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Opinions

After read the two conflicting opinions below make your answers to the respective questions

Online dating is now more popular than ever before. Over 49 million people worldwide say they have tried online dating. There are advantages and disadvantages to online dating. People like to date online because they can sort people by common interests, and they don't have to speak with people they're not interested in. People can also do online dating on their phones, so it is more **convenient**. However, some people don't like to date online because they enjoy the **old-fashioned** way of meeting people. Some women are also hesitant to try online dating because of the potential for online harassment.

A: I like online dating because it lets me have a little more information about a person before I go out with them. I like to make sure the people I date are **compatible** with me before we meet. It's also great that I don't have to spend my time in bars or clubs, hoping the right person happens to walk in. With online dating, I can look for people who are attractive to me and have common interests with me from all over the world or just in my town. Going to bars and clubs can take so much time, and I'm very busy. When I use online dating apps, I can access them on my phone and use them anywhere. I can date online whenever I have a few spare minutes, so it's easier to schedule it into my life.

B: I don't like to date online because it feels too impersonal. I am waiting to be **swept off of my feet**. I'd like to be able to tell my children a romantic story about how I met their father one day. As a woman, I'm also afraid of sharing my personal photos or identifying information online. A lot of dating sites are based on trust, and anyone could access my photos, or arrange to meet with me. Some people even get **catfished**, which is to lure someone into a relationship by pretending to be someone else online. Besides, I really enjoy going to bars and clubs with my friends. We go out every weekend and I have met some really great people there.

Comprehension Check

Please answer each statement below with either true or false.

1. Over 49 million people worldwide say they have tried online dating.
2. People who like to date online say they like to do so because it is convenient.
3. Catfishing is when two people get into an online relationship.
4. People who don't like online dating think it is very romantic.

Discussion Questions

Please give your own opinions to the questions below.

1. Which opinion do you support? Why do you think so?
2. Do you think people can have a close relationship through on-line meetings only? Please explain your main reasons.
3. Do you have experiences of being catfished or scammed in cyberspace?

New Words & Expressions

Learn these words and expressions as they are used in the article. Discuss any terms that need further explanation.

convenient	편리한	easy, agreeable
old-fashioned	진부한	having the conservative tastes and beliefs of the past
compatible	화합할 수 있는	consistent
sweep off one's feet	정신없이 빠져들게 하다	make (someone) suddenly become very attracted to one in a romantic way
catfishing	온라인에서 거짓 신분으로 속이는	to lure someone into a relationship by pretending to be someone else online

Homework

Please describe your opinion on the topic, then summarize the teacher's opinion.

Opinions

After read the two conflicting opinions below make your answers to the respective questions

In the United States, about 35% of households own dogs and about 30% of households own cats. Most Americans love pets, but there is a heated debate about which is better: cats or dogs? Dog owners love how friendly their pets are, and they argue that dogs make better companions. Cat owners like that cats can be cheaper, they live longer, and they require much less attention and care. Of course, some people just think cats are cuter than dogs, or **vice versa**. And there are some who would prefer an **exotic** pet, like a snake or bird, and others who would prefer not to have a pet at all.

A: I like owning a cat because they are smaller and cuter than dogs. I have several cats, and they are very cleanly animals. They are easily house-trained, and I do not have to do much work to care after them. I can also go away overnight, and I know that my cats will be alright at home alone. My cats will also do lots of funny things around the house, like jump into boxes or shopping bags. I love that I never have to take my cats for a walk either. I just let them go out when they want, and they always find their way back home.

B: Dogs take a lot of love and care, but they are worth it! Dogs are so **affectionate** and loyal to their owners. I enjoy going on walks with my dog every day, and my dog loves to get lots of love and attention. Sometimes it is hard having a dog because they can be expensive, but I think it is worth it because my dog is like a close friend to me. She has such a unique personality and I love that she greets me when I get home from work each day. I have even taught her simple tricks, like how to sit, lay down, and **roll over**.

Comprehension Check

Please answer each statement below with either true or false.

1. In the United States, 35% of households own dogs.
2. Cat owners like that owning a cat is cheaper than owning a dog.
3. Cats require a lot of care and work.
4. Dog owners love that their pets are friendly and very affectionate.

Discussion Questions

Please give your own opinions to the questions below.

1. Would you rather own a cat or a dog? Do you have any reason for that?
2. Have you ever owned a pet? What kind was it?
3. How do you think about raising exotic pets?

New Words & Expressions

Review these key terms as they are used in the context of this unit. Discuss any terms that need further explanation.

vice versa	반대로도 또한 같음	and also the reverse
exotic	이색적인	mysteriously different or unusual
affectionate	다정한	loving, shown through physical contact
roll over	뒹굴다	to overturn

Homework

Please describe your opinion on the topic, then summarize the teacher's opinion.