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Level 4

Shanghai IKEA bans old people from dating

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THE READING

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The store IKEA has banned old people from dating in one of its shops in China. It decided to stop what it called 'illegal date clubs'. Hundreds of lonely elderly people went to IKEA's cafeteria in search of love. Many of them did not buy anything. Managers said the old people sat down for too long, spoke loudly, spat on the floor and had arguments. They said: "From today, the restaurant will only be for people who purchase their food first."

The elderly people are angry. They say they can't go to McDonald's because they feel like aliens there. They say they are, "surrounded by youngsters". A regular visitor said: "Few people know just how lonely old people are....I feel quite good when I come here. I talk with friends, but some elderly do meet people who become lovers." Normal customers have little sympathy. They complain that there is nowhere to sit because of the old people.

Sources: <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/world/ikea-losing-patience-with-elderly-chinese-who-assemble-in-store-to-find-love>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. banned old people from dating | a. of love |
| 2. illegal | b. too long |
| 3. in search | c. on the floor |
| 4. Many of them did | d. in one of its shops |
| 5. the old people sat down for | e. date clubs |
| 6. spoke | f. their food first |
| 7. spat | g. not buy anything |
| 8. for people who purchase | h. loudly |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The elderly people | a. visitor |
| 2. they feel | b. by youngsters |
| 3. they are surrounded | c. lonely old people are |
| 4. a regular | d. is nowhere to sit |
| 5. Few people know just how | e. are angry |
| 6. I feel quite | f. little sympathy |
| 7. normal customers have | g. like aliens |
| 8. They complain that there | h. good |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The store IKEA has banned (1) _____ dating in one of its shops in China. It decided to stop what it called (2) _____. Hundreds of lonely elderly people went to IKEA's cafeteria (3) _____. Many of them did not buy anything. Managers said the old people sat down (4) _____, spoke loudly, spat on the floor and (5) _____. They said: "From today, the restaurant will only be for people who purchase (6) _____."

The elderly people are angry. They say they (7) _____ McDonald's because they (8) _____ there. They say they are, "surrounded by youngsters". A (9) _____ said: "Few people know just how lonely old people are....I (10) _____ when I come here. I talk with friends, but some (11) _____ people who become lovers." Normal customers have (12) _____. They complain that there is nowhere to sit because of the old people.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DATING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dating 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) _____

WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161020-dating-4.html>

Write about **dating** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
