

A LONG, LONG ROAD

How many other people have a sister like mine? She seems to misunderstand just about everything! One day, our family were in the car, driving along the motorway. My sister spotted a car with a plate bearing the letter 'D'. My father explained to her that this meant the car came from Germany. My sister looked puzzled,

then burst out with: "Is this the road to Germany, then?" Some sisters do 'ave 'em!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Guess what? We've got another great fashion competition for you. This week all the clothes are from Miss Selfridge, and the winner will be able to pick the clothes of her choice from this great shop. Talking about competitions, I can't resist telling you what we've got lined up for next week. I'm not going to give the game away completely—but as well as another chance to win some exclusive new clothes you could also be the lucky person to actually meet one of our top groups. One clue . . . they come from Scotland!!!

Luv you all,

Hi!

Hope you're all well over there in Britain and not suffering from colds and chills. About a month or so ago I was mentally ready for sweaters and logs burning in the fireplace, but then we had a sudden spell of warm weather. And now that the air is crisp and cold here I find that I don't like it very much! Anyway, now I'm going to really concentrate on the job in hand and get this column off to you all.

Q. My mother hates my green and black nail polish. I told her that I'd ask you about it and if you don't like those colours — I'll go back to using plain old pink. — Sarah Pye, London.

A. I really don't like to take sides, but in this instance, I must agree that 'mother knows best'. I think it is much nicer when a girl's hands are well-groomed and natural looking. And green and black nail colours make nails look like mine do when I've accidentally smashed one with a hammer and it's bruised. It doesn't matter if nails are long or short — what is important is that they are all the same length. My personal preference is for those pale pink colours and nails that are not so long that they look like 'weapons'. I can dig it. I also like a girl's hand to be soft because I like holding hands, especially at the movies.

Q. I've just heard that you have taken over the career of your brother, Shaun, and will be producing his records. Is this true? — Nicola Berry, Kent.



ASK DAVID ANYTHING!



"I try to accept honest criticism"

A. Wow! Much as I am pleased with the interest everyone has in Shaun, I can't think of anything worse for him than to have me meddling in his career. No, I am not managing, producing, or even advising Shaun about his career.

What I am doing is wishing him the best of success.

Q. Where can I write to get an autographed photograph of you? — Carole Kydd, Lincoln.

A. If you had included your address with your letter I could have sent one

along to you myself. But the best place to write is to my manager's office. They always have the newest and best photos, and whenever I go into the office they have me sign a batch or two. The address is Ruth Aaron & Associates, 9145 Sunset Blvd, Beverly Hills California, 90212, U.S.A.

Q. I always read the reviews of shows and records of my favourites and it makes me very unhappy when someone says something unkind. Does it upset you when someone criticises your performance? — Beverley Douglas, Isle of Wight.

A. I'll have to qualify my answer to your question because it depends upon who is criticising and how. By that I mean I am only upset when someone criticises me about the way I'm dressed or combing my hair instead of my performance. Or when they let a difference in personalities influence their judgement and opinion — then I get upset. But when the criticism is honest and thoughtful, I try to accept it with understanding and, if valid, I try to learn from it and improve.

ALL MY LOVE,

