**Online Dating and Deception Terms**

- **Catfishing:** when an online user pretends to be someone else on their social media profile
- **Ghosting:** when a person halts all communication with another person suddenly and for no apparent reason
- **Submarining:** when someone messages someone that they previously “ghosted” without an explanation or an apology
- **Bot:** short term for “robot” meant to describe a fake account
- **DTR:** acronym for “defining the relationship” which is when two people label their relationship
- **IRL:** acronym for “in real life”
- “**Sliding into DMs**”: a phrase that refers to messaging someone through social media (specifically Instagram and Twitter)
- **DM:** acronym that stands for “Direct Message”
- **Swipe Right:** a term that is widely used on dating apps that refers to having an interest in whomever’s profile a user is viewing
- **Swipe Left:** the opposite of “Swipe Right”, having no interest in someone
- “**Hit Up**”: to “hit someone up” means to message/contact someone
- **HMU:** acronym for “hit me up” which means “message/contact me”
- **WYA:** acronym for “where you at?” which is used to mean “where are you?”

**Online Dating and Deception Hashtags**

- #DatingAdvice
- #TinderFail
- #TinderVSReality
- #TinderNightmares
- #Catfished
- #DatingFails
Online Dating and Deception Technologies

- [TinEye](https://www.tineye.com) is a reverse image search engine.
- [Veracity](https://www.veracityapp.com) App is a reverse image search app.
- [images.google.com](https://images.google.com) allows you to drag and drop an image into the search box.
- [Social Catfish](https://www.socialecats.com) is a reverse image search engine.
- [RepostSEO](https://www.repostseo.com) is a reverse image search engine.
- [Dupli Checker](https://www.duplichecker.com) is a reverse image search engine.

Online Dating and Deception Online Readings


Online Dating and Deception Academic Readings


**Online Dating and Deception Videos**

- [Catfish: The Movie](#)
- [MTV Catfish Playlist on YouTube.com](#)
- [Girl catfishes her boyfriend 1:30 - 6:36](#)