



Vocabulary: dating and dating apps 词汇: 约会

The course of **true love** never did run smooth, Lysander tells us in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Wise words, many would say. In the fast-paced world of modern life, it can be difficult to meet anyone, let alone our **soulmate**. Fortunately, there's an app for that, though **wooing** a potential partner is still up to you.

Dating apps like Tinder, Bumble and Chappy have been around for a good few years and statistics prove their ongoing popularity. Tinder claims to get 1.6 billion **swipes** per day. A study conducted by globaldatinginsights.com, analysts of the online dating industry, found that **lonely hearts** in the UK spent 10 hours a week using them to find someone to **go out with**. And finally, a 2018 YouGov survey conducted on behalf of BBC Radio 1 Newsbeat found that of over 2000 16-34-year-olds, nearly half had used a dating app at some point.

That said, the very same survey found that only 17% had met their current **beau** on an app. And 37% said that using an app was their least preferred method to find a potential **mate** to take out, for a **fling** or otherwise.

One possible reason for this comes from one respondent, 26-year-old Jordan. He believes that dating apps create issues with **self-doubt** and **anxiety**. "You're judged for the person you are on screen and not for the person you are," he told the BBC. As people open themselves up to more **rejection**, it can lead to feelings of depression, says relationship psychologist Madeleine Mason Roantree. Indeed, Jordan says he's been judged on dating apps for being "too young, too old and too fat."

Deception can be another issue, with **profiles** often stretching the truth. Twenty-year-old Emma told Newsbeat about meeting a **suitor** whose height matched hers on their profiles, only to find he was a foot shorter in reality. Twenty-four-year-old Mikey believes dating apps are "quite **Catfish-y**" after meeting someone whose profile picture did not match their appearance.

So does this mean that dating apps are a waste of time? It depends. Over 25% of those asked by YouGov might not agree. They were **going steady** or had **tied the knot** as a result of a dating app. A **happily ever after** might only be round the corner, but one way to find out is to swipe right and see.

词汇表

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| true love | 真爱 |
| soulmate | 知己 |
| woo | 追求 |
| dating app | 交友软件 |
| swipe | 滑屏 |
| lonely hearts | 寂寞心灵，寻求另一半的人 |
| go out with | 与（某人）交往 |
| beau | 男友 |
| mate | 配偶 |
| fling | 短暂的交往 |
| self-doubt | 自我怀疑 |
| anxiety | 焦虑 |
| rejection | 拒绝（给予爱） |
| deception | 欺骗 |
| profile | 个人简介 |
| suitor | 追求者 |
| catfish | 在网络上制造虚假身份 |
| go steady | 确定恋爱关系 |
| tie the knot | 结婚 |
| happily ever after | 从此幸福地生活 |

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. How often did UK users spend using a dating app?
2. True or false: *One fifth of those who responded to the YouGov survey had met their current partner on an app.*
3. According to Jordan, how are you perceived when using a dating app?
4. In what way can dating apps be deceptive?
5. Which word in the text means 'the way a person or thing looks'.

2. 请在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I want to celebrate 20 years of marriage with the only one for me, my _____, Jane.

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| lonely hearts | fling | suitor | soulmate |
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2. How many dates do you go on before you consider yourself to be _____?

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| true love | going out with | going steady | tying the knot |
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3. John's asked Sue to marry him! They're going to _____ next year.

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| go steady | tie the knot | happily ever after | fling |
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4. If you want a good job, you need to update your social media _____. Everyone looks there these days.

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| swipe | dating app | profile | anxiety |
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5. There's no way that's a real person. They're _____. Don't fall for it.

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答案

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Appearance. (Mikey, 24 claims that he believes dating apps are "quite Catfish-y" after meeting someone whose profile picture did not match their appearance.)

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