

Tasks Video Unit 1 – AI – A love-hate relationship?

- a) *Your teacher has paused the video. Talk to your partner about how you think the story could continue. Then share your ideas in class.*
- b) *Read the summary of Lucy's story. Some words are missing. Change the word in brackets to form the missing word for each gap (1-9). Write your answers in the spaces provided.*

On the one hand, Lucy considers herself outgoing and fun-loving. On the other hand, when others are around, Lucy tends to freeze. Her _____ **1** (respond) are limited to one-word sentences.

In short, Lucy perceives herself as a bore. She finds it _____ **2** (fair) that others enjoy the good life of being a teenager, going out, dating, texting, holding hands, and all the fun stuff.

Recently, though, Lucy has started seeing someone, or rather, texting someone. It's more than just texting; she claims to be in a _____ **3** (relate) with a capital R – for real.

There's a twist, though. Lucy's boyfriend is not _____ **4** (exact) a human being in the strict sense. He exists in the realm of AI. Lucy crafted him _____ **5** (use) an app called "So real". His name is Eli – a _____ **6** (choose) Lucy made, as she likes short names.

Lucy shaped Eli's entire _____ **7** (person), creating her ideal boyfriend. However, a cloud looms over their digital _____ **8** (romantic). "So real" announced its _____ **9** (acquire) by another company, and the impending shutdown left Lucy heartbroken. She received a message notifying her of just one week left on "So real" before all accounts would be deleted forever.

- c) *Look up information about AI-based apps like "So real". Discuss in a group whether you think these apps are a positive or negative influence on people's lives, especially in the context of relationships.*
- d) *Evaluate the different possible endings (A, B, C, D) provided at the end of the video. Share your opinion on which ending you find most plausible and why. Work with a partner.*
- e) *Write yet another ending for Lucy's story.*

Key

- a) Individual answers
- b) 1. responses, 2. unfair, 3. relationship, 4 exactly, 5. using, 6. choice, 7. personality, 8. romance 9. acquisition
- c) Individual answers
- d) Individual answers
- e) **Ending E: sample text:**

“So real” did introduce changes, but Lucy, determined to maintain her connection with Eli, decided to adapt to the new terms. The app’s transformation led to enhanced features, including more customisation options for Eli’s personality. As Lucy explored these new possibilities on the app, she discovered a community of users who shared their experiences with their AI-created friends.

Instead of feeling isolated, Lucy found herself engaged in conversations with others who also found it difficult to interact socially. The app became a platform for friendships and support. After a while, Lucy found that she didn’t need her “relationship” with Eli anymore.