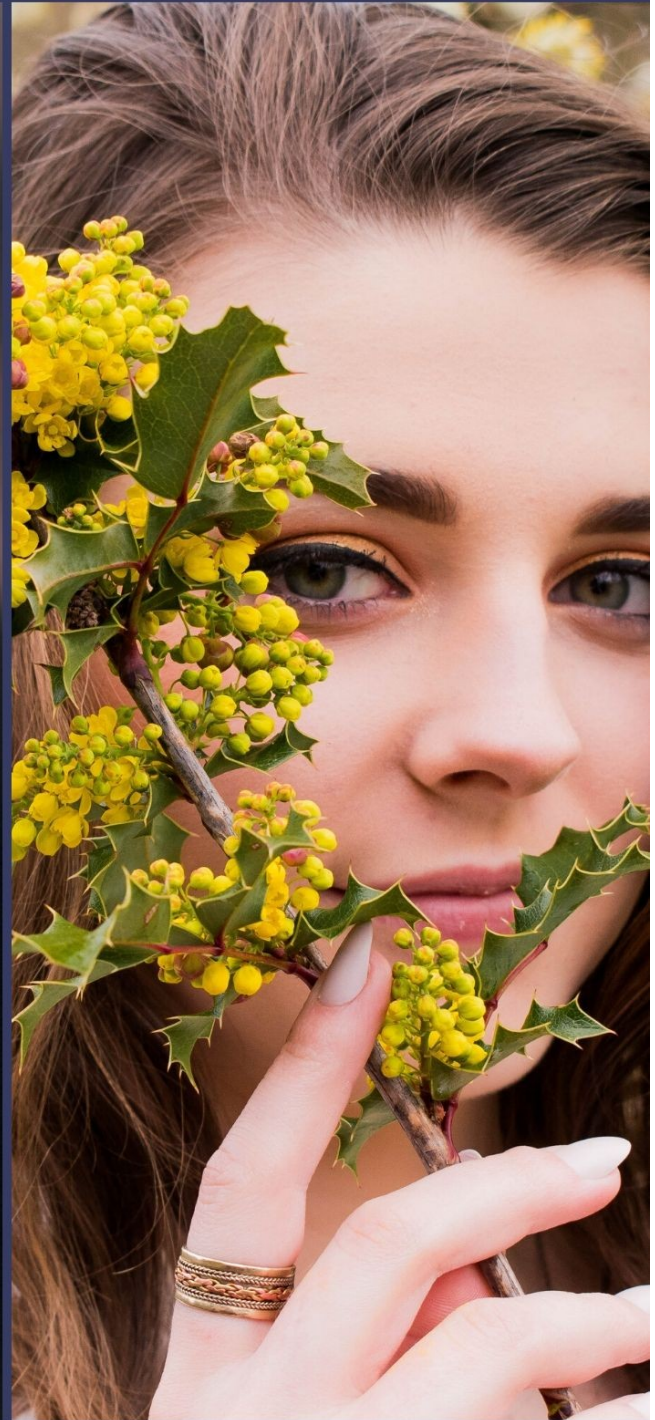


SUGAR DADDIES & SUGAR BABIES



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Introduction

Do sugar daddies exist in your culture?

What do people think of them? What do people think of the women that have sugar daddies?

Reading

Lena is sitting in a high-end coffee shop in the centre of the city. She is wearing a pair of Guess jeans, a top by Alexander McQueen and shoes by Manolo Blahnik. On the chair beside her is a limited edition bag by Louis Vuitton.

All together her outfit reeks of ostentatious spending. And it was all paid for by someone else.

“Yes, I have a sugar daddy,” says Lena, a proud smile on her face. “How else could I afford this life?”

And this life is something that most 25-year-old women could only dream of.

Apart from all the designer gear in her wardrobe, Lena drives a brand new Lexus and lives in a swanky apartment. All bills and rent are covered by her sugar daddy.

So how did it start?

“I was in my third year of college,” she says. “And I was running out of money fast. A friend of mine told me about this website called Sugar Daddy For Hire. I looked at it and was horrified. It was so blatant. There were girls on the site just being so obvious about what they wanted. And what they were prepared to do for

it.”

