. Why does Charlotte want Clint to have a girlfriend?

b. How does Charlotte describe her dad?

c. Why does Clint find dating difficult?

B) USE OF ENGLISH

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (NOTE: use contractions)

a. I _____ (not like) going out at weekends. I _____ (prefer) staying at home.

b. If it _____ (not rain), we can go to the park.

c. We _____ (plan) to go to the cinema next Saturday.

d. We _____ (not have) enough money to buy the computer if you keep spending it on stupid things!

e. For our next holidays, we _____ (travel) to Brazil.

f. We _____ (buy) a lot of electronic stuff last time we _____ (go) to Chile.

g. Oh, sorry, I didn't hear you. I _____ (pay) attention to the news.

2. Read the text. Choose the correct option.

Taylor,

Hi! _____ life? I haven't heard from you in a while. Is everything ok? I didn't write before _____ I thought you could be busy ____ I'm starting to get worried _____ you.

I'm _____ for not being at your birthday party, I couldn't get a plane ticket on time. Have _____ received your birthday present? I know you're interested _____ science, that's why I _____ it. Is it _____ than the one you had? Is it useful for you?

Things are going fine round here. Your cousin always asks about you. He's quite _____ about your life. Are you still good _____ tennis? Maybe we _____ play when you come to visit us.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Love,

Uncle Tom.

C) WRITING

- Reply to Uncle Tom. Write a letter thanking him for the present (imagine the present he gave you). Your letter must be at least 90 words long.

Write here

D) LISTENING – Remember the topic of the reading on section A? You're going to listen to a journalist talking about a dating experiment. Choose the correct option.

1. What kind of app does Elphsbeth use?
a. a dating app b. an experimental app
2. What do you do if you like someone?
a. swipe left b. swipe right
3. What's Elphsbeth mother going to do?
a. She's going to use the app to choose a man for herself
b. She's going to select men for her daughter
4. What's Elphsbeth going to do?
a. She's going to check on her mother's "matches"
b. She's going to go on dates with the men her mother chooses.