

Going on a date



What is the definition of a “date”?

(Oxford English Dictionary)

- **1. A date = (n.)** A social or romantic appointment or engagement.
- **2. A date = (n.)** A person with whom one has a date.



Examples of a date?!



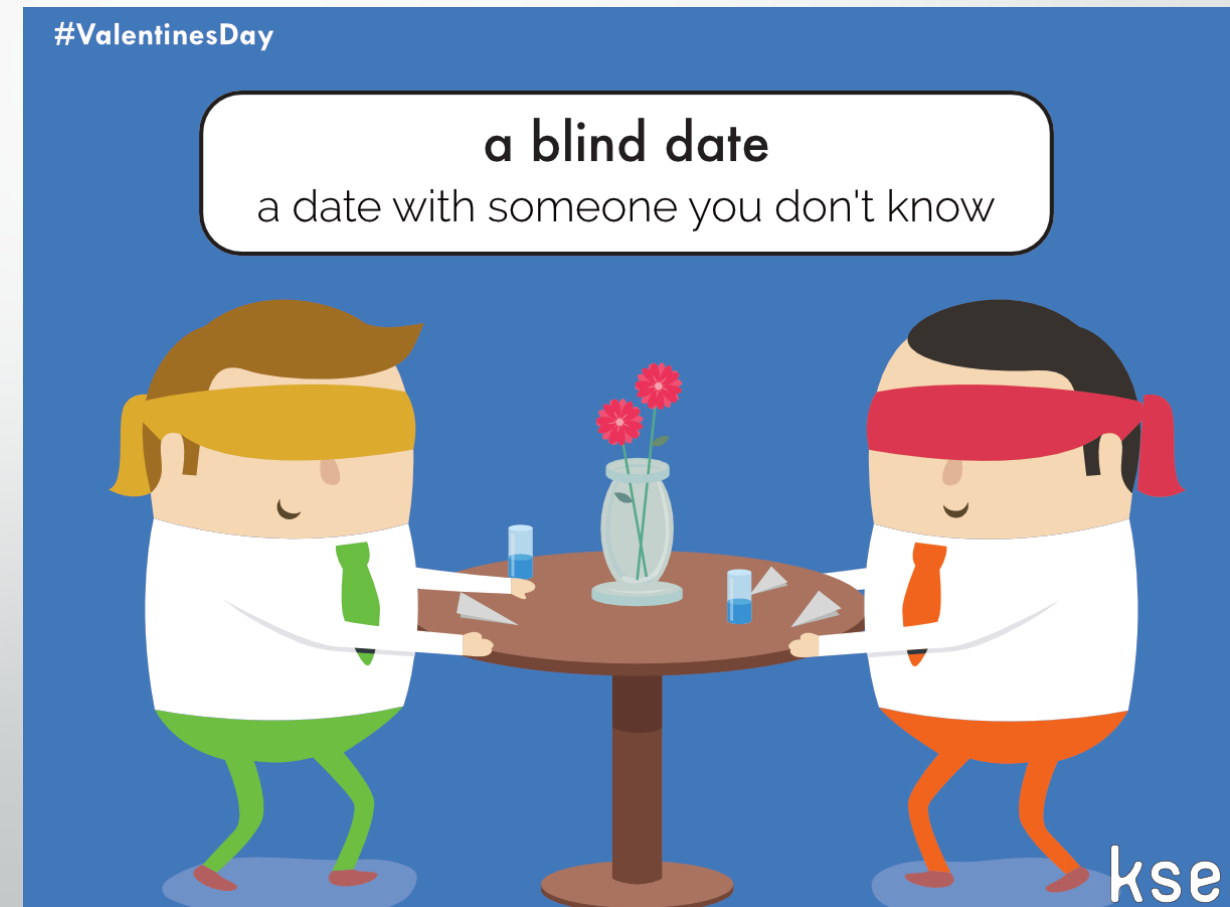
"Since this IS our first date, I have a few important questions to ask you. This should only take a few hours."



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What is a “blind date” ?

- **blind** = (adj.) unable to see
- A **blind date** is a social meeting between two people who have not met before (usually arranged by a mutual acquaintance).



Examples of a blind date?!



BLIND DATE : the famous TV show

Can you explain what happens on this show?...



BLIND DATE : what happens on the show...

- 1.** Three singles of the same sex are introduced to the audience.
- 2.** They are then questioned by a single of the opposite sex, who can hear but not see them (because hidden behind a screen), to choose with whom to go on a date.
- 3.** Before the decision, Graham, who is never seen, gives an amusing reminder of each contestant. (Graham is a "voice over" = "*voix off*" in French.)
- 4.** The couple then picks an envelope naming their destination for their date.
- 5.** The following episode, a week later, shows the couple on their date, and interviews with them about the date and about each other.

What questions do you think are asked on the **Blind Date** TV show ?

- Name?
- What's your name?
- Origins?
- Where do you come from? / Where are you from?
- Occupation?
- What do you do (for a living)?
- Likes?
- What do you like (doing)? / What are your turn ons?
- Dislikes?
- What don't you like (doing)? / What are your turn offs?

Blind Date Special with Mr Bean

- In 1993, Mr Bean (played by Rowan Atkinson) made a guest appearance on the show.
- He appeared as one of the 3 bachelor suitors trying to win the date with the beautiful blond girl.
- The episode was broadcast as part of the live **Comic Relief** Telethon event on the BBC.



What is **Comic Relief**?

- It's a British charity
- founded in 1985 in response to famine in Ethiopia.
- Founded by: **Richard Curtis**, a comedy scriptwriter, and **Lenny Henry**, a comedian
- Organises a biennial telethon in March called **Red Nose Day**
- alternates with sister project **Sport Relief**.

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Let's do the the worksheet about this TV show!

Blind Date

Exercise 1. Find a definition.

If a date is *un rancard*, / *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?
7. What does Graham (the voice over) do?
8. How does the couple find out where they will be going for their date?
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





Now let's watch the **Blind Date special**
with Mr Bean!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLNhVC2g6YI>
- As you watch, take notes in your rough book. Note down especially all the **questions** asked