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# **Dating Advice: Three Mistakes to Avoid When Writing an Online Dating Service Profile**

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After four years of reading more than 10,000 profiles of men and women looking for a partner through online dating services, I've laughed at my fair share of poorly written introductions.

Of those 10,000 online dating service profiles, no more than a dozen captured my attention enough to make the first move. I'm sure that you want to get lots of responses to your online dating service advertisement, or else why would you bother joining a site, and paying a small fee to meet new people? If that is the case, then make sure you avoid the following three mistakes at all costs:

Dating Advice Point 1. "I'm the One Your Mother Warned You About"

This is, from my research anyway, the most overused sentence in an opening line for online dating service profiles. True, it's the generic choice of some of the larger sites (such as Lavalife or True) - if your profile is awaiting approval, this tag line may show up while waiting for the a-okay. To avoid this, come up with something a bit more original and unique. Bu what if you aren't sure what that may be? Well, it's not hard to take a look at your competition in the online dating service field, so why not do a quick search and see what everyone else is doing? Reading other people's description of themselves may just get your creative juices flowing. At the very least, it'll show you what everyone else is saying about themselves - and what key phrases and words you should therefore avoid in turn.

Dating Advice Point 2. "I Might Be the One you're Looking For"

This may be the case. However, by using this combination of words anywhere in your online dating service profile, you aren't telling me, or any other potential suitor, anything new.

What this line does say to someone checking you out is that the online dating service profiler didn't do a lot of thinking about how they wanted to present themselves. Tell people what gets your eyes twinkling or what REALLY gets you up in the morning - and don't say it's your alarm clock, either. Now is the time to let your passions really shine through.

Dating Advice Point 3. Glaring Spelling or Grammatical Mistakes

This tip may seem childish, or trite - but it's of the utmost importance. While chatting with someone online, you may have some fast typing or spelling mistakes that a potential suitor may find annoying. But until you get to that stage with someone, NO ONE should know that you've got dyslexia, or just can't spell worth beans.

It shows a lot to a potential suitor while they peruse the online dating services that someone has taken the time to spell check their document. Hell, get a friend to read over it for you if need be in case you've missed something important. But if you cannot take the time to write something legible, most people perusing the online dating service websites will assume you won't have time to bother doing other, more important small tasks. And when you only have a couple of seconds to make that first impression before someone clicks on another person - every single details counts.ZZ

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