

Model Reading Answers- Simon Cowell

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I learn that their friendship is a ‘natural, jokey relationship’ as they tease each other.

I learn that their friendship is real as he remembers Sian and she goes to see the X Factor ‘every year- sometimes twice’.

I learn that Simon is very caring to Sian as he regularly sent cards and e-mails which shows he cares about her.

I learn that he has a nickname for Sian, calling her ‘Trouble’

I learn that they are close because he always responds quickly to Sian’s e-mails and texts.

I learn that Simon gets on with everyone and is ‘comfortable with everybody’ in Sian’s family.

I learn that he is always there for Sian and her family as he wants to help and says he ‘will do anything’ to help them. He says he will pay for her treatment in the US if it is needed.

I learn that his friendship has made Sian and her family ‘feel like millionaires’ because he has been so kind.

3. Simon explains **he is rude because** he has ‘become famous for being rude’ and people expect it.

He is rude because he is ‘the honest one’ and just tells the truth.

He is rude to give the contestants a ‘reality check’.

He is rude because it is ‘part of the entertainment’ and fun for him and the viewers.

He is rude and honest because it ‘reflects the music business’.

4. Anyone who wants to be a pop star should read his book because:

- He’s turned ‘hopefuls into global pop stars’ and made millions/ he has experience and knowledge of the business
- He will ‘share secrets’ from behind the scenes
- You will learn how to ‘develop your skills’ and ‘handle an audition’
- He will show you how to ‘stand out from the crowd
- He gives the right guidance
- He says he is the ‘only man on earth’ who can tell readers this

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a) The magazine article

The article **gives the impression** that Simon is very **caring and kind** as he texts and e-mails Sian and has a friendship with her. It **gives the impression** that he is a **warm person who gets on with everyone** including children and adults. It **gives the impression** that he is **generous** as he will pay for her treatment.

b) Simon Cowell’s autobiography

On the other hand the autobiography gives a more **negative impression** of Simon, that he is ‘rude’. It also **gives the impression** that in being rude he is only being ‘**honest**’. It **gives the impression** that he **enjoys** being rude and giving his opinion. It **gives the impression** that he is quite **big-headed and confident** about what he does. It **gives the impression** that he has been **successful** and made ‘millions’.