

Reading and speaking

Have you ever heard about Blind Date ? What is it ?

In a survey, 10,000 couples were asked how and where they first met. How do you think most couples meet? Discuss with a partner. Match a line with a percentage.

How did they meet?	%
at school or university	3%
at work	5%
at a bar or club	6%
online dating	7%
social media	12%
through friends	11%
through family	13%
a blind date	18%
none of these	25%



Now, listen and check. Did anything surprise you ? How did couples that you know meet?

Read the article and then answer the questions.

Blind Date

This week:

Kitty Ferry, 22, festival organizer meets **Ross Mayo**, 31, carpenter.

They met in the **Oyster Shack** restaurant in Bigbury-on-Sea, Devon.

Will they ever meet again?

Each week we organize a blind date between two of our readers. Then they answer questions about how it went.

Kitty talking about Ross

First impressions He had a kind face with a beard ... of course! Every guy has a beard these days! He laughed out loud when he saw me on my bike.

What did you talk about? Music, travel, jobs. I love my job – I get to travel a lot, but only in the UK. I'd love to see more of the world. I love that Ross left a well-paid job in London to be a carpenter. Oh, and me being a 'veggie' – he was surprised that I still eat fish.

Any difficult moments? It was really hot in the restaurant, and I had a big woolly jumper on. I was worried that I looked red!

Best thing about him? He was chatty and funny. He tried to teach me how to wink! We laughed so much people were looking at us! He enjoys life and his work to the full.

Would your friends like him? Oh yes! They would love him.

Describe him in three words. Funny, kind, intelligent.

Did you go on somewhere? Yes, we went for a walk by the sea ... in the rain. I love rain – I ran into the sea and fell over. Ross rescued me.

Did you kiss? Well, he rescued me, didn't he? So, what do you think?!

Marks out of 10? The more we talked, the more I liked him. 8.

Would you like to meet again? We are going to meet again. He's going to make a wardrobe for my new flat.



Ross talking about Kitty

First impressions We both arrived on bikes. I liked that – I couldn't help laughing. And I loved her big smile and crazy clothes. She was so 'bubbly',

What did you talk about? Music, our jobs – why I left my city job as a journalist and moved here. Kitty wants to travel the world. I did that when I was 21. I'm happy now, living and working by the sea. She's 'veggie' – bad news, but ... she eats fish – surprising! We were in a great fish restaurant.

Any difficult moments? I think I said something that embarrassed her – she went very red. I don't know what it was.

Best thing about her? Her laugh! We both laughed a lot. I loved hearing about her job. She doesn't earn much, but money doesn't matter to Kitty. I'm the same.

Would your friends like her? Very much. My flatmate, Mark, would really love her.

Describe her in three words. Funny, interesting, very pretty – sorry, that's four!

Did you go on somewhere? Well, we didn't go far, just down to the beach. I rescued Kitty when a wave knocked her over.

Did you kiss? Well, when I picked her up from the water, she said, 'Are you going to kiss me?' So I did.

Marks out of 10? She can't wink, but I like her. 9

Would you like to meet again? Definitely – but I'm not going to introduce her to Mark!



Answer the questions

- What is a blind date?
- Who are the people? How old are they?
- What are their jobs?
- Where did they meet?

Answer the questions about your person. Which *one* question can't you answer?

- 1 Why did they laugh as soon as they met?
- 2 How does he/she describe her/him?
- 3 Who is a 'veggie' (vegetarian)? Who isn't?
- 4 What did she/he say about travel?
- 5 Why did Kitty go red?
- 6 What did Ross teach Kitty?
- 7 Who is Mark? Is Kitty going to meet him?
- 8 How did the evening end? What did they do?

Do you think Kitty and Ross will become boyfriend and girlfriend? Why? Can you see any problems? Discuss.

1.11 Listen to Kitty and Ross . What happened? What do you think is going to happen next?

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surprising – дивуючий (змушує нас дивуватись)

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surprised – здивований (побачив щось таке, що здивувало)

Some adjectives can end in both *-ed* and *-ing*. Match the lines.

Kitty was interested	because she was funny and 'bubbly'.
Kitty was interesting	in Ross's job.

Complete the adjectives with *-ed* or *-ing*.

- 1 It's my birthday tomorrow, so I'm very excit_____.
- 2 I was surpris_____ when my team won.
It's usually rubbish!
- 3 I don't like her new boyfriend. He's so bor_____.
- 4 Don't be embarrass_____. Everybody cries sometimes.
- 5 Thank you. That lesson was really interest_____.