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WHAT IS ONLINE DATING?

Well, the introduction of technology has brought many new experiences for people. Online dating is one of them. You create a profile in a dating website, add pictures, preferences, describe yourself and then you start looking for someone do go out with.

Sometimes it works and other times it does not. Sometimes you get rejected (they say no to you) and sometimes you are the one who rejects others. At the end, you will keep trying until you find someone you like and they like you and you schedule a date, you go out with them and meet new people.

There are many aspects to consider when you decide to date someone online.

1. Be careful! Not everything you see in the Internet is real.
2. Make sure you go to public places when you go on a date with someone you don't know.
3. Do not trust anyone so easily. You can go and meet people, but keep your distance at the beginning. Do not give all your details.

Now, let's watch a video to see what people think about online dating. The name of the video is **Falling in love with a perfect stranger**.



Falling in Love With a Perfect Stranger | Documentary - Online dating is





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After watching the video, let's read the article from The Guardian (2015) called Rejection is built into online dating. Politeness should be too.

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-Keren Levy-

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Dating sites always see a spike in interest in the aftermath of Christmas. Compliments, courtesy and clarity in communication would go a long way to improving all users' experiences.

“It's a numbers game.” So says everyone, to everyone else, about internet dating.

Built into the system, then, is rejection and rejecting. But can there ever be a good way to send or receive the “You're not for me” message?

It helps to cast off any sense of there being a stigma to internet dating. For 20 years or so huge numbers of us have been seeking to meet in this way, and there are now more than 5,000 dating websites worldwide. Signing up can involve some uncomfortable self-promotion. But, once it's completed, the CV aspect ceases to be a focus.





With varying degrees of buoyancy, we become one among rows of faces “new to this” or some version of “A seeking B”. Inevitably, people whom we have chosen not to approach then approach us. Generally, though, where these demand a response, a simple “I don’t think we’re compatible” is an option in the dropdown menu, and needn’t feel too personal.

A degree of thick skinnedness is a prerequisite. It can be dispiriting to receive an email notification that X has viewed your profile when there is no subsequent message from X – even when X wasn’t someone you were interested in. On the other hand, it’s possible to go from blasé to sensitive to hopeful in the space of minutes. And sometimes the mechanics of an app does the job for us. Tinder cuts to the chase (or rather cuts out the chase) by making it mutual interest or nothing.

There are, of course, stages to choosing and to meeting. Starting with the online profile, I’ll admit that claims to possess a GSOH (good sense of humour, for the uninitiated) are a deal-breaker for me. The certainty, let alone the acronym, cannot help but suggest the opposite. One online banterer stopped because of an aversion to the word “chemistry”. Luckily, we had none. There are numerous, individually perceived reasons for a no at the outset. Generally, at least, they go unvoiced.

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Buoyant adjective (FLOATING)

> Able to float: Cork is light and buoyant.

Buoyant adjective (HAPPY)

> Happy and confident: After reading the letter he was in a buoyant mood.

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In the event of mutual interest, stage two can be a phone call. Strangely, my experience is that this is more nerve-racking than meeting in person, and often unhelpful. Even combined, photos and voices can work on our subconscious to build entirely inaccurate pictures.

Once you've met in the flesh, any letting down can require more careful handling. Does (as has happened to me) the acceptance of a second glass of wine indicate a level of interest for which you are then held accountable?

We connect in the ether. More often than not, we scamper back to our screens to disconnect the same way. A personal low point was the receipt of a post-date text telling me, "On reflection, I don't think we're a match." The comma and the deliberation were annihilation. I'd been weighed up, at leisure, the cons on the spreadsheet clearly outweighing any possible pros.

After a recent date, I would have been happy to meet again but not to create the impression of romantic interest on my part. I'd been invited to go for another drink, in a text saying how much he'd enjoyed meeting me. I wanted my reply to be honest but light. It can be a fine line. Suggesting keeping in touch "as friends" can sound coy, while "I am not sure we're looking for the same things" is open to contradiction. I went somewhere between the two with, "Likewise. I think we probably aren't a romantic match but it was a great evening. Am very happy to continue the conversation at any point!" His follow-up was understanding. Occasionally, of course, there is no need to say anything; the message is conveyed.

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Blasé
Adjective

› Bored or not excited, or wishing to seem so:
He flies first class so often, he's become blasé about it.

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In the event you leave a first date with a clear wish to meet the person again, say so, simply. You can't always predict the other's feelings, but you can at least clarify yours and leave it for the other to get in touch if it's mutual. It sounds obvious, but sometimes each waits for the other to say it.

The new year will see huge numbers of new recruits to online dating. Sometimes it simply works. Where it doesn't, you can't make it, but you can be kind. You can thank people for coming to meet you (often one has travelled much further than the other); you can do more than ignore a follow-up message; if you enjoyed talking, were in keen agreement or even enjoyable disagreement about something, you can say so.

Perhaps it's a case of compliments and clarity. We can remember the compliment that is someone's interest and, mindful of that, the clarity that says you owe it to that person and to yourself to convey the real message. But please, no GSOH.



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COMPUTERS AND INTERNET

The use of computers and internet has grown a lot during the last decades. People use them more and more every day and we depend on them in many different ways.

Read the following article from Buzzle (2015) in order to learn a bit about the uses of computers and the Internet.

USES OF COMPUTERS

With desktop publishing, you can create page layouts for entire books on your personal computer. Aspiring writers and the like can take advantage of this very resourceful feature.

