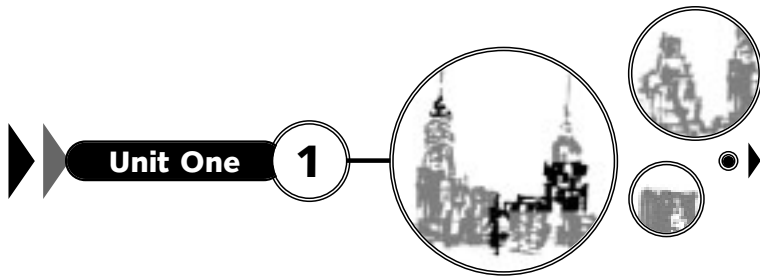


## SKYLINE 4 UNIT 1



## Teacher's notes

### The dating agency – Summary

The topic of this unit is meeting members of the opposite sex and dating. In scene 1A, three people give examples of what they do to meet people. In scene 1B, a woman describes her business – “The Single Gourmet” – which brings single people together at organized dinner parties. In scene 1C, people talk about what is important to them in a relationship.

#### 1 Before you watch

##### ▶▶ Cultural note

- a ● Ask the students to read the cultural note.
  - Explain that a *chat room* is a website where you can communicate via email with other people. *Singles clubs* and *dating agencies* both provide an introduction service to single people for a fee. The difference is that singles clubs organize group activities and dating agencies introduce individuals to each other.
  - Have the students answer the questions in pairs or small groups.
  - Get feedback from the class.
- b ● Point out that the definitions explain the expressions as used in the context of the video.
  - Have the students match the expressions with the correct definitions.
  - Check their answers.

**Answers:** 1b 2d 3c 4a

- Explain that some of the expressions also have a more general meaning – *nod* (to move your head up and down quickly as a way of saying “yes” or as a greeting or sign) and *carry weight* (have influence).

#### 2 Watch for main ideas

(00:07 – 04:05)

- Check that the students understand the opinions 1–6.
- Have them check the opinions they think they will hear.
- Have them compare their ideas in pairs.
- Play the unit through without stopping and get the students to check their answers.

**Answers:** 1, 3, 4, 6

- As a follow-up, ask the students whether they agree with the opinions in Unit 1 of the video. If they don't agree ask them how their opinions differ.
- Ask further questions: *When is it easier for people to meet members of the opposite sex, when they are teenagers or adults? Younger people don't often go to dinner parties, so where can they go to meet each other? What things make it difficult for younger people to meet each other?*

◀◀ Rewind the video to 1A 00:23 in preparation for **Watch for details**.

#### 3 Watch for details

Scene 1A: 00:23 – 00:50

- Have the students match the ideas with the correct people from scene 1A.

- Play scene 1A again and get the students to check their answers.

**Answers:** 1B 2C 3A

##### ▶▶ Scene 1B: 00:53 – 03:05

- Explain *gourmet* (someone who enjoys good food and wine and knows a lot about them).
- Check that the students understand the statements. Explain *newsletter* by pointing to the picture from the video.
- Have the students answer the questions they can from memory.
- Play scene 1B again and have the students check / complete their answers.

**Answers:** 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T

##### ▶▶ Scene 1C: 03:08 – 04:05

- Check that the students understand the following vocabulary: *initially* (at the beginning); *values* (moral principles); *companion* (someone you spend a lot of time with).
- Check that the students understand the statements and the options.
- Play scene 1C again and have the students answer the questions.
- Check their answers.

**Answers:** 1b 2c 3a

#### 4 After you watch

##### Language focus: word-building

- a ● Explain that nouns can be formed from adjectives by adding suffixes.
  - Give examples: *loyal* – *loyalty*, *reliable* – *reliability*. Point out the spelling change in *reliable* – *reliability*.
  - Tell the students that some of the words come from Unit 1.
  - Do number 1 as an example.
  - Ask the students to complete the chart.
  - Check their answers.
  - If the students need help with pronunciation, get them to mark the stress on the words (see Answers below).

##### Answers:

adjective	noun
1 'honest	'honesty
2 in'telligent	in'telligence
3 kind	'kindness
4 open-'minded	open-'mindedness
5 'thoughtful	'thoughtfulness
6 'sociable	socia'bility
7 'patient	'patience
8 'friendly	'friendliness

- b ● Have the students discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.
- Get feedback from the class.

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### Video Script COUNTER 00:07-04:05

#### Scene 1A: 00:23 – 00:50

- Man 1:** My friend once had a book that, erm, was like “100 Ways to Attract Women” and it was like you look at them a certain way, if they look back within 30 seconds, you give them a nod ... but I never went for that stuff ...
- Woman 1:** I just be myself and hope it works ...
- Woman 2:** Just walk over, ask them a question, just start talking ...
- Presenter 1:** Dating. Trying to attract a member of the opposite sex. It can be fun ... and it can also be a lot of work!
- Presenter 2:** Erm, let's find out about dating today.

