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Part 1 Directions

Imagine that you work for a media company, TalentScout. Your job is to find a host for a new web-based reality show that will be seen by millions of teens. The show, called *Truth Be Told*, is about what happens in situations where people lie rather than tell the truth. As part of your search, you go online to dig up information about the candidates, Sophie Williams and James Rosser. See the search results and the personal statements written by each candidate below. ***Does anything you see make you think twice about either candidate?***

Online Search: Sophie's Results

Sophie Williams	
Document No.: 1 of 5 Description: Personal statement submitted by Sophie Williams; picture included Search notes: Received by email Hey there, my name is Sophie. I'm 21, and I'm a huge fan of WebTV. I rarely watch anything else. My friends are always telling me I should try to host a show with lots of viewers, because, you see, I'm the best! In addition to being the sweetest girl you'll ever meet, I'm a talented cook and passionate about cooking (you should see my food blog). I think it's important for the host of WebTV shows to have a talent so they can keep the audience entertained. In short, I'm funny, I'm cute and down to earth (see picture), and I'm going to blow your socks off as the host of your new show. Can't wait to hear from you! Yours Truly, Sophie Williams p.s. Check out my blog at http://www.onlinediary.com/sophiecooks	Document No.: 2 of 5 Description: Snaptalk story Search notes: Screenshot found after name search and added as a friend 



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Description: Post from Sophie's blog

Search notes: Blog URL provided by candidate in personal statement and located via Google Search

Last Night's Dinner



Posted: January 14th

Follow me on Instapic!
@sophie_williams_cooks



Shrimp tacos with pinto beans, rice, cilantro, avocado, and lime. Just toss fresh shrimp in lime juice, sprinkle with cumin, salt, and pepper, and grill for a minute or so on each side.

Tags: [shrimp](#), [avocado](#), [Mexican](#), [dinner](#), [recipes](#)

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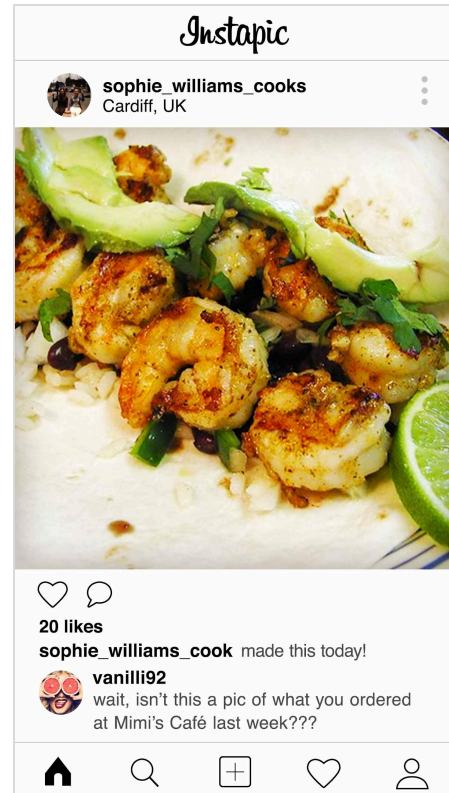
Hello World! My name's Sophie and I'm 21 years old.

Over the years my friends have encouraged me to teach cooking classes for high school students and this blog is a place for me to put my go-to recipes for them. Enjoy!

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Description: Sophie's Instapic; photo shared by Sophie

Search notes: Instapic profile (@sophie_williams_cooks) found on personal blog



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Description: Customer feedback made by Sophie on a shopping site

Search notes: Found by Googling Sophie's name

Customer feedback

Most useful first | [Newest first](#)

Sophie Williams

January 14



This frying pan is awesome! Love the nonstick surface! Really helpful for beginning cooks like me. :)

Was the above review useful to you? [Yes \(0\)](#) / [No \(0\)](#)



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Online Search: James's results

James Rosser

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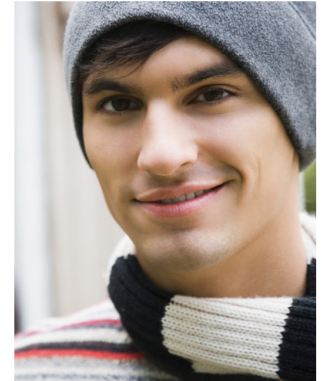
Description: Personal statement submitted by James Rosser; picture included

Search notes: Received by email

Hi there,

My name's James, I'm 23, born and raised in Cardiff (Best! City! Ever!), and I was *made* to be the host of your new WebTV show. As host, I'd love to show off my voice and inspire kids with a talent of my own. When I'm not out on the town with my friends or with my girlfriend, I'm singing with my band or at home hanging out with my cat, Furmonster. Beyond that, I spend a lot of time online watching videos and stalking people on MyBook (just kidding). So, in conclusion, pick me! I am clearly the best choice.

