



DATING

In my culture, dating is/isn't a common way for girls and boys or men and women to get to know each other.

I was _____ years old when I went out on my first date.

When I go/went out on dates, I always/sometimes/never "go/went Dutch."

I have/haven't gone out on blind dates.

I have/haven't arranged blind dates for my friends and family.

When considering dating someone, I look/looked for someone who shares/shared my _____

It is/isn't important to have parental approval before dating someone.

I have/haven't used an online dating service.

My favorite place to go on a first date is _____

I would never _____
_____ on a first date.

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Lexical Challenges

- to get to know someone
- a date/to date
- to go out (on a date/with a person)
- to go Dutch
- a blind date
- to arrange
- to consider
- to share
- parental approval
- a dating service

Extension Activities

1. Bring copies of personal ads to class. Discuss abbreviations.
2. Interview couples in happy relationships. How did they meet? To what do they owe their successful relationship?
3. Write a personal ad for yourself or a friend.

More Conversation/Discussion

- ♦ How has dating changed in your native country in the last 30 years? How has it changed for you or your friends and family after moving to a new country?
- ♦ What kinds of problems has living in a new place with new dating customs caused for you and your friends and family?

Writing

- ♦ Write a letter to a friend and request help in meeting someone. Describe the kind of person you're interested in dating: nationality, age, sex, personality, education, etc.
- ♦ Would you be interested in meeting someone who is divorced or widowed? Would you date someone who has children?

Helpful Websites

- ♦ chemistry.com (take the personality test free!)
- ♦ eharmony.com (free online dating advice)
- ♦ coolestdates.com (tips and ideas for places to go and things to do)