

Child prodigies

Part 1

These young people are here in London for an important competition. They're violin players. They're all very young and very good. They come from different countries – from the USA, from Japan, 5 from Germany and many more. Samuel Tan is only eleven years old. He's from Singapore and he's got lots of prizes from competitions. Can he win this competition? Maybe he can. Juliette Russe is English – from London – and she's nervous. She thinks playing 10 the violin is hard work. This competition is difficult. There are lots of great players. It's called The Yehudi Menuhin Competition. This year it's the famous violinist's one hundredth birthday! Good luck, everyone. Great music and a great view of London!

Part 2

This is Anushka with her family. They're very proud. Anushka's got the results of a difficult test. Now she's in a special club. It's called Mensa and it's a club for 20 very, very clever people. Anushka is only eleven, but she got top marks. Anushka can do lots of things. She's got a wonderful memory. She can answer very hard questions. She can play the violin. But her favourite hobbies are reading and writing stories. 25 She's got a blog and maybe one day she can be a writer. It's her dream job.

6  **1.4** Watch Part 1 of the video. What is it about?

- a ☐ a famous place in London
- b ☐ a famous violinist called Yehudi Menuhin
- c ☐ a competition for young violin players

7  **1.4** Watch again. Tick the countries you hear about in the video.

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| ☐ England | ☐ France | ☐ Germany |
| ☐ Japan | ☐ Poland | ☐ Singapore |
| ☐ the USA | | |

8 Complete the sentences with one or two words in each gap.

- 1 Samuel Tan is _____ years old.
- 2 For Juliet, playing the violin is _____.
- 3 This year is Yehudi Menuhin's _____ birthday.

9  **1.5** Watch Part 2 of the video. Complete the fact file about the girl.

NAME:	_____
AGE:	_____
NAME OF CLUB:	_____
HOBBIES:	_____
DREAM JOB:	_____

10 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Is there a boy or girl like Anushka in your family?
- 2 What's your dream job?