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The Gingerbeard man

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How much of the story did you understand? Here is a chance to test yourself.



Exercise 1 Look at the story of The Gingerbeard Man in your copy of Spotlight magazine. Read the statements and decide if they are true (T) or false (F). T F A. Magnus doesn't think he is vain. B. Magnus has a full-time job and likes his boss. C. Magnus detests social media. D. Magnus's barber wants to take a selfie with Magnus. E. Magnus meets a group of women who are about to get married.

Exercise 2

Look at the text in your copy of Spotlight magazine. Find words in the text that match the definitions below.

- A. to make something neater, smaller, etc., by cutting parts from it.....
- B. to have a style of clothing, hair, etc. that makes you look attractive
- C. to ask somebody for something in a very strong and serious way
- D. to look at something and think that it is impressive.
- E. to put or spread something such as cream, onto a surface
- F. to go somewhere very quickly.
- G. to move slowly from side to side; to move something in this way

Exercise 3

Choose the correct synonyms from the story to replace the words in bold.

- A. Magnus had a **splendid** red beard and a cool sense of style.
- B. He also had a strong **dislike of** social media.
- C. The guy began to **run after** Magnus, but Magnus ran faster.
- D. The man **pushed** a card towards him. "Jim Barclay, Agent," it said.
- E. "We have this great name for our beard-care range," Jim laughed.
- F. Magnus **smiled**. He was certain now that he would live happily ever after.

Answers

A false; Magnus doesn't want a full-time job or a boss.
C. true
D. false; Magnus's barber wants to take his picture for Instagram
E. false; Only one of the women is about to get married.
A. trim
B. rock (fml.)
C. plead
D. admire
E. apply