

What icons are in the picture? Can you name the apps? Have you used any of them? Did you find them helpful?

Do you happen to know Sounds Like a Cult podcast?

1. Listen to the clip from the intro. What three things do the hosts encourage us to do?

1)to s_____ ____



2)to t_____ c____

3)to s_____ the w_____

_____

Listen again and fill each gap with one word

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Do you think dating apps are culty?

Listen to the clip and join the parts of the phrases. Can you explain the meanings?

created this shift	purposes
regular dating is	of dating apps
COVID safety	society clickier
made our whole	in dating
it's socially acceptable	on the internet first
by joining the cult	to finding your match
by vetting them	less acceptable
such the default approach	to interact

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Go through the transcript and pay attention to the verb forms in bold. What are the tenses? Explain their usage. Unjumble the questions at the end of the snippet.

- Yeah well **I will say** I feel like **they've gotten cultier**. I feel like because of the pandemic like **it created** this shift in dating where like now it's almost cultier because regular dating is less acceptable. [Yeah] Like the creation of people's bubbles like social bubbles for like COVID safety purposes. [Your pod] Yeah your pod like it's created this divide amongst like talking to strangers at bars.

-**It's almost made** our whole society clickier. [Yeah] Because you're afraid of catching not only a physical disease but now some kind of social disease.

Yeah and so the only way that you're like it's socially acceptable to interact with another social cult or another social pod is by joining the cult of dating apps.

By vetting them on the internet first. [Yeah] Yeah that is so true. I definitely think that dating apps have gotten cultier since I was using them in 2018. Dating apps have become such the default approach to finding your match that **I was at a party** the other day and a friend and **I were talking** to someone who **had just moved to LA** and was interested in starting to date and he was like 'But I don't want to be on dating apps,' and my friend's reaction was like what, why? Because to us it's like so unimaginable that you would want to be on the outside of this cult.

It's like why, / you/what's/ with/wrong/

_____ ?

Like / dating apps/ you/ / on/why/ don't/ to be/ want/

_____ ?

Like / and how/ your defect/ what/ do we/ fix it/

_____ ?



Listen again and check _____

3.Listen to the next snippet and try to count all the LIKEs in it. How many did you get? Which of the speakers uses LIKE more often?

_____

by joining the cult

emotional strain

physical peril

scammed out of money

worst case scenarios

the psychological costs

the opportunity cost

getting catfished

rent-free in our brain

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I was just thinking earlier because this is a cult podcast so it's like thinking of dating apps as a cult I was thinking like what is _____ ? Like what's the loss? Like what are you losing _____ ? Because it's easy to sign up and like you engage with it as much as you want or as little as you want but I think it's like the opportunity cost is _____ for sure and also effort like emotional effort into like planning, thinking about it or thinking like why didn't this person respond to me as they say and now I finally understand the saying dating apps are living _____ .

Oh absolutely and that's just talking about _____ . We didn't get to talk about this in the interview with our guests but there are really bad _____ from the cult of dating apps including _____ , getting _____ . Like you could put yourself in _____ by not having that in-person ability to judge someone. You know we need those intuitions. Our intuitions are there to judge people socially.

4. Look at the prepositions and try to find the correct place for each one in the paragraphs of the transcript. Listen to the snippet, check yourself and put the lines in order _____

into **on** **for** **from** **with** **in**

__ You can't even like find it ____ their website. Totally. There is this mysterious god-like presence of dating app algorithms and higher-ups.

__ That's so true and I feel like ____ a lot of negative worst case scenarios when it comes to companies or like establishments you have a hierarchy or you have like a formal outlet to go to when something goes wrong.

__ We just put so much trust ____ these applications to help us find the loves of our lives or someone it would be fun and safe to have sex with and yet they could be putting us ____ harm's way and we wouldn't even know it.

