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Boy bands

Are the sentences true or false?

1. Many boy bands are not successful.
2. In the past, boy band members dressed differently but had similar personalities.
3. Having different types of boy in the group is supposed to appeal to different girls.
4. One Direction first became famous on YouTube.
5. One Direction lyrics are written for girls who like rebellious boys.
6. One Direction's stylists try to give each band member an individual look.
7. One Direction became famous in the US by clever use of social media.
8. One Direction have not tried to make money from merchandising.

LISTEN AGAIN AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The most important thing for boy bands in the past was that
 - a. They had some musical ability
 - b. They could dance
 - c. They were good-looking.
2. Things are different now because.....
 - a. People wanted something different.
 - b. The media and new technology demand something different.
 - c. Both of the above
3. Starting on a reality TV show like Britain's Got Talent or The X Factor is good because.....
 - a. People feel a connection with the bands they see
 - b. The viewers who watch the programme every week become loyal fans.
 - c. Appearing on TV is a quick way to get famous.
4. The words to the One Direction songs are designed to.....
 - a. Make teenage girls feel good about themselves.
 - b. Appeal to mums by being a bit cheeky
 - c. Communicate universal messages about love.

5. The clothes the boys in One Direction wear
 - a. Are very individual and they each have a strong look.
 - b. Create a clean-cut, safe and non-threatening image.
 - c. Are casual and fashionable with a hint of rebelliousness.

6. Lots of people said One Direction....
 - a. Be regarded as serious musicians.
 - b. Get famous in the UK as well as the USA
 - c. Have a number one record.

7. One Direction were the first British band to....
 - a. Have their first album go straight to number one in the US.
 - b. Sell so many copies of their album in the first week.
 - c. Break into the US market using social media.