Sincerely,
James Rosser



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Description: Online news article from 2020 that references James Rosser's involvement with a rugby scandal at Cardiff Met

Search notes: Found via Google Search in archived stories on Cardiff and Vale Daily Press website

Cardiff and Vale Daily Press

Four Cardiff Metropolitan University Rugby Players Dismissed from team over steroid use

Monday, 12 January 2020 | www.candvdp.co.uk | Local News

CARDIFF – Four members of the Cardiff Met Rugby Team have been suspended indefinitely after an anonymous source disclosed information about steroid use, says Cardiff Metropolitan University Dean Sian Matthews.

The four students involved, James Rosser, Dillon Richards, Mo Khan and Micheal Menzel, have written an open letter to their coach and the university Dean, in which they apologise to the team for their “inexcusable actions, which have affected our teammates and the reputation of the university.” However, they go on to speak of a “dire need for reform” in the rules regarding performance-enhancing drugs and dietary supplements.

— David Murphy



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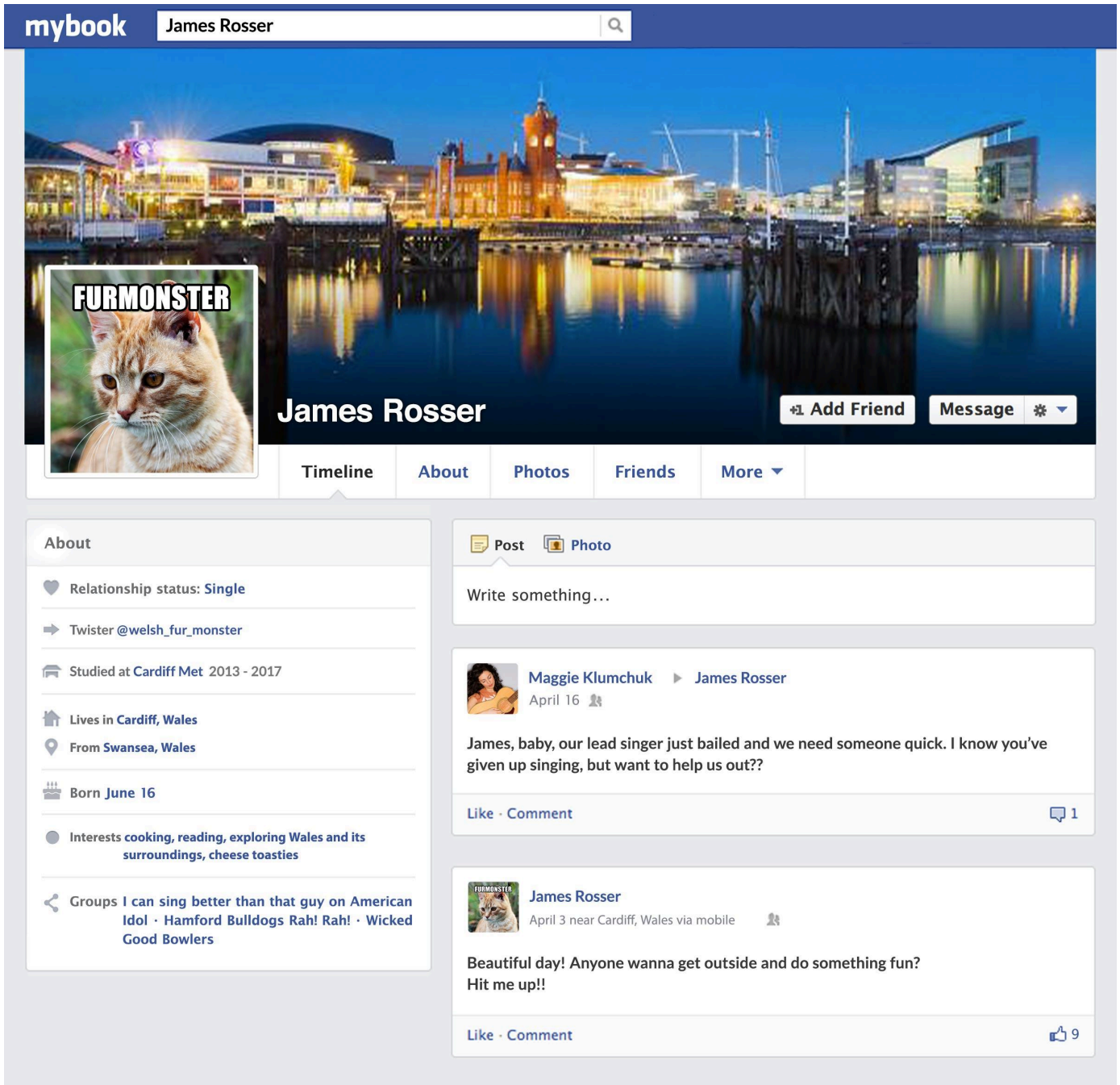
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Description: Screenshot of main page of James' MyBook profile

