

**Reading skills practice: Interview with Henry Smiles – exercises**

Check out this interview with Henry Smiles from the band *Two Direction* and complete the tasks to practise 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 |



**2D** **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.

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

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

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

### 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

- Henry was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a town in Scotland
  - London
  - a town in the north of England
- Henry would like to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - play the drums and the piano
  - be able to sing
  - play the guitar
- Henry uses \_\_\_\_ to communicate with his fans.
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - his blog
- Henry wants a girlfriend who \_\_\_\_\_.
  - is passionate about life
  - can help him relax before a concert
  - doesn't mind being woken up in the night for a chat
- Henry says his first kiss was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - really important to him
  - very memorable
  - with someone he met at school
- Henry drinks \_\_\_\_ before a concert.
  - fizzy drinks
  - water
  - herbal tea

### Discussion

Who is your favourite singer or musician?