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**Level 4 – 26th May, 2021**

**Dating app asks 'Are you sure?' before hitting send**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210526-tinder-4.html>

The Tinder dating app has a new feature to cut online harassment. It uses A.I. to detect and flag up possible abusive language in messages written by the user. After the writer of the message presses 'send', a small box pops up that asks, "Are you sure?" or "AYS?" Tinder hopes AYS will cut the number of abusive messages. When testing the app, the number of such messages fell by 10 per cent. The feature is on English and Japanese versions of the app.

Tinder's app lets users swipe photos and like or dislike profiles of possible love matches. The app matches users, who can then exchange messages and arrange a date. The app has resulted in many finding love, but it has been abused. Tinder hopes AYS will create a safer online environment. It said giving people more options can really change behaviour and build a community, "where everyone feels like they can be themselves".

Sources: <https://www.techradar.com/news/tinder-will-alert-users-before-they-send-offensive-messages>  
<https://mashable.com/article/tinder-are-you-sure/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new feature to cut online | a. of the message      |
| 2. abusive                     | b. by 10 per cent      |
| 3. messages written            | c. language            |
| 4. the writer                  | d. versions of the app |
| 5. a small box pops            | e. harassment          |
| 6. cut the number of abusive   | f. by the user         |
| 7. such messages fell          | g. messages            |
| 8. English and Japanese        | h. up                  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Tinder's app lets users swipe  | a. arrange a date    |
| 2. possible love                  | b. community         |
| 3. exchange messages and          | c. options           |
| 4. AYS will create a safer online | d. matches           |
| 5. giving people more             | e. can be themselves |
| 6. really change                  | f. environment       |
| 7. build a                        | g. behaviour         |
| 8. everyone feels like they       | h. photos            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Tinder dating app has a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cut online harassment. It uses A.I. to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ up possible abusive language in messages written by the user. After the writer of the message presses 'send', a small (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that asks, "Are you sure?" or "AYS?" Tinder hopes AYS will cut the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ messages. When testing the app, the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ messages fell by 10 per cent. The feature is on English and Japanese (6) \_\_\_\_\_ app.

Tinder's app lets (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and like or dislike profiles of possible love matches. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_, who can then exchange messages and (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The app has resulted in (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but it has been abused. Tinder hopes AYS will create (11) \_\_\_\_\_ environment. It said giving people more options can really change behaviour and (12) \_\_\_\_\_, "where everyone feels like they can be themselves".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DATING APP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210526-tinder-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dating app in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

