

Total English

Intermediate

Getting back in touch

- 1 You are going to go on the internet to find out how people in the UK get in touch with old friends from their distant past! Type in the website www.friendsreunited.co.uk and answer the following questions.
 - 1 The website's aim is to help you find old friends and read about people that you have l _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ with.
 - 2 Do you have to pay to register?
 - 3 When might you need to upgrade to paid membership?
 - 4 How many members are there at the moment?
 - 5 And how many are called Wayne Rooney and David Beckham?
 - 6 The site can put you in touch with people you have been romantically involved in. It refers to these people as o _ _ f _ _ _ _ _ and f _ _ _ _ l _ _ _ _ _ .
 - 7 Can you get in touch with friends who have moved out of the UK to another country?
 - 8 What can you do if you log onto **Genes Reunited**?
 - 9 Click on the **Click here for a quick tour**. How close was Kate living to her old friend from school?
 - 10 What are the two best ways to search for a person?
- 2 Now click on **About us** and write a T for true or a F for false next to the following statements.
 - 1 Friends Reunited was officially launched in July 2000 and by the end of the year, it had 2,000 members. ___
 - 2 By February 2001, the site had 19,000 members with the help of radio coverage. ___
 - 3 In order to create an income from the site which became a full-time job the creators had to introduce the £5 a year charge for people contacting old friends through the site. ___
 - 4 1st April 2002 saw the real launch of Paws Reunited. ___
 - 5 2003 saw a new management team created to manage the phenomenal success of the site. ___
 - 6 Friends Reunited is currently working with one charity called National Missing Persons Helpline. ___
- 3 Discuss questions 1-3.
 - 1 What do you both think of the concept of Friends Reunited?
 - 2 Who might you like to contact from your past and why?
 - 3 What do you think is the advantage of a site like this?

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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to use the internet to find out information about the hugely popular website www.friendsreunited.co.uk. This webquest is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 1.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheets for each student

- 1 Check that students arrive at the correct part of the website to find out the information. Ask students if any of them have heard of or visited a similar website in their own country. Then direct students to answer the questions. Monitor, and help where necessary, to check that students are finding the correct information. Check answers with the class.

Answers: (correct at the time of going to press) 1 lost touch 2 no 3 when you want to get in touch with someone you have found 4 over 12,000,000 5 eleven Wayne Rooneys and forty David Beckhams 6 old flames, first loves 7 yes 8 discover your family tree and trace ancestors, locate lost relatives, build a family tree 9 six miles 10 by their name or place, e.g. - a school

- 2 Check students can find the correct part of the site. Make sure that all students have clicked the right link, **About us**. Students write a T for true or F for false next to the statements. Elicit answers.

Answers: (correct at the time of going to press) 1 F 3,000 members 2 T 3 T 4 F It was an April Fool! 5 T 6 F It's also working with the International Children's Charity Plan UK.

- 3 Ask students to discuss the question in pairs or groups of three. Monitor students' conversations and note down any interesting stories and opinions that they can share with the class at the end of the activity. Get feedback from the various groups.