A computer is an electronic device that executes certain actions through user-based commands. It is made up of two parts - hardware and software. The computer processes input through input devices like the mouse and keyboard. It displays output through output devices like a monitor and printer. The size of a computer varies considerably, from small personal computers (like laptops, minicomputers, and notebook laptops), to gigantic supercomputers which require an entire building to host them. The speed also has a very large range. Computers have become indispensable in today's world; let's take a look at why we're so dependable on them.



WORD PROCESSING

A word processing software automatically corrects spelling and grammatical mistakes. If content needs to be replicated, there are options known as 'copy' and 'paste' that allow you to do this without re-typing the content. You can print documents and make several copies too. It's easier to read a word-processed document than a handwritten one, making it effectual for paperwork. You can add images to your document as well, provided by certain features on word processors.

INTERNET

It is a network that connects computers worldwide, to an information source that is free to all, at a minimal fee per month from one's service provider. You can browse through much more information than you could do in a library. That is because computers can store enormous amounts of information. You also have very fast and convenient access to information. Through 'email', you can communicate with a person sitting thousands of miles away, within a few seconds. Chat software applications enable one to speak to another person in real time. Video conferencing tools are becoming readily available to the common man, making it a convenient feature for one-on-one meetings.

DIGITAL VIDEO OR AUDIO COMPOSITION

Audio or video composition and editing have been made much easier by computers. It no longer costs thousands of dollars in equipment to compose music or make a film. Graphic engineers can use computers to generate short or full-length films or even create 3D models. Anybody owning a computer can now enter the field of media production. Special effects in science fiction and action movies are created using computers. Designers of all kinds from the media industry, are finding innovative ways of putting the Internet to use.



MEDICINE

With the help of computers, you can diagnose disease and learn about studies related to them. Certain software can be used in 'magnetic resonance imaging', to examine the internal organs of human body. Software is used for performing surgery too. They are used to store valuable patient data, and other information that doctors need private access to.

MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS

Thanks to computers, which have computing speeds of over a million calculations per second, we can perform the biggest of mathematical calculations, without having to worry if the result is incorrect, since computers are designed to produce accurate results.

BANKS

All financial transactions are done by a computer software. It provides security, speed, and convenience. Valuable customer information is stored, and can be retrieved whenever an employee at the bank wishes to access or verify certain facts.

TRAVEL

One can book air tickets or railway tickets using the Internet, and make hotel reservations online. All sorts of travel packages are available to customers, including a variety of websites that offer innumerable options that one can choose from, while highlighting certain factors like budget, tour guide assistance, visa know-how, and the like

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Software is widely used here to help keep lines of communication constantly buzzing. Also, all mobile phones have software embedded in them, making it easier to handle certain tasks, as well as multitask, when it comes to everyday chores and responsibilities.

ONLINE GAMING

Even online games are accessible, where two players from different parts of the world, can compete and interact merely through the power of the Internet.

DEFENSE

Software is embedded in almost every weapon, controlled by an authoritative entity. It is also used in controlling flight and targeting, in ballistic missiles. Software is used to control access to atomic bombs, as well as track various activity that coincides with terrorist-based acts, including areas of civilian safety.

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E-LEARNING

Instead of studying from textbooks, computers make it easier to learn from an e-learning software. These are available electronically online, and are accessible either freely or through a course that one pays for - much like what is taught in any college/university.

GAMBLING

You can gamble online instead of going to a casino. While this isn't advisable to partake in when it comes to money, there are ways to do this without betting on actual money.

EXAMINATIONS

You can give online exams and get instant results. You can also check your examination results online, after professors or examiners update a university's network.



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BUSINESS

Shops and supermarkets use computer software that calculates a customer's bills, as well as keeps track of how much is made monthly. Taxes can be calculated and paid online too. Accounting is done using computers, where large amounts of data are fed into a system. One can predict future trends of a business using artificial intelligence software. Software is used in major stock markets to keep track of the fall and rise of stock rises. One can even trade stocks online. There are fully automated factories running on software, to help keep track of the business without missing out on important updates.

CERTIFICATES

Different types of certificates can be generated. It is very easy to create and change layouts, using design software that can help one achieve this.

ATMS

The computer software authenticates the user through his/her credit/debit card, before it dispenses cash.

MARRIAGE/DATING

There are matrimonial sites through which one can search for a suitable groom or bride. A very popular trend today is online dating, where couples around the globe have met their future wives/husbands by signing up to one or more, of many dating portals.

NEWS

There are many websites through which you can read the latest news, as well as access old articles and videos related to a past event.

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

There are many alumni websites through which you can regain contact with long-lost classmates, since a database of students' information is stored away in a computer.





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ELECTRONICS

Electronic gadgets run with the help of computers. There is various software which are used to increase the efficiency of these devices. Timers, self-controlled switches - these ensure that the machines ask for minimum human effort.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

Software can be used to store contact information, generate plans, schedule appointments, and meet deadlines.

PLAGIARISM

Software can examine content for plagiarism; this is where it checks if information has been copied or tweaked to resemble previously published work.

GREETING CARDS

You can send and receive greeting cards using all sorts themes for various occasions, available through numerous websites; these can either be free of cost, or the sort that requires payment.

SPORTS

Software is used for making umpiring decisions. There is a simulation software that can be used by a sportsperson to practice his skills. Computers are also able to identify flaws in certain techniques that players follow, as part of sport.

AIRPLANES

Pilots train using software, which simulates a flight to help aircraft both big and small, to take off and land.

WEATHER ANALYSIS

Supercomputers are used to analyze and predict weather conditions, and all other sorts of other phenomena.

Computers have leapfrogged the human race into another league. They are now used in each and every aspect of human life. They have spearheaded the human quest of eradicating social problems like illiteracy and poverty. It is difficult to imagine a world bereft of computers. This revolutionary technology is indeed a boon to us all.



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