

# upfront

**My earliest memory is...** riding my BMX, the greatest Christmas present ever. I think I was about six years old.

**My school report usually said...** "Vincent is a distraction in class."

**My first relationship was...** with my sister's best friend – a doll named Barbie. I spent many years trying to form relationships with her friends.

**I don't like talking about...** money.

**My mother always told me...** never judge people because you never know what their story is, where they're from and how they became who they are.

**In the movie of my life, I'd be played by...** Will Smith.

**I wish...** [to be rapped] I was little bit taller, I wish I was a baller, I wish I had a girl who looked good, I would call her. I wish I had a rabbit in a hat...

**I wish I hadn't...** broken all my New Year's resolutions on New Year's Day. It has become kind of a tradition.

**My most humiliating moment was...** Christmas 2004, late-night shopping – I walked into the glass window of a shop full of girls. It almost knocked me out. Once I regained consciousness, I ran.

**My guiltiest pleasure is...** 'N Sync.

**My happiest moment was...** at an 'N Sync concert.

**I'm very bad at...** reading, writing, spelling ... answering questions.

**My last meal would be...** my mum's Christmas dinner with every possible farm animal roasted and spread across one giant table.

**When I was a child I wanted to...** be a stuntman. I have a big file at the Children's Hospital.

**It's not fashionable, but I love...** being on time. I rarely am.

**If I could live anywhere, I'd choose...** (other than Melbourne) New York.

**My worst trait is...** I can never remember names. I try rhyming them to remember, but that can also get me into trouble.

**My best trait is...** generosity.

**My greatest fear is...** being alone. I have to have someone around all the time.

**If only I could...** be in three places at once.

**The hardest thing I've ever done was...** try to organise my own flights. It always ends up being a disaster.

**I relax by...** getting lost in a painting, with some cool music on in my studio.

**What I don't find amusing is...** people who steal food from buffets.

**I'm always being asked...** "How long did it take you to paint that?"

**My worst job was...** washing dishes in a busy Italian restaurant when I was 17. If they were too dirty, I would just throw them out.

**I often wonder...** what I'm doing.

A close-up portrait of Vincent Fantauzzo, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark jacket.

**YOUR  
TIME  
STARTS  
NOW...**

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