Lena dismissed the idea. But then she ran into more trouble and found herself almost homeless.

“I did have a part-time job but the money just wasn’t enough,” she says. “So I joined Sugar Daddy For Hire.”

She was immediately inundated with offers.

“I could not believe how easy it all was. I checked a few profiles and streamlined them down to a select few. I thought all of the men would be much older but many of them were in their late forties. I found one and he helped me out.”

How exactly did he help Lena out? And more importantly, what did she have to do for it?

“It was just like meeting anyone else online. He called me and we arranged a time to meet. We had dinner at this really expensive restaurant. He was very civil. He didn’t mention anything about money at all. We talked about where we were from and things we wanted to do in the future.”

The next day Lena received a text message. I can help with your living arrangements. Along with the text message were some pictures of a small apartment not far from her college.

“It was small,” says Lena. “But like a palace compared to where

I was living before.”

In the space of a few weeks, Lena had a lot of financial pressure taken away. The rent was paid for, all bills paid and a small weekly allowance to help with everything else.

“I refer to it as compensated dating,” says Lena with a small laugh. “I have to get on with the guy who is paying the bills. We have to click or it’s just not going to work.”

She has been living this life for five years now. What does the future hold?

“Well, I can’t do this forever,” she says. “I am learning about business. All my sugar daddies so far have been businessmen, experts in their own field and they all excel at business. So I look at this as a kind of apprenticeship. I’ll do it for another two years, maybe three, then start my own business.”

Her phone rings and she raises a hand to pause the conversation.

It’s her sugar daddy. And she always has to be available.

Reading Comprehension Questions

Where is Lena sitting?

What is she wearing?

Who paid for her clothes?

What car does Lena drive? What kind of house does she live in?

Describe Lena's situation when she was at college. What did her friend suggest?

What did Lena think of this idea?

What caused her to think again?

What happened after she joined the website?

Describe her first date from the site.

What happened the next day?

How did her life change?

How does Lena refer to this life?

What are her plans for the future?

Do you think she has a job? What is her job?

Essential Vocabulary

high-end	top
limited edition	reeks of
ostentatious	designer gear
wardrobe	brand new
swanky	bills
rent	horrified
blatant	obvious
dismissed	homeless
part-time job	inundated
profiles	streamlined
late-forties	civil
arrangements	palace
compared to	in the space of
financial pressure	allowance
refer to	to click
excel	apprenticeship

Exercise

Write down all the words and phrases in your vocabulary notebook. Look in your dictionary and find the meaning of each word. Write the definition next to each word.

Then make up your own sentences using each word or phrase.

For example:

Notebook—*a small book with pages of blank paper that students use to make notes when studying.*

“I left my notebook at home so I was unable to make any notes in my English class.”

Are You Making the Right Decision?

This is a role play.

You are two friends and one of you is considering to be a sugar baby. You have seen a website and you want to join. But first, you want to talk to your friend and find out what they think about it. You must use the following phrases in the correct context.

- But what will your family think?
- I just don't know how I can get by now that I've lost my job...
- Think of the consequences!
- Every day is such a struggle.
- When you are ready show your role play to the class.

Discussion Questions

What do you think of Lena's life?

For boys/men: Could you be a sugar daddy? How about if the roles were reversed — could you be a sugar baby?

For girls/women: Could you be a sugar mama? Why/why not?

Do you think this kind of arrangement is moral or ethical in any way? State your reasons.

Do you think the young women in this arrangement are being taken advantage of? Are they being used?

Do you think the internet has made sugar daddy/sugar baby arrangements easier? In what way?

Does Lena have a job do you think?

What do you think her family and close friends think about it?

What can she do in the future?

Do you think there is a 'sell-by' date for sugar babies? What do you think of this?

Is it a man's world?

Are young women seduced by the promise of the high life? Is this right or wrong?

Writing

Write a sugar daddy profile that could be placed on the website Sugar Daddies For Hire.

You have to introduce yourself and tell the readers that you are a very successful businessman and rich. Explain how you can take care of the right person — in exchange for certain things.

You need to be very discreet in how you introduce yourself and what you are looking for.

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