

Covid dating

Put words in one of the categories:

singles	couples	to meet

bachelor	hook up	rendezvous	the other party
companions	item	singleton	the unattached
date	lovers	spinster	

Consider the verbal expressions. Match each with the right definition.

to shepherd women	to continue to exist longer than sth
to stoke frustration	to reveal a lot about yourself
to bare your soul	to guide a group somewhere
to commandeer	to take control over sth
to frown upon	to remove completely
to weed out	to think badly of sth
to outlast	to make sth increase

Look at the sentences and choose the best definition for the expression in bold:

1. Shepherding women from bar to bedroom was easy. Sex was **on tap**.
2. The **solitude** is making them reconsider what they need from romantic relationships.

3. Before the pandemic, online daters complained about the **fickleness** of their peers. Many failed to initiate conversations with those they were matched with.
4. This stoked frustration; last October 45% of American users told Pew that online dating was a **vexing** experience.
5. But covid-19 has rendered users less **flighty**. Between late February and late March, the average length of a conversation on Tinder, one of the most popular apps, surged by 25%.

Put one of the above expressions into statements below:

1. Online dating is going to _____ the pandemic. We will see a 180 change of dating behaviours.
2. The _____ culture of the 21st is gone. In time of crisis, people are looking for deeper-meaning relationships.
3. Modern daters are _____ because they always think there might be a better option around the corner.
4. The pandemic _____ so much fear and anxiety that at some point people will ignore rules in order to regain their old lives.
5. _____ are going to be a growing social group. It is friendship that counts nowadays, not romantic relationships.

