

# READING

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- Read an article about the actor Hugh Laurie. What two things do Hugh Laurie and Dr. House have in common?



Dr. Gregory House, the main character in the hit TV series *House, M. D.*, is famous for being a pessimist. But it is not only House who is a pessimist. Hugh Laurie, the actor who plays him, is a pessimist, too.

Laurie never thought that House, M.D. was going to be success. Even after seven seasons, he still feels pessimistic about it. He said in a recent interview, "If we do a bad show next week, they'll say, 'That's it. No more.' It'll just stop. I am, of course, someone who is constantly expecting a plane to drop on my head. if not today then tomorrow."

Like Dr. House, Laurie is also a talented musician and passionate about the blues. He recently went to New Orleans to record an album in which he plays 15 of his favorite songs. But of course, he doesn't think that people will like it.

When he was asked on a TV show why he was so pessimistic about life, Laurie said it was because he is Scottish. "I definitely think that's where it comes from."

Because of his reputation as a pessimist, people always talk to him about positive thinking. He says that complete strangers come up to him on the street and say, "Cheer up, it'll never happen!"

**Read the article again Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Say why.**

- \_\_\_\_ Hugh Laurie always thinks the worst will happen.
- \_\_\_\_ He thinks they will make many more seasons of *House, M.D.*
- \_\_\_\_ He doesn't think his album will be successful.
- \_\_\_\_ He thinks that Scottish people are optimistic.
- \_\_\_\_ People often try to make him feel happier.