



Task 3: An Open Mind on Cosmetic Surgery?

The training instructor now wants you to consider people's attitudes towards cosmetic surgery. Have they become more open about it than before? Are they more willing to tell others that they have had something fixed by a cosmetic surgeon?

To answer these questions, you will listen to the second part of the Teen Time programme on self-esteem and cosmetic surgery, which is a radio interview involving the host of the radio programme, a cosmetic surgeon, and a music student.

To prepare you for the listening, the training instructor asks you to do a prediction activity first.

Pre-listening Activity: Prediction

Do you think that people are now more open about cosmetic surgery? Would someone who has had the procedure be willing to tell other people about it? Give two reasons to support your guesses.

My Predictions

I _____ (think / don't think) that people are now more open about cosmetic surgery than before. This is because:

1. _____
2. _____

Part A: Listening for the Main Idea

To see whether your guesses are correct or not, the training instructor will now play the radio interview. As you listen, complete the following table by putting a tick (✓) in the right box.

	Yes	No
1. According to the cosmetic surgeon, are people more open about cosmetic surgery than before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the music student agree with the cosmetic surgeon?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





Part B: Listening for Details

What reasons does the cosmetic surgeon give to support his view regarding people's attitudes towards cosmetic surgery? You are asked to listen to the recording again and complete the table below.

According to the cosmetic surgeon, people are _____ (more open / not more open) about cosmetic surgery than before. He gives the following reasons for his view:

1. _____
2. _____

Part C: Understanding Styles of Speaking

The training instructor tells you that the cosmetic surgeon and the music student speak in different ways in the radio interview. She wants you to listen to an extract again so that you can pay attention to their styles of speaking. She also asks you to consider which style of speaking would be suitable for your speech later.

Between the cosmetic surgeon and the music student ...

1. Who speaks faster?

2. Who uses more everyday words (e.g. words that are shorter and simpler)?

3. Who uses a higher pitch of voice throughout?

4. Who uses a more formal style of speaking? (based on 1 – 3)

Planning ahead...

5. Which style of speaking would be suitable for your upcoming speech? Formal or informal? Explain your choice.

