

A Swedish film star (Reading)

- Description:** Silent reading followed by a walk-around activity to check comprehension.
- Use with or after:** *English Network Starter (New Edition)*, Unit 4, Step 3.
- Skill:** Reading
- Focus:** Silent reading, with comprehension questions requiring short answers such as *Yes, she does* or *No, she doesn't*.
- Time:** 10–15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the second page of this file and make one copy for every two students. Cut the copies on the dotted line. (The articles on the right and left sides of the page are identical.)
 - Print out the third and fourth pages of this file (on stiff paper if possible) and cut along the dotted lines. This will give you 16 different prompt cards. If you have more than 16 students in your class, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the questions twice.
- Procedure:**
- Give each student a copy of the article and ask them to read it silently.
 - Give each student one of the prompt cards. Ask them to read the article again and find the sentence which contains the answer to their question.
 - Write on the board: *Yes, _____*. *No, _____*. Explain that the answers to the questions are all in this form: short answers with *Yes* + two words or *No* + two words.
 - Ask the students to stand up, taking the article and their prompt card with them. They should walk around and talk to one other student at a time, asking their question and checking that the other student gives the correct answer.
 - They may not show each other their prompt cards. This is to ensure that the questions are asked and understood orally.
 - They may refer to the article at any time to find an answer. Encourage this, as it provides practice in the important skill of scanning a text to find information.
 - If possible, take a prompt card yourself and do the activity with them. Feel free to provide help and to correct their pronunciation, in case a question is not being understood.

Swedish film star at home

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She usually gets up early in the morning and goes jogging before breakfast. She never watches television, but she reads a Swedish newspaper every morning and an English newspaper every afternoon.

Her English is very good. She sometimes speaks English in her films, but usually she speaks Swedish.

She travels a lot for her work, but she doesn't like hotels.

At the weekend she often goes to the cinema with her husband. "But we never watch my films," she says. "We usually watch old films. My favourite film is *Casablanca*, from 1942."

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Does she usually get up early in the morning?

Yes, she does.



Is Kerstin a German film star?

No, she isn't.



Does she usually go jogging before breakfast?

Yes, she does.

Does she watch television at home?

No, she doesn't.



Does she read a Swedish newspaper every morning?

Yes, she does.

Does she read an English newspaper every morning?

No, she doesn't.



Is her English very good?

Yes, it is.

Does she always speak English in her films?

No she doesn't.





Does she travel a lot for her work?

Yes, she does.



Does she like hotels?

No, she doesn't.



Do Kerstin and her husband often go to the cinema at the weekend?

Yes, they do.

Does her husband play the trumpet?

No, he doesn't.



Is *Casablanca* her favourite film?

Yes, it is.

Do they usually watch new films at the cinema?

No, they don't.



Does she often go to her husband's concerts?

Yes, she does.

Does she live in Hollywood?

No, she doesn't.

