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ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE
DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES
English!

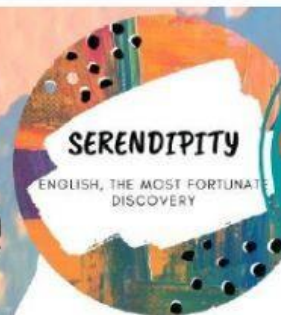
a Write negative sentences.

- 1 You get up early. You don't get up early.
- 2 It rains a lot here.
- 3 We live in a flat.
- 4 I play tennis
- 5 He has a beard.
- 6 They go to the gym.
- 7 She writes a blog.

b Complete the questions with do or does.

- 1 When do you meet your friends?
- 2 your laptop have a webcam?
- 3 What time we need to leave?
- 4 your mother work from home?
- 5 Which websites you use most?
- 6 your girlfriend like action films?
- 7 your brother spend a long time on Facebook?

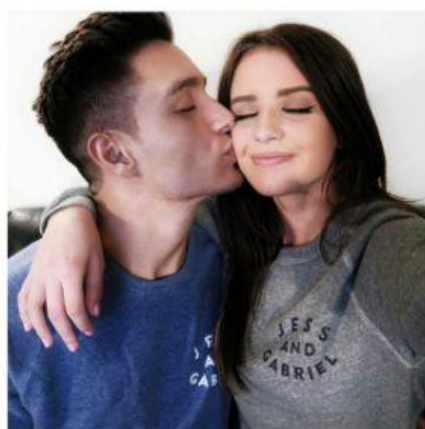
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c Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

not come earn get on study have not like live
prefer not see share want work



I am very different from my boyfriend, Gabriel. Gabriel 1 works as a vet and he 2 quite a lot of money. I'm a student and I 3 music at university. I 4 to be a music teacher when I finish.

Gabriel 5 in a small house in the country, and I 6 a flat with some friends in the city centre. We often 7 parties in our flat, but Gabriel 8 He's quite shy, so he 9 being extrovert with other people. I'm quite extrovert so I 10 to be in a group. I 11 Gabriel much because he's usually busy. But when we're together, we always 12 really well. Some people say that opposites attract, and for Gabriel and me, it's true.

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d Complete the sentences.

- 1 Does your boyfriend have brown eyes or blue eyes?
- 2 Tanya's dad doesn't have any hair. He's b_____.
- 3 My best friend's hair isn't str_____. It's c_____.
- 4 Andy doesn't shave. He has a b_____ and a m_____.
- 5 You aren't f_____ at all. I think you are quite sl_____.
- 6 When Jake was young, he was very th_____ but now he's a bit
ov_____.
- 7 My hair isn't brown , it's r_____. And I'm not short, I'm
m_____ h_____.

e Complete the opposites.

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|-----------------|-------|
| 1. talkative | |
| 2. shy | |
| 3. generous | |
| 4. friendly | |
| 5. hard-working | |
| 6. kind | |
| 7. serious | |
| 8. stupid | |

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f Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 What did you look like when you were a child?
- 2 What does your husband look like?
- 3 What's your girlfriend like?
- 4 What does your sister look like?
- 5 What's George like?
- 6 What were you like when you were at school?

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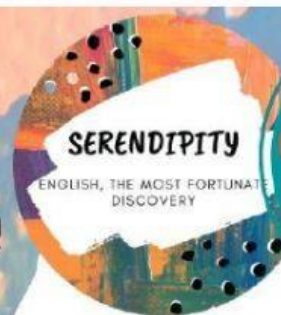
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- a. She's tall and slim with long blonde hair.
- b. He's very kind and quite hard-working.
- c. I had short curly hair and a moustache.
- d. He has short dark hair and a moustache.
- e. She's very clever and quite extrovert.
- f. I was very talkative and a bit lazy.

g Choose the verb with a different sound.

/s/	/s/	/z/	/z/	/ɪz/	/ɪz/
works	lives	knows	runs	leaves	teaches
laughs	thinks	rains	starts	dresses	cooks
watches	drinks	likes	goes	washes	misses

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h Choose the stressed syllable.

1 talk a tive

4 ge ne rous

7 cur ly

2 ex tro vert

5 mou stache

8 qui et

3 un friend ly

6 se ri ous

9 o ver weight

i Read the article; Singles' Day in Shanghai.

Singles' Day in Shanghai

11 November is 'Singles' Day' in Shanghai, and every year a dating event takes place where all the single men and women of the city have the chance to meet a partner. Last year, it was so popular that the organizers had to close online registration because there were no more places.



Between 10,000 and 40,000 people attend the event every year. It's held in a district of Shanghai called Thames Town. At least 50 dating agencies take part. They set up stands in the town hall with billboards displaying cards with the

height, birth date, education, and annual income of thousands of clients. People who did not manage to register for the event organize their own unofficial dating system by writing their names and phone numbers on bits of paper and attaching them to the fence outside the town hall.

More people take part in 'Singles' Day' every year because of the growing number of single adults in Shanghai. In the centre of the city, more than 24% of people over the age of 15 are unmarried.

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j Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false)

- 1 The people who take part in 'Singles' Day' aren't married.
- 2 Many people register for the event on the internet.
- 3 All of the dating events are in the town hall.
- 4 People who don't register for the event can't find a partner on 'Singles' Day'.
- 5 Every year, there are more single adults in Shanghai.

k Listen to a radio programme about online dating and answer.

How many people call the programme?

l Listen again and match the callers with the sentences.

1 Alan	☐	☐	A. He/She doesn't have time for a social life.
2 Kate	☐	☐	B. He/She made a mistake.
3 Paolo	☐	☐	C. He/She had a child with the partner he/she met online.
			D. He/She married someone who was married before.
			E. He/She doesn't like meeting new people.
			F. He/She is happily married now, but doesn't have any children.

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Learn these words and phrases.

- ☐ guy
- ☐ partner
- ☐ single person
- ☐ smile
- ☐ sociable
- ☐ be into (sth)
- ☐ feel like (doing sth)
- ☐ get on well (with)
- ☐ go on date
- ☐ sense of humour