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1. What was the speaker's problem at school?
  - a) She spent too much time playing in a music band
  - b) She couldn't find a hobby that would be interesting enough for her
  - c) She was interested in too many things at the same time
  - c) She didn't have enough time for everything she wanted to do
2. Why did she feel a lot of anxiety?
  - a) Because she invested a lot of time and money in different things in vain
  - b) Because she couldn't build a career
  - c) Because she had chosen a career path that seemed boring to her
  - d) Because she thought she had some psychological problems
3. What kind of people does she show in the slideshow?
  - a) People who have several professions
  - b) People who are very successful in their career
  - c) People who children are usually told about at school
  - d) People who have found their true calling
4. What is a "multipotentialite"?
  - a) The ability to have many interests and creative pursuits
  - b) The state of being well-versed in multiple disciplines
  - c) A person who is capable of being successful in multiple areas
  - d) A limitation that needs to be overcome
5. What ISN'T among the things that people like the speaker can do?
  - a) Work successfully with specialists in one particular area
  - b) Learn a new profession in several days
  - c) Put together ideas from different areas to come up with something new
  - d) Be a different person in different situations
6. What ISN'T among the speaker's messages to the audience?
  - a) You should listen more to yourself, less to the culture
  - b) You can improve your multipotentiality if you follow your passions
  - c) As a society, we should be more encouraging to young people of many interests
  - d) All kinds of things that you learn help you in your future

After you watch

Do you know anyone who has several different occupations? Anyone who graduated from a university but now works in a completely different area? Anyone who has found their "one true calling"? What do these people do?

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Do you think you are more of a “specialist” or more of a “multipotentialite”? Why?  
If you didn’t have to think about your future career and if you had all the time in the world, what subjects or hobbies would you focus on?

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