Search notes: Found by searching "James Rosser" and "Cardiff Met." James lets non-friends in this network access his profile, though not his pictures.



The screenshot shows a MyBook profile for James Rosser. The profile header features a large background image of the Cardiff Met building at night, with a smaller profile picture of a ginger cat with the text 'FURMONSTER' overlaid. The name 'James Rosser' is displayed below the background image, along with buttons for '+1 Add Friend' and 'Message'. Below the header are tabs for 'Timeline', 'About', 'Photos', 'Friends', and 'More'. The 'About' tab is selected, showing details such as 'Relationship status: Single', 'Twister @welsh_fur_monster', 'Studied at Cardiff Met 2013 - 2017', 'Lives in Cardiff, Wales', 'From Swansea, Wales', 'Born June 16', and 'Interests cooking, reading, exploring Wales and its surroundings, cheese toasties'. The 'Groups' section lists 'I can sing better than that guy on American Idol', 'Hamford Bulldogs Rah! Rah!', and 'Wicked Good Bowlers'. The 'Post' section shows two posts: one by Maggie Klumchuk dated April 16 asking for a replacement singer, and one by James Rosser dated April 3 near Cardiff, Wales, saying 'Beautiful day! Anyone wanna get outside and do something fun? Hit me up!!'.



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Description: Comment left on a local online news article titled "Teens and Steroid Use"

Search notes: Found in a Google search of James' name



JRosser • 4 mo ago

Interesting how teens athletes get blamed for trying to be their best yet their schools are super okay with pushing them to be "winners." They like us to get them trophies and don't care much about how we do it. It's only after someone calls us out that they get concerned. Then they throw us under the bus with no questions asked! Pitiful.

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Description: Posts by James and from his friends on James' Twister account

Search notes: Twister account found on MyBook profile and through Google Search

Twists

Following

Followers

Favorites

Lists

Twist to James Rosser

@welsh_fur_monster

Trends

#webTVrocks

#commonsense

#digitalcitizenship

#chooseahost

#realityinc.

social media

Schmidt Music School

steroid use

James Rosser

@welsh_fur_monster

www.mybook/JamesRosser

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TWISTS

FOLLOWING

FOLLOWERS

Follow

Twists

James Rosser

@welsh_fur_monster

30 Apr

I applied to be a host for a new WebTV series! Wish me luck!!

Expand

Tommy Williams

@twilliams

24 Apr

@welsh_fur_monster awesome dude!!

Expand

Maggie K

@magz4ever

10 Apr

@welsh_fur_monster Go James!



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Part 2 Directions: Take a Stand

After looking at both candidates, the executive producer chose Sophie to be the host. After she was hired, someone anonymously sent a screenshot of a conversation to TalentScout. [Take a look.](#)

After seeing the new evidence, do you think that Sophie should be fired? Why or why not? Use the steps below with your classmates to take a stand on the issue.

TAKE A STAND

(On your own.) What do you think? Explain your perspective.

STAND BACK

(As a group.) Where do your classmates stand? Listen to their perspectives.



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LOOK AGAIN

(On your own.) Look again at your original response. What had you not considered that other people brought up? (Maybe you changed your mind, maybe you didn't -- that's OK! Either way, you heard other views. How has your thinking shifted after hearing your classmates' perspectives, even if you haven't changed your mind?)

LOOK BEYOND

(As a group.) Look beyond this specific case. How does this dilemma remind you of other situations we've explored in class or that you've seen, heard about, or experienced?
(Share your response in the group.)

Part 3 Directions: Complicate Questions (Optional)

In your group, pick and discuss one of the questions below:

- What if the show was not Truth Be Told, but something else? Would it make a difference what Sophie posted?
- Is it important that Sophie represent herself truthfully online? Why or why not? Are there other situations where it wouldn't matter if she represented herself untruthfully?
- What if someone hacked into her account to get the messages? Should this change the decision of the producers?

