**Tom Fletcher Comprehension**

Tom Michael Fletcher was born on 17th July 1985. When Tom was ten years old, he starred as the main role in Oliver at the London Palladium. During his childhood and teenage years, he attended the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London. At age thirteen, whilst at the theatre school, he met Giovanna Falcone.

At a very young age, Tom began writing music. He originally auditioned for a band called Busted, but lost out on a place to Charlie Simpson after the record label Island decided the band should be a trio (a band with three people) rather than a four-piece. This led to a job with the band’s song writing team. Fletcher then got to know Busted band member James Bourne. They formed a strong song writing relationship between them. James helped Tom to structure songs properly and think carefully about the music.

During the writing project for Busted’s second album, Fletcher was asked by the record label if he was available to film auditions for a new band. It was at this audition, that Tom met Danny Jones for the first time. Danny had gone to the audition by mistake thinking that the band would be another rock band like Busted. This wasn’t what the record label was looking for. Tom was impressed with Danny and so they started writing songs together. They wrote in hotel rooms for two months and they managed to write most of the songs for their first album.

After recruiting Harry Judd and Dougie Poynter, the band was formed. Danny Jones and Tom Fletcher both played guitar and sang, while Dougie played the bass guitar and Harry played the drums for the band. The band was named after a character called Marty McFly in Tom’s favourite film, Back to the Future. Tom Fletcher has written or co-written ten UK number-one singles and twenty-one top ten UK singles for McFly and other bands such as One Direction, The Vamps and Busted.

2012 was a busy year for Tom Fletcher. He married Giovanna who he has first met at school. Giovanna Fletcher is a podcaster and is currently starring on this year’s I’m a Celebrity… Get Me Out of Here! They have three children Buzz, Buddy and Max. Later in 2012, Tom released his first children’s book. The book was called The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas and he co-wrote it with Dougie Poynter. A follow up book titled The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet was released in August 2013. Tom released his first solo novel called The Christmasaurus in October 2016. The sequel called The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch was released in October 2019.

**Questions**

1. When was Tom Fletcher born?
2. Why was Tom rejected from his audition for Busted?
3. Who introduced Tom to song writing?
4. Where did Tom and Danny write most of the songs for their first album?
5. Who are the four members of McFly?
6. How did the band get its name?
7. What are Tom and Giovanna’s children called?
8. Which other bands has Tom written songs for?
9. When did Tom Fletcher release his first children’s book?
10. What is the title of the sequel to The Christmasaurus?