

Video zone – How to tie a Windsor knot

Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do Task 1.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. narrow	a. to join together ends of a piece of string, rope, etc.
2. to tie	b. small in width
3. symmetrical	c. to change something slightly
4. a collar	d. the part of a shirt that goes around your neck
5. a loop	e. a shape or object which has two halves that are exactly the same
6. to adjust	f. to pull something together until it fits more tightly
7. to tighten	g. a circle of something like string that curves back towards itself
8. a knot	h. a place where pieces of material or rope have been tied together

Task 1 – True or false?

Decide if the sentences are true or false.

	Answers	
1. The Windsor knot is a very simple knot to tie.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
2. It's a narrow, triangular knot that's very suitable for presentations.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
3. The wide end of the tie is on the left and the narrow end is on the right.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
4. You need to adjust exactly where the tie should be in the middle of your neck.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
5. To start, cross the narrow end of the tie over the wide end.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
6. To make a symmetrical shape, pull the wide end over the top and then bring it up through the loop again.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
7. You draw the knot up in order to fit your collar.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
8. This type of knot is suitable for widespread collars.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>

Discussion

Do you ever wear a tie?

Answers

Preparation

1. b
2. a
3. e
4. d
5. g
6. c
7. f
8. h

Task 1 – True or false?

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. True