#### Scene 1B: 00:53 – 03:05

- Melanie Cabbit:** I'm Melanie Cabbit, I own a business called “The Single Gourmet.” We bring single people together, of all ages I might say, and over dinner for food, fun and good company. I believe that people really need to meet each other and, erm, find chemistry between one another ... and you can do that in a room full of people, then people are on their own to make their own connections. Whereas something that's more structured like a dating service, it's a third party that is trying to figure out who will get along. They're ... they're making decisions for you. I sometimes get, erm, between forty and fifty people at each dinner and people then are on their own to make their own introductions with each other and this is a nice way, a safe, non-threatening way to meet other single people. One of the things I do is mail out a monthly newsletter to my members that lists the month's events. I consider myself a social secretary basically. I have a calendar of events and a busy professional – man or woman – can look at the calendar and say: “Well I'm available on this night” and, erm, sign up for whatever appeals to them. And ... it's a nice way of encouraging people to get out and socialize more, because it's too easy to become lazy after a long day's work. To go home and turn on your television and take your shoes off and just relax ... but if you see that there's a calendar and there are events planned and ... you can make an effort and go out and have a good time, you will have a nice time. You'll have a wonderful meal at a nice restaurant and ... make some new friends. People are very busy today, they ... many people have put their careers ahead of them and they're ... Americans work very long hours and they don't have time to socialize. People are looking for many ways to find other, other single people like themselves and it's difficult.

#### Scene 1C: 03:08 – 04:05

- Melanie:** I'm sure initially everyone wants the ... the movie-star looks and lots of money, but I think after a while people become, erm, realize that that doesn't carry a lot of weight in the long run and are looking for more traditional values.
- Woman 3:** ... kindness, erm ... thoughtful of others, intelligent ...
- Man 2:** Honesty, is the big thing ...
- Woman 4:** It's all about personality, you know, if they have an open mind, they like change, pretty much it ...
- Melanie:** Although they might not admit it, I think people are physically attracted to each other, I think that ... that's an important part of it. But people also want someone that will be a companion, someone that's fun to be with. Someone that is, erm, outgoing, perhaps someone that's understanding and just companionship, I think.

## SKYLINE 4 UNIT 1

### Unit One

### 1

## The dating agency

### 1 Before you watch

#### ►► Cultural note

#### a Read the text and then discuss the questions.

Most American teenagers and adults are interested in meeting members of the opposite sex. People often meet someone they want to go out with at college or work, or at parties or sports clubs. Internet chat rooms are also popular with younger people. Older Americans sometimes join a singles club or dating agency to help them find a partner.

- 1 How do people meet members of the opposite sex in your country?
- 2 Do singles clubs or dating agencies exist in your country? If so, what do most people think of them?
- 3 Why do you think some people in the U.S. use singles clubs or dating agencies?

#### b Match the expressions in *italics*, in 1–4, with the definitions a–d.

- 1 ... if they look back ..., you *give them a nod* ...
- 2 ... people really need to meet each other and *find chemistry between one another* ...
- 3 ... many people have *put their career ahead of them* ...
- 4 ... people realize that *movie-star looks don't carry a lot of weight* ...

- a be important
- b move your head toward someone to show that you find them attractive
- c prioritize your job over other aspects of life
- d feel attracted to another person

### 2 Watch for main ideas

#### a You are going to watch a video about meeting members of the opposite sex and dating. Check (✓) the opinions you think you will hear.

1 Just be yourself.	
2 Dating agencies make money out of shy people.	
3 It is often an effort for people to get out and socialize with others.	
4 Personality is the most important thing.	
5 It's easier for younger people to attract a member of the opposite sex.	
6 Physical attraction is important.	

#### b Watch the video and check your answers.

### 3 Watch for details

#### ►► Scene 1A

#### a Before you watch scene 1A again, match the ideas to the people.



- 1 Be yourself and hope it works.
- 2 Just walk up to the person and start the conversation.
- 3 Use a book of tips on dating.

#### b Now watch scene 1A again and check your answers.

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### Worksheet

The dating agency

#### ►► Scene 1B

**a** Melanie Cabbit runs a singles club called "The Single Gourmet." Read statements 1–6. Mark each one T (True) or F (False).

- |  |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Melanie doesn't bring together young people at her dinners.                          | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Melanie doesn't decide who should meet who at her dinners.                           | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Melanie's clients are 40–50 years old.   | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Melanie sends out a newsletter every week.   | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Melanie's clients can choose to attend any event that interests them.                | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Melanie thinks people are more willing to attend events that are organized for them. | T <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |

**b** Now watch scene 1B and check your answers.

#### ►► Scene 1C

**a** Watch scene 1C again and check (✓) the correct information.

1 Melanie says that at the beginning of a relationship, people are interested in:

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a being together for a long time. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b good looks and money.           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c traditional values.             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 The man in the street thinks the most important thing is to:

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| a be honorable.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b be in love.     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c tell the truth. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3 Melanie says that people might not admit:

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| a that they are attracted by how people look. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b that they are interested in having fun.     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c that they are looking for a companion.      | <input type="checkbox"/> |



#### 4 After you watch

**Language focus: word-building**

**a** Complete the chart with the correct forms.

adjective	noun	adjective	noun
1 honest	_____	5 thoughtful	_____
2 _____	intelligence	6 _____	sociability
3 kind	_____	7 _____	patience
4 _____	open-mindedness	8 friendly	_____

**b** Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

- 1 What do you think of Melanie and "The Single Gourmet" service? Would you consider going to one of Melanie's dinners?
- 2 Where do people go to meet members of the opposite sex in your town / city?
- 3 Who usually starts the conversation in a new relationship, men or women? Do you think this is right?
- 4 Do you believe in love at first sight? Can you give an example from your own experience?

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