

Listening and reading comprehension

a Listen to three women describing their fathers. Which one is Charlotte, the woman with her father in the photo?

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b Now read the article about Charlotte and her father Clint. Find the information about Clint.

age	
job	
marital status	
personality	
perfect partner	

c Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Charlotte want to find Clint a partner?
- 2 How do we know that Charlotte and Clint are close?
- 3 What was dating like when Clint was young?

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 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 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 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 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 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".'

4 How does Clint find dates now, and how has Charlotte helped him?

d Look at the two highlighted words in the article. Which word describes...?



a person who makes you laugh

a person who you can have a good time with



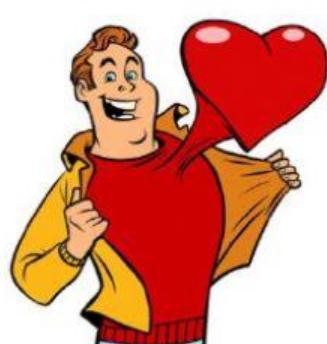
e Match the pictures with the adjectives Charlotte uses to describe her father

generous

perfect

warm

romantic



f Do you think Charlotte is the best person to help find her dad a date? Why?



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