

## Blind Date

### Exercise 1. Find a definition.

If a date is *un rencard*, / *rendez-vous gallant*, what translation do you suggest for a “blind date”? .....



### Exercise 2. Reading comprehension.

Read this text, adapted from *Wikipedia*, about this famous British TV show. Then answer the questions which follow.

**Blind Date** is a British dating game show produced by London Weekend Television and hosted by Cilla Black. *Blind Date* ran on Saturday nights from 30 November 1985 to 31 May 2003. The show had a format similar to the show known in Australia as *Perfect Match*, in the US as *The Dating Game*, or in France as *Tournez Manège*. Three singles of the same sex were introduced to the audience. They were then asked a question by a single of the opposite sex, who could hear but not see them (because they were hidden by a screen), to choose with whom to go on a date. Before the decision “Our Graham”, who was never seen, gave an amusing reminder of each contestant. The couple then picked an envelope naming their destination. The following episode showed the couple on their date, and interviews with them about the date and about each other. At the height of its popularity in the 1980s, 18.2 million tuned in on a Saturday night to watch the show. Black's scouse accent and her catchphrases became familiar throughout the United Kingdom.



**Cilla Black**

1. Who presented the Blind Date TV show? .....
2. On which day of the week was it shown? .....
3. How many years did the show run for? .....
4. Give the show's equivalent names in Australia, the USA, and in France. .... ,  
..... , and .....
5. How many singles were introduced to the audience at the beginning of the show? .....
6. Why couldn't they see the single of the opposite sex asking them a question?  
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7. What does Graham (the voice over) do? .....
8. How does the couple find out where they will be going for their date?  
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9. What is shown during the following episode? .....
10. In which decade was *Blind Date* the most popular? .....
11. How many TV viewers did the show have at that time? .....
12. People, like Cilla Black, who have a “scouse” accent are from what region of England? Look up the word in a good dictionary! .....
13. What does “catchphrase” mean in French? .....
14. Label the photos below, taken from the show. Use these words: TV presenter (x2) / screen / contestants (x7) / three singles of the same sex (x2) / a single of the opposite sex

