Looking for someone special...

Warm-up

Exercise 1. Let’s discuss the following questions:

1. Have you ever been on a date?
2. What was the most memorable date you’ve had?
3. Do you prefer to go out with someone or stay in for a date?
4. How do you usually meet potential dates?
5. How would you describe your ideal partner?

Pre-reading

Exercise 2. Match the words with their definitions.

1. to get my heart pumping
2. casual
3. to open up to people
4. independent
5. settle down
6. inspire
7. adrenaline junkie
8. to be a good match
9. having heart-to-heart conversations
10. mature
11. to be a big fan of
12. a meaningful connection
13. to share my life with
14. to feel free
15. outgoing

a. to have a close relationship with someone, especially one involving living together or being married.
b. to be suitable for someone.
c. to not feel restricted or controlled by anyone.
d. enjoying meeting new people and going to social events.
e. to like someone or something very much.
f. someone who enjoys dangerous activities that make them feel excited.
g. to make your heart beat faster because you are doing something exciting or dangerous.
h. not needing help from other people.
i. to give someone enthusiasm and determination to do something.
j. a strong feeling of affection and understanding between two people.
k. not serious or committed.
l. talking honestly and openly about personal feelings.
m. to allow yourself to show your emotions and trust someone.
n. to stop living a busy life and start living in a quiet way.
o. having or showing the mental and emotional qualities of an adult.
Reading

Exercise 3. Read the texts. Where can you find texts like these? What is the purpose of these texts?

Hi! I'm Matt, I'm living with my mom in the suburbs of New York City. I'm looking for someone special to share my life with.
I'm a funny guy, who loves food and Netflix. I want to find someone who will spend cozy evenings with me watching Netflix.
I also love trying different cuisines and restaurants. But since I live with my mom, she usually cooks for me. So if you can cook better than my mom, that would be a bonus!
If you think we could be a good match, feel free to send me a message.

Hi, I'm John and I'm here to meet someone special. I'm an outgoing guy who loves to have fun and try new things.
I'm a big fan of the outdoors, so I love beach parties, hiking, and just getting out in nature. I also enjoy going out with my friends and having a good time.
I'm an adrenaline junkie, so I also like fast cars and other activities that get my heart pumping. Plus, I'm a huge animal lover, especially when it comes to dogs.
I would also love to find someone who wants to adopt and raise a dog together. If you think you are the one for me, don't hesitate to text me.

Hi there! I'm Jessi. I'm a fun-loving and independent woman looking for someone to share my life with. I'm passionate about eating out, reading about psychology, and writing for my blog on Instagram.
I'm looking for a partner who will support and inspire me to create and grow, while also bringing adventure and romance into my life.
Please only message me if you are serious about finding a meaningful connection and not just looking for something casual or toxic.

Hey! I'm Alyssa! I love trying new recipes, having heart-to-heart conversations, and writing a diary. I'm an introvert by nature, so it takes me some time to open up to people, but once I do, I'm very passionate and loyal. I'm a cat lover, and I currently have three cats that are like my children. So if you're considering dating me, you must be a cat person too!
I'm looking for a mature and serious partner who is ready to settle down and build a life together.
If you think you might be perfect for me, feel free to message me. I'm excited to get to know you and see where things go.

Exercise 4: Mark the sentences as T( rue) or F(alse).

1. Jessie is looking for someone to raise a dog with.
2. Alyssa is an extrovert.
4. John is a fan of the outdoors.
5. Jessie is looking for something casual.
6. Alyssa has three cats.
Post-reading

Exercise 5. Do you think any of them could make a great couple? Why/Why not? Who would you go on a date with? Why?

Exercise 6. Who is talking to whom? Match the lines from the same conversation.

So, what about this girl?  Hey, yeah, it's nice to meet someone who shares similar interests and is looking for something more than just casual.

Oh my gosh, there's nothing better than spending time with our adorable pets - they bring us so much joy and comfort.  Ha-ha, yes she does! But she always invites company so it's not just for me.

Hey, beautiful! I'm definitely serious about finding a meaningful connection and I like all the things you mentioned - it sounds perfect to me!  I think it sounds like she's looking for someone who's serious and ready to settle down. Not sure if that fits me!

Let me guess - your mother cooks something special for you every day?  Absolutely! I appreciate how loyal cats are and can't imagine living without them.

Writing

Exercise 7. Write a few sentences for your own profile or for a profile of your ideal partner. Use at least six expressions from the text:

- share my life with
- that would be a bonus
- be a good match
- feel free
- outgoing
- a big fan of
- going out with
- adrenaline junkie
- get my heart pumping
- animal lover
- fun-loving
- independent
- eating out
- inspire

- bringing into my life
- a meaningful connection
- casual
- toxic
- having heart-to-heart conversations
- introvert by nature
- open up to people
- passionate
- loyal
- a cat person
- mature
- settle down
- see where things go
Correct answers

Pre-reading

Exercise 2. Match the words with their definitions.

| 1. g | 6. i | 11. e |
| 2. k | 7. f | 12. j |
| 3. m | 8. b | 13. a |
| 4. h | 9. l | 14. c |
| 5. n | 10. o | 15. d |

Reading

Exercise 4: Mark the sentences as T( rue) or F(alse).

1. False (John is looking for someone to raise a dog with)
2. False (Alyssa is an introvert)
3. True
4. True
5. False (Jessie is looking for something meaningful)
6. True

Post-reading

Exercise 6. Who is talking to whom? Match the lines from the same conversation.

A-3
B-4
C-1
D-2