

What Internet dating slang do you know?

Does internet dating differ from traditional one?



British scientists enter the chat. This LWS is mostly tailored around clips from an episode of Word of Mouth BBC podcast where the host, Michael Rosen, talks with a cyber psychologist Nicola Fox Hamilton

Have you ever lied online? Have you ever been deceived online?

1. _____ **Listen to the snippet and answer the questions**

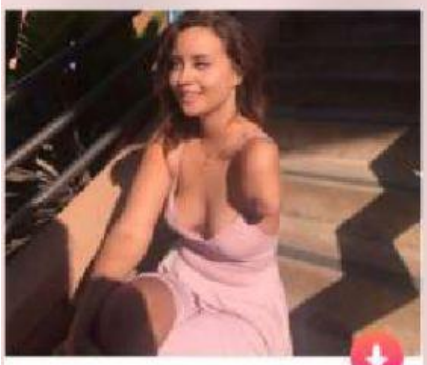


1) What does Dr. Nicola Fox Hamilton study and where is she based?
2) How does the linguistic program used by Dr. Hamilton categorize language in dating profiles?
3) What did the scientists study in their research?
4) What do people tend to do when they use deceptive language, according to research?
5) Why do people tend to use more concrete and simple language when they lie?

Look at the picture on the right. What do you think it is about? Do you find the phrase negative or passive aggressive? Do you ever use the phrase "apparently that matters"?



2. Read the statements, listen to the snippet and do this T/F activity



Lauren, 21
arms dealer
6 miles away

hands down the best catch on tinder
face 10/10
body 9/10
personality 20/10
arms 1/2
im really important and famous so please message me accordingly

1. Most men on dating profiles lie about their weight.

2. The average height of a man on OKCupid is two inches taller than the average American man.

3. Women assume that guys are taller than they say they are.

4. Women don't mind if men lie about their height on dating profiles.



What does the expression "a big red flag" mean?

Listen to the snippet again and number the "red flags" in order you hear them:

___ ableism ___ homophobia ___ sexism

___ fat-phobia ___ misogyny ___ racism

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Apart from the height, what do you think men may lie about in their profiles?

What about women? Do they tend to lie in their profiles, you think?

3. Listen to the snippet _____. Were you right?



4. Michael Rosen: *Now, I've been warned that you're going to use test on me that you do with your students. I think you are going* ***to amalgamate*** *some profiles and ask me to tell if they are male or female by their use of language. Is that right?*
   Can you explain the meaning of *amalgamate*?

   Listen to the clip and report back as much as possible on the test Dr Nicola tells about _____

5. Read out the profile, who do you think wrote it? How old is the person? Are they attractive? Why do you think so?

I love listening to music and going to art museums.

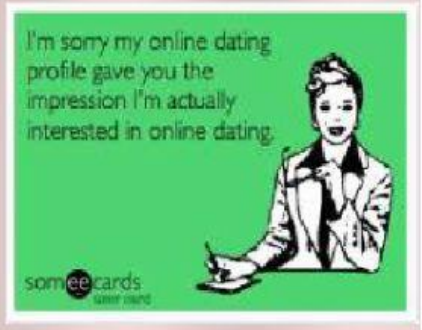
I'm a writer and I love to sing.

Goals and aspirations: to expand my business and to live a very comfortable life.

I have expensive taste.

What makes me unique? I believe, you should never go anywhere without a gift.

Can't go wrong with chocolate!



What was Michael Rosen answer? Listen and report back _____

What is the correct answer? Why do people tend to stereotype when communicating online?

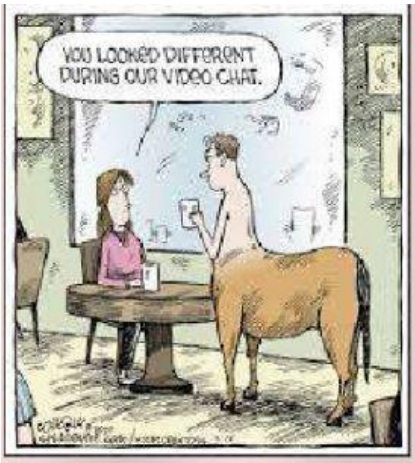
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6. Listen to the clip and restore the chunks

_____. Translate them and report the piece back.

act	form of reading
act of	face-to-face cues
a highly sensitized	voice
all the	interpretation
tone of	of deciphering
body	heightened meaning
limited	the gaps
takes on	language
fill in	information

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B. try to find the correct place for each phrase, drag and drop.

quite an idealised version | more time | a more attractive version | the more likely | as much | a little better

But the longer you are talking to them online before meeting or before having a video call, with what you get a better sense of them, _____ you're to create _____ of the person. It's called hyper personal communication. And what happens is because you're both able to present yourself _____ , you know you've got _____ to edit, to think about what you're going to say, – the person can't see your message as you are creating it, you can create _____ of yourself. The other person is doing the same. So that creates this feedback loop – you don't have to think _____ about what your body is doing, what your environment is doing, you just have to worry about what you are putting into the messages.