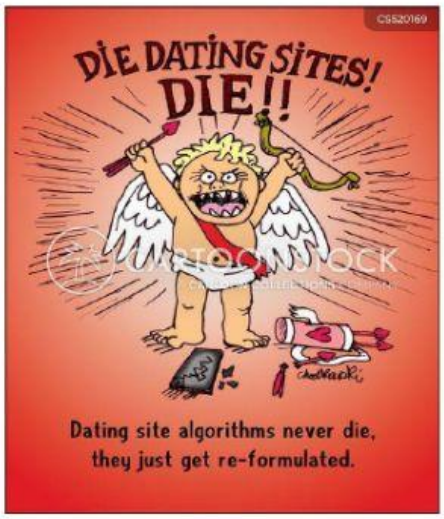
__ There's no HR ____ dating apps. There really is no HR for dating apps and also like if you think about it there's also like no tech help. Have you ever gotten like a customer service number or email ____ Hinge?



"Forget the glass slipper thing. I've just installed the Tinderella app."

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5. Listen to the snippet once. What do one of the speakers call "the secondary mission"? Go through the verbs and try to find the correct place (and form) for each one in the text.



help **feel** **interpret** **gamify**

design **relate** **leave**

When we say the cult of dating apps, what immediately comes to mind for you and how do you _____ that? I think I think about the time suck that these apps can take from us, like the way that dating has been so _____ to make us _____ like there is an endless accessibility of potential partners when really it's like a lot of tech platforms kind of sucking our data and time away from us and also maybe hopefully _____ a lot of us meet people. The more I think about it, the more it feels like the secondary mission.

Yeah, I think that like _____ to that is the fact that the goal of an app is to have a large user base. And if you meet someone and you leave, you're no longer part of that large user base. And so there is a strong motivation for apps to _____ themselves, not in the best way to find you a partner, but in the best way for you to never _____ the app, never want to leave the app. [Totally]

What is ghosting? Can you explain the idea in your own words?

6. Listen to the snippet _____. Which terms do the pictures illustrate? What ideas are behind the terms?





gmailnaminn _____ sincargep _____

7. What is zumping? Listen to the snippet and check your guess and also complete the phrases _____

Zumping with a ___ ? I'm gonna guess dumping ____ Zoom

That's where our heads are ____

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have your _____ on the pulse of the youth

it's really shining _____



8. What is fleabagging? Listen to the clip and check your guess _____

Unjumble these sentences from the snippet and find the correct place for each one in the script.



A. / would/ so funny / be/ that/. _____

B. / that to/a thing/ be/I want/. _____

C. / been/ for years/ fleabagging/ I've/. _____

D. / your/is it / priest/ like dating/ ? _____

- Okay, what is fleabagging?

- Oh, fleabagging…

- 1) ___ ?

- Oh, hot. Hot.

- I was gonna say breaking the fourth wall a lot while you're dating, but that doesn't make any sense.

- Oh, 2) _____ . You like go on a date and you like talk to nobody.

- Dating someone who is like completely unavailable to you?

- Emma is correct. It's continually dating people who are all wrong for you.

- Oh, 3) ___ .

- But I love the idea of being on a date and like cutting to camera and being like, I could tell his dick was small. Oh, good. Yeah.

- 4) ____ .

- That's the kind of fleabagging I can get behind. Yes.



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What is breadcrumbing? Why is the picture here?

9. Listen to the clip and check _____

Why do you think *"... that none of the dating app originating slang terms signify something good" ?*

The next part of the lesson is going to be tailored around snippets from an episode of Word of Mouth podcast. To bridge these two parts, let's listen to Michael Rosen, the host, and answer the questions _____:



1. **Who does Jacqueline Wilson write books mostly for?**
2. **Where does the hero of one of books by Jacqueline Wilson live?**
3. **Who does the girl want to seem attractive to?**
4. **What does she do for that?**
5. **What did Jacquelin Wilson get the young people to do in her workshop?**
6. **What does the phrase "*to fib about it*" mean?**

10. The female voice in some clips here belongs to Dr. Nicola Fox Hamilton, a cyber psychologist. Can you figure out her accent?

1 _____ But out there, in real life, people are doing versions of this all the time and it's a serious matter.

2 _____ So, let me ask you a question: are you looking for love online?

3 _____ If you are, you'll need to start by writing your own dating profile and be able to decipher those of others.

4 _____ What are the best words to use to describe yourself? And what are the words to avoid?

5 _____It's very difficult to get an accurate sense of what somebody is actually like. That's what my PhD research was on.

6 _____ And we are really really bad at getting a sense of what people are like. So you can write anything you want in your dating profile.

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