

Interview with Henry Smiles

Check out this interview with Henry Smiles from the band *Two Direction* and complete the tasks to practice and improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... to find out | a to cut hair very close to the skin |
| 2..... to keep in touch | b to have a good and friendly relationship |
| 3..... to get on well | c to maintain communications |
| 4..... to sweat | d to think, to believe |
| 5..... to shave | e to discover, to learn |
| 6..... to reckon (<i>informal</i>) | f. to produce liquid from your skin, especially when you are hot or nervous |

READ THE INTERVIEW

Check your understanding: true or false

Choose *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. The interviewer asks the difficult questions first. | True | False |
| 2. Henry thinks punctuality is important. | True | False |
| 3. Henry is a fan of superheroes. | True | False |
| 4. He would never cut or shave his hair. | True | False |
| 5. Henry thinks Facebook is the best way to communicate with his fans. | True | False |
| 6. Being able to share a joke is important to Henry when he is looking for a partner. | True | False |
| 7. Henry thinks appearance is more important than personality when it comes to girlfriends. | True | False |
| 8. Henry doesn't get nervous when he performs these days. | True | False |

Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. Henry was born in ____.

- a. a town in Scotland b. London c. a town in the north of England

2. Henry would like to ____.

- a. play the drums and the piano b. be able to sing c. play the guitar

3. Henry uses ____ to communicate with his fans.

- a. Facebook b. Twitter c. his blog

4. Henry wants a girlfriend who ____.

- a. is passionate about life b. can help him relax before a concert c. doesn't mind being woken up in the night for a chat

5. Henry says his first kiss was ____.

- a. really important to him b. very memorable c. with someone he met at school

6. Henry drinks ____ before a concert.

- a. fizzy drinks b. water c. herbal tea

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CELEBRITY PROFILE #36

He's the most popular member of one of the most popular bands in the world. We met Two Direction's *Henry Smiles* to find out why he has so many female fans.

Let's get the basic questions out of the way first, Henry. How old are you and where are you from?

I was born in 1996 and I'm from Harrogate in the north of England. Now I live in London.

What are your likes and dislikes?

Well, I love music, of course, and sleeping and eating. And my dislikes? I don't like it when I'm late for things.

What are your favourite films?

Spider-Man 2 and *X-Men* were pretty cool.

Is there anything that you'd like to be able to do?

I wish I could play the drums and the piano.

You are famous for your great hair. Would you cut it or shave it off?

Maybe I'd shave it off for charity. If I could raise a lot of money for doing it.

Do you like social networking?

Well, I don't go on Facebook very much, but I do use Twitter a lot. It's a good way to keep in touch with our fans.

Now the more interesting questions! Have you got a girlfriend, Henry?

No, not at the moment. I'm single!

What kind of girls do you like?

I like girls with a good sense of humour, who don't take life too seriously. I also like being able to call someone in the middle of the night for a chat if I need to.

Do you prefer blondes or brunettes?

Oh, I like both! If we can have a laugh and we get on well, I don't care what colour hair they have.

Are you romantic when you're in a relationship?

I reckon I am. I'd do anything for love!

Who did you have your first kiss with?

My first kiss? Hmm, I can't remember very clearly, but I think it was with a girl at school when I was about thirteen.

Tell us a secret, Henry.

I still get really nervous before a concert and have to drink herbal tea! Even today, after having done hundreds of concerts, my hands sweat and my heart beats really fast just before going on stage.

