

## READING

### Blind date next door

*Romance* magazine talked to Dan who tells us about how he found the love of his life.

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**Dan** Actually, we met at three very different times in our lives. We were both born in Bath and we actually grew up in the same street. Jess's parents ran an art gallery across the road from our house. We knew each other as children but not well. Six years is a big age difference when you're a kid.

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**Dan** After school I started university in Oxford. My best friend there was Paul. We're still very close: he's like a brother to me. One day I went round to see him for coffee. He introduced me to his cousin who was visiting. She was so attractive she took my breath away.

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**Dan** She was very chatty and funny. As the evening progressed, I liked her more and more. To be honest, I was quite disappointed when I found out she was just 16 – I thought she was too young for me. I was 22 then.

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**Dan** No, I didn't – not then. One summer Paul and I visited my old home town. We were staying with my parents. Over dinner, Paul mentioned something about the art gallery his uncle owned across the road. That's when I realized who Jess was.

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**Dan** No, we didn't. We met years later. I went on a chatroom website, and I started exchanging messages with a very nice, 21-year-old girl. We sent each other links to songs and videos on the net that we both liked, we talked about the best places in Bath to go out to eat, that sort of thing. It took me some time to get the courage to ask her out on a date.

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**Dan** We agreed to meet outside the Assembly Rooms, and go from there to an Indian restaurant close by. But as I was leaving home, I ran into Jess in the street. We talked a bit, then she said she was in a hurry because she had a blind date with someone. Of course, that someone was me.

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**Dan** Yes and no. It was the beginning of my happiest relationship. But it wasn't really a blind date – I have known her all my life!

### 1 Read the interview quickly and circle the correct letter.

How old was Dan when he went on his first date with Jess?

- a 21
- b they were both kids
- c 16
- d 27

1 point for the correct answer       1

### 2 Complete the interview with the missing questions (a–h). There is one extra question.

- a Where were you planning to go together?
- b Was it the best blind date you've ever had?
- c ~~When did you meet your wife for the first time?~~
- d Did you realize you knew Jess from your childhood?
- e What did you talk about on your first date?
- f Where did you see her again?
- g What was she like?
- h Did you meet in Bath when you were there with Paul?

2 points for each correct answer       12

### 3 Read the interview again. Write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Dan and Jess both grew up in Bath.   T
- 2 There is a six-year age difference between them so they weren't close friends as children.
- 3 Paul is Jess's brother.
- 4 Jess was 16 when Dan met her in Oxford.
- 5 Paul and Dan visited Paul's uncle in Bath.
- 6 Jess and Dan chatted online about music and eating out.
- 7 Jess didn't recognize Dan when they ran into each other.

2 points for each correct answer       12

Reading total       25

## Skills test 1A Continued

**WRITING**

**1 Think about the best café or restaurant you know. Write a short email to your best friend telling him/her about the place. Write about:**

- the name of the place and where it is.
- what the place is like.
- what kind of food they serve and what dishes you would recommend.
- why you like it and why you recommend it.

Write your email in 60–100 words.

*Shorter writing task*   10

**2 Write a description of your best friend's family. Write about:**

- how many people are in his/her family and what their names are
- what they do for a living.
- what they are like.
- what your relationship with them is like.

Write your description in 100–150 words.

*Longer writing task*   15

Writing total   25

**LISTENING**

**1 Listen to five short extracts. Write the number of the correct extract (1–5) for the summaries. There is one extra summary.**

- a \_\_\_ a radio news programme
- b \_\_\_ friends talking about some personal news
- c \_\_\_ shop assistants helping a customer
- d \_\_\_ a customer ordering food in a restaurant
- e \_\_\_ someone doing a favour for a friend
- f \_\_\_ a dinner hostess talking to a guest

*1 point for each correct answer*   5

**2 Listen again. Circle the correct answer.**

- 1 What are Jack and Will celebrating?
  - a Jack's father got better after being unwell.
  - b Jack's getting a pay-rise at work.
  - c Jack's changing jobs.
  - d Jack's getting a new girlfriend.
- 2 What does the woman buy in the shop?
  - a She doesn't really want to buy anything.
  - b She buys a pair of pink trainers.
  - c She'd like some shoes but they haven't got the right size.
  - d A pair of size 7 shoes.
- 3 Which of the following things does the guest NOT eat or drink?
  - a Prawns because he's allergic.
  - b Regular coffee – he only drinks decaf.
  - c Apple pie and ice cream.
  - d Mineral water if it's cold.
- 4 Which news does the newsreader mention?
  - a A Swiss company has stopped selling its new cancer drug.
  - b The local art gallery thieves went to court.
  - c A businessman gave money to the International Space Station for science.
  - d Barcelona won the Champions League Final.
- 5 Where does Chris want to go?
  - a To the airport.
  - b Into town.
  - c To the bus station.
  - d To meet his friend.

*2 points for each correct answer*   10

**3 Listen again. Write true (T) or false (F).**

- 1 Jack and Will are meeting at eight in the morning tomorrow. \_\_\_
- 2 The woman only tries on the trainers in one size. \_\_\_
- 3 The guest doesn't mind drinking regular coffee because it's still early. \_\_\_
- 4 Zanetti scored a goal in his last match for Inter. \_\_\_
- 5 Sam lends Chris money for petrol. \_\_\_

*2 points for each correct answer*   10

Listening total   25

**Skills test 1A Continued**

**SPEAKING**

**1 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.**

- 1 How did you meet your best friend?
- 2 What do you do in your free time? Which things do you do with your friends? Are there any things you do on your own? Why?
- 3 What is your favourite possession and why?
- 4 What was the most important event in your country's history?
- 5 When did you last cook a meal? What did you cook?

max. 1 point for each topic

**2 Look at the photos. Compare the different things people eat. Talk about what is good and what is bad about them. In your opinion, how healthy is your diet?**

max. 10 points



**3 A Look at the information. Use the words to make five questions.**

<b>The Breakfast Club</b>	
<b>open 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.</b>	
fried or scrambled eggs and toast	
small (1 eggs)	€2.00
medium (2 eggs)	€3.50
large (3 eggs)	€5.00
Continental breakfast (2 bread rolls, butter and jam)	€2.50
freshly-made orange juice	€1.50
tea	€1.75
espresso	€2.00
capuccino	€2.25
mineral water	€1.25

- 1 open / lunch or dinner ?
- 2 when / closed ?
- 3 what / hot food ?
- 4 how much / hot drinks ?
- 5 what / order / €6.50 ?

1 point for each correct question

**B Answer the questions.**

1 point for each correct answer

Speaking total

Skills test 1 total