

Word on the Street

Dating Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Choose the correct expressions to complete the sentences.

1. Stephen is planning to send a lot of ...
 - a) Valentine's cards.
 - b) Christmas cards.
2. Ashlie thinks that sending cards is ...
 - a) a waste of time.
 - b) a waste of money.
3. Ash decides to ...
 - a) join a dating agency.
 - b) go speed dating.
4. She ... Stephen to go with her.
 - a) wants
 - b) doesn't want
5. She ... who she likes.
 - a) sees someone
 - b) doesn't see anyone
6. She ... new friends.
 - a) makes some
 - b) doesn't make any

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Complete the extracts with the correct words. There are two words in each space.

1. **Stephen:** It's Valentine's Day _____ and I'm writing the cards I'm going to send. Aren't you going to send any?
2. **Stephen:** I'm sure there's a speed dating night down at _____. It's a great chance to meet new people. And anyway it'll be a lot of fun.
3. **Lady:** Welcome to speed dating, the place where you will find love and romance and passion. Or perhaps just a _____. Now, you ladies know what to do. You remain seated and these handsome gentlemen will come to your table. If he's not Mr Right, you can always ring the bell.
4. **First man:** Yes, so, I really _____, don't you? My favourite is the Wakefield CPC four six four nine hundred. I've got some photos here somewhere.
5. **Second man:** Well, I'm really looking for a girl who likes _____. Someone who'd like to wash my clothes, do my ironing.
6. **Third man:** Your hair's _____. I like blonde hair. Have you ever thought about changing your hair colour?

Activity 3

In the video, Stephen uses a lot of language to persuade Ash and give her advice. Complete Stephen's sentences with the correct expressions.

you should / it's a great chance to / You need to / what about / you have to / Come on / Don't forget / remember

1. _____ join a dating agency, where they find the perfect partner for you.
2. Well, _____ speed dating?
3. _____, Ash, _____ to meet new people.

4. _____, _____ make a good impression. Make some jokes, try and be nice.
5. I think _____ keep trying. It's supposed to be fun, _____.

Discussion

- Is Valentine's Day a popular tradition in your country? Is there a similar holiday?
- How do people usually meet in your country?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

1. a) Valentine's cards.
2. a) a waste of time.
3. b) go speed dating.
4. a) wants
5. a) sees someone
6. b) doesn't make any

Activity 2

1. **Stephen:** It's Valentine's Day next week and I'm writing the cards ...
2. **Stephen:** I'm sure there's a speed dating night down at the club. It's a ...
3. **Lady:** Welcome to speed dating, the place where you will find love and romance and passion. Or perhaps just a new friend. Now, you ladies ...
4. **First man:** Yes, so, I really like computers, don't you? My favourite is ...
5. **Second man:** Well, I'm really looking for a girl who likes doing housework. Someone who'd like to wash my clothes, do my ironing.
6. **Third man:** Your hair's too dark. I like blonde hair. Have you ever thought about changing your hair colour?

Activity 3

1. You need to join a dating agency, where they find the perfect partner for you.
2. Well, what about speed dating?
3. Come on, Ash, it's a great chance to meet new people.
4. Don't forget, you have to make a good impression. Make some jokes, try and be nice.
5. I think you should keep trying. It's supposed to be fun, remember.