

DATING: STARTING OVER

EXERCISE 1. Complete the sentences

Use the expressions from the box. Change the form if necessary.

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take the plunge • vague • lengthy

1. After being single for years, Tom finally feels ready to _____ and start a family.
2. Her answers about her previous relationship were so _____ that I wasn't sure what had actually happened.
3. It's only been a month since his divorce. Do you think he's dating because he's _____?
4. After a 15-year marriage, the idea of _____ and meeting new people can feel overwhelming.
5. She's always dated the same type of person. Maybe she needs to _____ and give someone different a chance.
6. I'd _____ someone who refuses to tell you anything about their personal life.
7. They've been together for six years and are finally ready to _____ and get married.
8. We had a surprisingly _____ conversation on our first date — we talked for almost four hours!

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EXERCISE 2. Complete the story

Use the words and expressions from the box. Change the form if necessary.
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1. After her relationship of ten years ended, Kate felt as if she had to (1) _____. At first, she was (2) _____ dating apps because she'd never used one before.
2. Her friends encouraged her to (3) _____ and meet people she wouldn't normally consider her "type". She went on a few dates, but whenever someone was (4) _____ about what they wanted from a relationship, she quickly lost interest.
3. Kate also knew she didn't want to date simply because she was (5) _____. She wanted to give herself time.
4. A year later, she met Daniel. Neither of them was in a hurry to (6) _____, but their relationship gradually became serious. Eventually, they decided they were ready to (7) _____ and move in together.

Follow-up question (give your oral answer)

Do you think Kate approached dating in a healthy way? Why / why not?