

# Reading

## 2 Read the article again. Check (✓) three true statements.

- 1 Shawn and Taylor are both American.
- 2 Shawn and Taylor are famous for different talents.
- 3 Shawn likes sports.
- 4 Taylor is learning to sing.
- 5 Taylor has dance classes.
- 6 Shawn's and Taylor's videos were on YouTube.

## 3 Read the tip.

### Tip

**Good readers** look for specific information by scanning a text quickly. They are looking for a word or number. When they find it, they read the text carefully to check its meaning.

Scan the article and find the numbers. Then match the numbers with a–d.

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- a the number of fans at Shawn's first concert.  
600
- b Taylor's age when she was on a TV show.  
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- c the number of "likes" for Shawn's video in one day.  
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- d the number of hours Taylor practices every day.  
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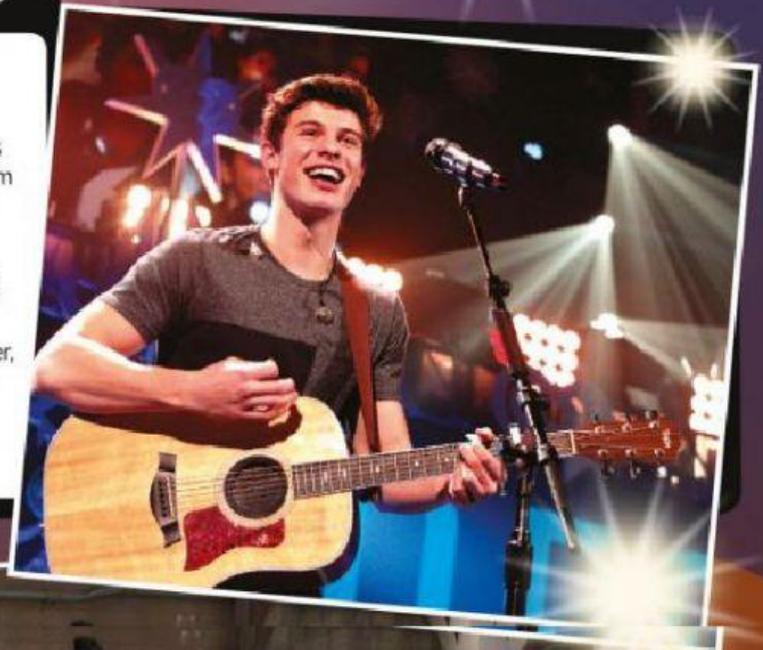
## 4 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What were Shawn's hobbies before he was famous?  
His hobbies were ice hockey and soccer.
- 2 How long was Shawn's first video?  
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- 3 When was his first concert?  
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- 4 Who was in Taylor's video?  
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- 5 What website was her video on?  
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# Online talent

## Shawn Mendes

**Shawn Mendes** is a teenage singer and songwriter. He makes videos of his songs and he shares them online. He has millions of fans. But a few years ago, Shawn was a regular teenager from Canada. His hobbies were ice hockey and soccer. One of Shawn's singing videos was on the website Vine. It was just six seconds long! In one day, there were 10,000 "likes" for Shawn's video. Suddenly he was famous. A month later, Shawn was in front of 600 fans. It was his first concert! A year later, Shawn's first album was number five in the U.S. charts.



## Taylor Hatala

**Taylor Hatala** isn't famous for her singing. But this girl can dance! She practices for four hours every day. When Taylor was just 11, she and her dance teacher were in a video on YouTube. The video was very popular, and two weeks later, she was on an American TV show! The audience was amazed by her dancing. Now thousands of fans watch her videos on YouTube. What's next for Taylor? She doesn't know. "I'm just really excited," she says.



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