

## Who knows you better, your family or your friends?

In our weekly test single people ask their mother and best friend to help. Their mother chooses one partner and their best friend chooses another. The test is to see who can choose the best partner!

This week's single man is Richard Taylor, a 26-year-old musician from Southampton. His mother Meg chooses one girl, and his best friend Danny chooses another. Then Richard goes on a date with each girl. Which girl does he prefer? Who knows him better, his mother or his best friend? Who chooses the right girl for him?



Richard with his mother Meg and his friend Danny

I usually work in England, but sometimes I work **abroad** too. In my free time I like to go to the cinema and eat at nice restaurants. I'm not very sporty and I don't do any exercise, but at least I don't smoke.

I think I'm open and friendly - I **get on well** with most people - but I'm sometimes quite shy **too**. For example, I don't like parties. I prefer to meet friends individually or in small groups.

I like intelligent, funny women who make me **laugh**, and ideally who love music. Physically I prefer women with dark hair who are not taller than me. And I like women who are good listeners.

I'm sure that my friend Danny knows me better than my family because we often talk about girlfriends and the problems we have. I don't usually talk to my family about this kind of thing. My mum always says that I look for the **wrong** kind of girl but that's what mothers always say!

### 1. Answer the questions

- 1) Who is Richard?
- 2) Who is Danny?
- 3) What do Richard's mum and Danny try to do?
- 4) What does Richard have to do?

**2. Write questions to the answers**

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ? In Southampton

What \_\_\_\_\_ ? He is a musician.

Where \_\_\_\_\_ ? In England and abroad.

\_\_\_\_\_ smoke? No, he doesn't

\_\_\_\_\_ exercise? No, he doesn't. He isn't very sporty.

What kind of women \_\_\_\_\_ ? Intelligent and funny ones.

\_\_\_\_\_ to his mother about girls? No, he doesn't.

**3. Look at the photos of Claire and Nina**



HIS FRIEND'S CHOICE  
Claire



HIS MOTHER'S CHOICE  
Nina

Who do you think is more Richard's type? Why?

Listen to Richard's stories about the dates. What happens in the end? Who does he like more? What are the problems?

**4. Think of a person you know well, a family member or a friend, who is single. Look at the chart below and describe them.**

4a. Write questions using the prompts.

- Name?

- Age?

- Job / Studies?

- Lives in ?

- Physical Appearance?

- Personality ?

- Smokes?

4b. Now describe your friend.