

Is modern dating lingo ghosting you?

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Love has no language. But the millennials have proved us wrong by inventing a modern dating glossary that's so confusing; it can even leave Sherlock scratching his head. So, if you've been 'Ghosted' or 'Catfished', relax! This handy glossary will help you make sense of these jargons. Let's begin.

1. Ghosting

It literally means the act of vanishing like a ghost. Poof! Gone! Simply speaking, it means ignoring your date's texts or call abruptly, without an explanation. How cowardly!

2. Catfishing

This is the modern day scam! It's when someone creates fake identity, and tricks you into a relationship only to extort money. And no, there'll never be an actual meeting.

3. Benching

If someone has been flirting with you but never really takes it to the next level, or if you've been kept waiting on the sidelines while he or she looks around, you've been benched. Personally speaking, very rude!

4.Breadcrumbing

This means leading someone on by showering breadcrumbs of your attention, just enough to make them like you, but never really following through. It's like dangling a carrot, or leaving behind a trail of breadcrumbs to string the person along.

5. Cushioning

The word says it all. When you know your relationship is going nowhere, but instead of breaking up, you start dating other people, to cushion the harsh blow of a break-up. Sly move, this!

6. Kittenfishing

This one is a slightly less severe form of Catfishing. Imagine, you land a date with a handsome hunk only to realize that the picture him 10 years ago. You've been Kittensfished!

7. Orbiting

If you're still hung up on your ex, and constantly 'orbiting' their social media word rather than approaching them directly, well, you are 'Orbiting'. Come on! Approach them already!

8. Negging

A classic case of emotional manipulation, this is a sinister move. It's when you are undermined to such an extent that your need for your partner's approval skyrockets to alarming levels. Not happening!

9. Cloaking

This is a fancy term for revenge when the person who's been ghosted also goes silent on all social media communication, and blocks the person who ghosted them. It's payback time!

10. DTR

An acronym for Define The Relationship, this word is another way of saying, "Where is this relationship heading?"

11. Firedooring

Inspired by fire escapes that only open from one side, this is just that – one-sided effort. It is when one person is putting in all the efforts, and the other reverts only they need something.

12. Slow fade

A form of weaning away from a dead relationship, this one lets you down gradually instead of in one-go. It's either when the romance is lost, or is past the expiry date. Take the hint. End it already!

13. Zombeing

As if Ghosting wasn't enough, this is worse. Just like a Zombie, it's when your ex decides to rise from the dead, and slide into your DMs, as if nothing has happened. It's like opening a can of worms. I'd say, this sounds extremely toxic. Avoid!

14. Phubbing

This literally means snubbing your partner in favour of your phone. This really doesn't need an explanation. Guilty as charged.

15. Dateview

A lovechild of the word 'Date' and 'Interview', it's when your date discusses your future together, on your first date! Imagine being asked if you'd like to have kids, and your opinion on buying a house together. Run! This is worse than an interview.

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