

How to be Single

Pre-Reading

- 1) Do you read much in English? What kinds of things do you read?
- 2) Do you read the paper in your language? In English?
- 3) What parts do you read? What parts do you skip?

Gist 1:

Skim the text on the previous page and answer the questions below:

- 1) What kind of text is this?
- 2) What kind of film do you think it is? Can you guess the storyline?
- 3) Do you think you'd like to see it based on this text?

Check IMDB.com to confirm your ideas.

Gist 2:

Skim the messages in the advertisement and match them to the descriptions below:

- 1) He tries to change her pet's name.
- 2) Explains how the paper decided to celebrate the film's release.
- 3) He was dressed inappropriately.
- 4) She finds out her friend is being cheated on.
- 5) He wanted a serious relationship, very quickly.
- 6) She arrives with an odd gift.

Vocabulary 1:

Examine the advertisement in more detail and match the words and phrases to the definitions below:

- 1) Noun: A romantic meeting =
- 2) Compound noun: A romantic meeting but you've never seen the other person before =
- 3) Phrasal verb: when someone organises a date between you and someone else =
- 4) Phrasal verb: arrives =
- 5) Noun = the money you receive after you retire =

Vocabulary 2:

Based on the context, what do you think the phrases below mean?

- 1) "getting on a bit"
- 2) "he doesn't care for"

Check the messages again. Can you find a way of saying the following?

- 1) I was wearing =
- 2) It was an uncomfortable situation =

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Which of these do you think is the worst situation? Why?
- 2) Have you ever been on a "bad" date?
- 3) What are the typical dating customs in your country?

Reflection

- 1) Do you pay much attention to signs, ads and posters in English?
- 2) Do you think it's worth giving them a quick look every now and again?