

Modern Love: The Language of Dating

Exploring the vocabulary and trends of 21st-century relationships.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Understanding Modern Dating

Dating has changed significantly with the rise of technology. Before we begin, look at the image and consider: How has the way people meet changed in the last ten years? Use this worksheet to master the terminology used in modern romantic life.



Dating Terminology Match-Up

Match the modern dating term with its correct definition.

Term	Definition (A-D)	Your Answer
Ghosting	A: Being very direct about what you want from the start.	----- ----- -----
Hardballing	B: Suddenly stopping all communication without explanation.	----- ----- -----
Breadcrumbing	C: Sending occasional, non-committal messages to keep someone interested.	----- ----- -----
Situationship	D: A romantic arrangement that is undefined and lacks commitment.	----- ----- -----

The Digital Dating Landscape

Fill in the blanks using the words from the bank below.

swipe

ghosting

hardballing

situationship

Online dating has transformed how we connect. Many users now prefer to _____ (1) left or right based on photos. However, the lack of face-to-face interaction can lead to poor behavior. Some people resort to _____ (2), leaving their partners confused and hurt. Others practice _____ (3) by clearly stating their intentions on the first date to avoid wasting time. Ultimately, finding a healthy balance in a _____ (4) requires clear communication and honesty.

Quick Review: True or False?

Decide if the following statements about modern dating are generally considered positive or negative in a healthy relationship.

Is ghosting considered a respectful way to end a relationship?

Is hardballing helpful for people who want a serious commitment?

Is breadcrumbing a sign of a strong, healthy connection?

Should you define your relationship status to avoid a situationship?

 **Critical Thinking**

Read the statements and mark them as True or False based on your opinion.

1 Technology has made it easier to find a long-term partner.

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2 People are more polite when they date online than in person.

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3 It is better to be honest about your goals early on.

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4 Dating apps are the only way to meet people today.

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