

Online Dating Meanings



Catfish – The pinnacle of online dating where someone pretends to be someone else. They use someone else's images to lure you in and use false information to make them seem more interesting. This can be dangerous if you decide to meet up, although you would never know until you decide to go that far and by that time it could be too late for you.

Stashing – When you start seeing someone, but they keep you a secret and stash you away usually because they are married or seeing other people. You are their secret

Ghosting – When you start seeing someone and they just disappear and vanish without a trace. They don't return your messages and even block you from social media and dating sites, this is so they don't have to verbally tell you they are breaking up with you.

Zombie-ing – If you have been ghosted the culprit may resurface back on the sites. This is usually a fair bit of time after they ghosted you. They try to make contact again only to probably ghost you again.

Benching – This is before you have the talk about if you are exclusive to each other they bench you like the football game while they look for someone better. You are their back up option. They may come back to you if no-one better comes along.

Catch and Release – Where someone persistently chases you as they love the chase but as soon as they snare you by you agreeing to a date they release you as you're not a conquest any more.

Breadcrumbing – This is where someone seems to be pursuing you but really, they have no intention of being in a relationship with you. It could just be the chase they like or it's a game as they are already in a relationship. They message and text you leaving you breadcrumbs with no outcome.

Cushioning – When you're dating, but they know it's not going anywhere or will not end well so instead of cutting lose they prepare you for the break up by chatting and flirting with others online to cushion the blow to you.

Kittenfishing – This is much like the terrible Catfishing but it is someone who has old outdated images of themselves and lies about their age, height, job, hair etc. If you were to meet you would know they were lying.