



## LESSON 4 - Love and Hate Printout B

### How Technology Is Affecting Relationships

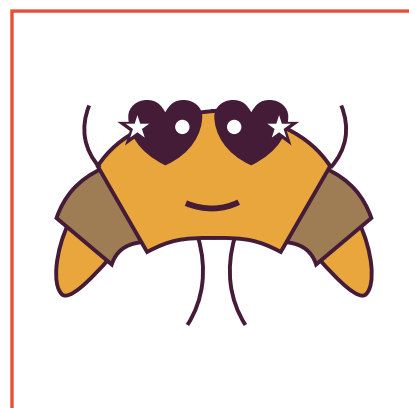
In the old days, life was simple. A young man (1) ..... meet a girl at a dance, ask her father permission to marry her, and they would live happily ever after. Then came the iPhone and everything changed.



These days, young people don't (2) ..... each other out. There aren't romantic, awkward first dates, or the growth of attraction as people slowly take (3) ..... each other. Young people simply swipe left or right on dating apps. They don't exchange love letters. They send each other emojis. They don't even (4) ..... up face to face. Instead, they send their partner a meme saying 'ya dumped' - after updating their social media profiles to read 'relationship status: single'.

In the past the main thing that would come (5) ..... a couple was money. Today a couple is (6) ..... likely to break up because one didn't 'like' the other's Instagram photo of a croissant.

And (7) ..... about other kinds of relationships? In school, bullying is easier than (8) ..... . Now, a child can be picked on (9) ..... the 'cool kids' 24 hours a day through the miracle of Whatsapp. Famous people don't (10) ..... effort into meeting fans - they hire someone to run their Twitter account. And social media allows extremist groups to spring (11) ..... in incredible numbers.



Perhaps Facebook is right and we are all more connected than we have ever been before. But that dubious benefit is more than (12) ..... out by how lonely this technology can make us.