Listen and check _____

7. Read this profile. Who do you think wrote it?



Hate this part, not sure of many people like it. I am outgoing, nice, genuine, loyal, and sometimes deep thinking. I would like to think of myself as someone that enjoys life to the full.

Friends would say I'm funny and people tend to smile and laugh when they are in my company.

8. Listen to the clip. _____

Is Michael's guess correct? What are his reasons?



What is the main difference in profiles between American and Irish guys?

Read out the phrases from the clip and mark them with MR for Michael Rosen and AG or IG if they are related to American guys or Irish guys correspondently.

wrote on average 50 words ___

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tend to list a bunch of nice adjectives to describe themselves ___

very much touchy-feely and social ___

emphasizing trustworthy side of things ___

wrote on average 150 ___

used more language that might indicate deception ___

stereotyping away ___

never talked about hating to write a profile ___



Let's interrupt our learned speakers for a while and read about two real, not average Irish guys from Tinder

9. Read the phrases on the left and try to match them with suitable definitions on the right

dissect their online-dating game bit-by-bit	considers them deserving or suitable for something
deems them worthy of	to pay attention to or become aware of something
divulge into	to carefully analyze and break down someone's approach to online dating, piece by piece
take notice of	appeals to his personal interests or preferences
makes them reciprocate	to reveal or share information about something in detail
tickles his fancy	causes them to respond with similar actions or feelings

Read the article and try to figure out what is missing

Ireland's _____ (1) have been revealed this week as Cosmopolitan has published a piece about Tinder's 30 most _____ (2) users in the UK and Ireland.

The list is made up of a number of good-looking _____ (3) who dissect their online-dating game bit-by-bit, showcasing what is it about their online dating game that deems them worthy of a top spot.

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Mostly quoting _____ (4) as their _____ (5) someone upon first glance, the top 30 divulge into exactly what makes them reciprocate their right swipes.

Upon being asked what characteristics make him take notice of someone, 23-year-old Bristol student Vincent explains exactly what tickles his fancy.

"I quite like it when people have done _____ (6). Anything that's not just five selfies."

This apparently is a common theme, as 34-year-old Pablo says something quite similar.

"Someone who looks natural and whose photos were taken by others."

Noted.

As aforementioned, two Irish guys made the list in the form of 28-year-old Brian and 24-year-old Peter.

and tech-savvy singles **reasons for fancying** **simplicity and particular aesthetics**

most eligible digital bachelors **successful and swiped-right**

cool stuff

Read out the collocations and find the correct place for each one in the article above



Brian is a champion Irish dancer (bet you didn't see that one coming) and is currently touring the world with Riverdance.

His bio reads: "Southern-Irish guy. Dancer in Riverdance and have travelled the world touring. Now teach kids. Primary-school teaching degree with German. Model. Love all sports; athletics, football, tennis. Animal lover – especially dogs!"

He swipes right for those who keep physically active and dislikes blatant cockiness.



Peter, on the other hand, is a Postgraduate student at Manchester.

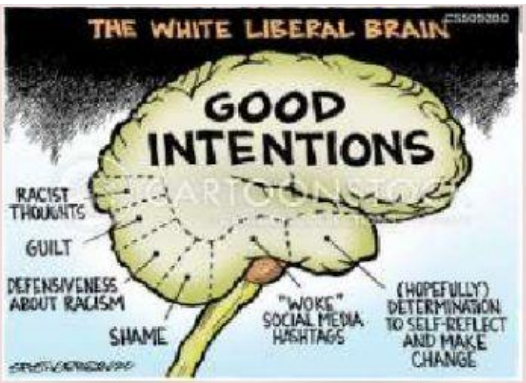
His bio confirms his status as an international man of mystery.

"Irish Citizen with a British accent. If you need an EU passport without arousing the suspicions of your Brexit family, I'm your man. Dog ownership a plus. References available upon request."

