

First impression

A Complete the social media comments with appropriate words.

Nina Blank: What's the most disastrous date you've ever been on?

Jackie Singleton:

I went to dinner recently with a really boring guy. He kept insisting on ¹ _____ listening to him talking about himself.

Ryan McGuire:

I met a woman who was really nice, until she started talking about politics. She went on and on about how she was against ² _____ introducing healthcare reforms. She wouldn't let me get a word in edgewise.

Thomas Murphy:

I'm sick of ³ _____ standing me up on dates. The last time, we went to watch a film. She left 'to get popcorn' and never came back.

Daniela McDonald:

It wasn't until after the date that I learned about ⁴ _____ need for constant attention. We had a really nice lunch, but then later that afternoon and evening, he called me 10 times!

Lyndon Dawson:

She looked stunning. Fortunately, I'd made an effort and was wearing my new white shirt. I wasn't so impressed by ⁵ _____ accidentally spilling orange juice down it!

C Circle the correct options.

- A: Did you find someone to help you with your project in the end?
B: Yes, I teamed up *for* / *with* a couple of others in my class, and we finished it in no time.
- A: Did you work things out / up with your brother?
B: I did. Things went well in the end, and we're friends again.
- A: I was really counting *to* / *on* Joe to help me with my assignment, but he didn't do anything.
B: Why don't you take the issue up / on with your professor? It's not fair that you should do all the work.
- A: I'm really sorry I embarrassed you in front of your parents.
B: It's OK. I'll let you off / out.
- A: Phew! I was worried we wouldn't be able to stick on / to the deadline there.
B: Me too, but your help was fantastic. I thought we'd wind up / out not finishing in time, but we made it. Thanks a million.