

3 READING

DATING Q & A

WITH STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD



The men

In Ho, 22, South Korea
Niels, 20, Holland

Do teenagers date in your country?

In Ho: They usually don't, not in high school. Students are studying a lot and preparing for the college entrance exam. Most people go on a first date later, usually in college.

Erin: People here start dating at 14 or 15. But these couples usually break up after graduation.

Valentina: My parents are strict,¹ so I didn't date in high school. But some people do, at age 16 or so.²

Niels: Teenagers date in Holland, but it's very relaxed. Guys and girls often hang out together in groups. This is true even in college and later. It's a good way to meet people.

In Ho: I agree. I often go out with my classmates—both men and women. We go to a club or something like that.

The women

Valentina, 21, Colombia
Erin, 19, New Zealand

Imagine you like someone. Do you invite the person to go on a date with you?

In Ho: Sure. I text the person. If she agrees, we go to a movie or something.

Valentina: I never ask the guy. He should invite me.

Erin: But sometimes a guy is shy.³

Niels: Or you like him, but he doesn't know.

Erin: Exactly. So it's OK for a girl to invite the guy, I think.

Niels: I agree.

¹ A strict person controls another person, usually with many rules.

² Or so means about or around.

³ A shy person is quiet and uncomfortable with others.



A Understand the main idea.

Read the title of the passage. Q & A means “question and answer.” Then read the two questions in **bold**, and the names at the top of the next page. Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What is the reading mainly about?
2. Where are the students from?

B **Read for details.** Read the answers to the first question. Do teenagers date in their countries? Circle Yes or No. If they say an age, write it.

/ɪn 'həʊ/ In Ho Yes No Age: _____

/'erɪn/ Erin Yes No Age: _____

Valentina Yes No Age: _____

/nilz/ Niels Yes No Age: _____

C **Read for opinions.** Read the entire passage. Then answer the questions. Write the person's name. Sometimes, more than one name is possible.

Who thinks...

1. most teenagers don't have time to date? _____
2. going out in a group is a good way to meet people? _____
3. most teenage couples break up? _____
4. a woman can ask a guy on a date? _____
5. a man should ask a woman on a date? _____

D Do you agree or disagree with the opinions in C? Tell a partner.