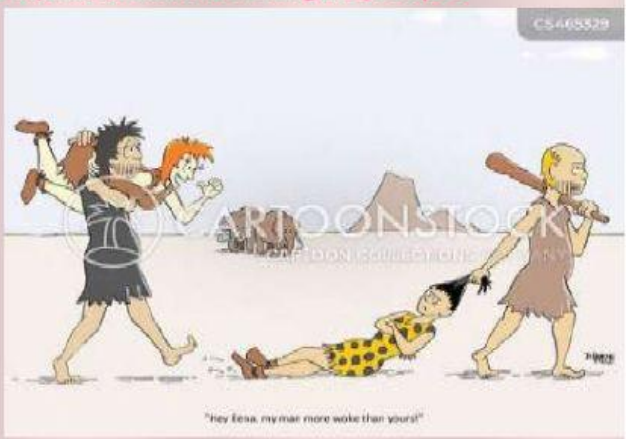
Peter also has an issue with certain types of photos, stating that exclusively group photos on someone's Tinder bio is a big turn-off. However, you can get on his good side by proving that you have a life outside of social media – as that's something he finds way attractive.

We're getting back to Michael and Nicola. In this final part of the LWS we're going to learn some more words from a dating glossary. But first, can you remember what catfishing is?

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10. Have you ever heard of wokefishing? Can you explain/suggest the meaning? Listen to the clip and explain the main idea using the prompts:



the person is generally who they say they are

much more liberal in their values and political attitudes

not lying about something superficial like their height

core values and attributes that are really important to people

What about caking? What do you think that means?

11. Listen to the clip and explain caking _____

Which picture illustrates *schmoozing* best?



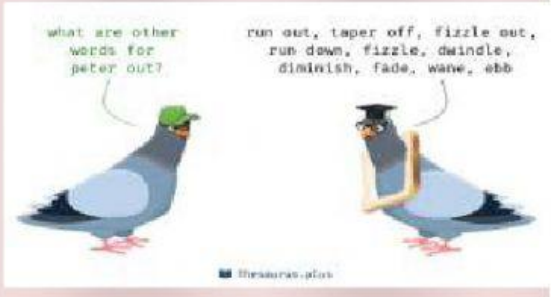




12. Listen to the clip and fill every gap with an -ing form _____

- And then, oh, this one looks good cookie- _____ I like the sound of that.
- Yeah it sounds great. It's not great if you are on the _____ end of that that's basically someone who likes to have a lot of choice so they're _____ a lot of people on the go as backups, _____ multiple people at a time in case they need them in future. So, rather than _____ a person and _____ to them, they are just _____ a bunch people on the go.

What might happen after a person discovers that they've been cookie-jarred?



13. Listen to the last clip from the BBC podcast and fill the gaps with prepositions, an adverb, and a conjunction

_____:

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And then let's finish _____ *slow fade* which you know we do that ____ radio, so that's gonna be very appropriate. I'm looking at our studio manager here, he won't probably slow fade – we tend not to do that ____ Radio 4, but what's *slow fade* – I'm gonna guess – is when the relationship *peters* ____ .

Yeah that's basically it, so a gradual slow _____ _____ you're not talking not at all.

So they'll send less and less messages, be less and less responsive, like less of your posts until they just filters _____ completely.



Sydney, 24

18 miles away Active 33 seconds ago

About Sydney

The only reason I want a boyfriend is so that when I'm singing Fergilicious and it's at the part where she says "I be up in the gym just workin on my fitness he's my witness" I can point to him and he'll do the little "wooOOH" part because right now I have to do both parts by myself and it's stressful because right after the wooOOH part I have to get right back into rapping and the transition is harder than you think

_____

Fill the gaps with pronouns

Fergalicious def-, fergalicious def-, fergalicious def-

(Def-, def-, def-, def-, def-, def-, def-, def-, def-, def-)

Fergalicious definition make ____ boys go crazy

_____ always claim they know ___

Comin' to me, call me Stacy (hey, Stacy)

I'm the F to the E-R-G, the I, the E, and

Can't no other lady put it down like me

I'm Fergalicious (so delicious)

_____ body stay vicious

I be up in the gym just working on my fitness

___ 's my witness (ooh-wee)

___ put yo' boy on rock, rock

And he be lining down the block

Just to watch what I got (four, tres, two, uno)

___ 's so delicious (it's hot, hot)

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