

1 Read the sample of autobiography and consider the questions on page 25.

- I was born on a cold winter night in my native Bennington, Oklahoma. I do not remember much of my early childhood, but my mum said that I was a very active, curious, and communicative child. I would ask dozens of questions each minute, even without waiting for the answers. I suppose that was why my parents offered me books and educational movies as early as my third birthday.
- Fortunately, my thirst for knowledge did not come to an end when I was at school. I was fond of history and science. This passion helped me gain good knowledge in these areas. Today, I am a student at a law school, and I feel very happy about it.
- I am certain that my good results in studies will become my ticket to a better tomorrow. I want to become a lawyer. I study hard and devote my free time to reading reviews and watching interviews with recognized specialists in the field.
- Of course, I understand that life is not just a bed of roses, and challenges or difficulties are an integral element of life. Since my parents could not help me cover my college expenses¹ in full, I combine a part-time job and full-time study to earn my living and my education. I feel satisfied at the beginning of every month when I receive my salary² and plan how I will spend my money.

REMEMBER!

An **autobiography** is a written account of the life of a person written by that person. In other words, it is the story that people wrote about themselves. It is just like the biography that includes such things as time and place of their birth, an overview of their personality, their likes and dislikes, and the special events that shaped their life.

- 1 What famous quote¹ can describe your life?
- 2 Which 3 adjectives can be used to describe you as a person?
- 3 Who influenced your personal development?
- 4 What are your best and worst childhood memories?
- 5 What is your family social and ethnic background?
- 6 What are your relations with parents and other relatives?
- 7 What are your goals for the future?
- 8 What places would you like to visit and why?
- 9 What skills would you like to develop and why?
- 10 What was the most memorable day in your life?
- 11 What was the most important lesson you have ever learnt in your life?
- 12 What are the most important values in life, in your opinion?



¹a quote [kwəʊt] — цитата

- 1 I was born in...
- 2 I was an active (or quiet, shy, curious, etc.) child.
- 3 My childhood dream was...
- 4 My earliest memory is...
- 5 I am grateful to my parents (or teachers, friends, etc.) because...
- 6 My role model was...
- 7 My lifetime dream is...
- 8 The most memorable day of my life was...
- 9 One phrase that I will never forget is...
- 10 If only one of my dreams could come true, I would wish for...
- 11 My main belief in life is...
- 12 I am driven by my desire / passion / wish to...
- 13 The main lesson that my parents taught me was...
- 14 The childhood hobby that most shaped my personality is...
- 15 One event that influenced who I am today is...
- 16 My motto in life is...
- 17 My favourite book / movie / author is...
- 18 When I was growing up, I always dreamed of becoming a...
- 19 One thing I wish I knew five (or ten, twenty, etc.) years ago is that...
- 20 My favourite childhood picture is...

1. football fan
2. health freak
3. computer wizard
4. couch potato
5. vegetarian
6. gossip
7. chatterbox
8. close friend

A. Match the words to their definitions:

1. ___ someone who loves football very much
2. ___ someone who is very careful about eating healthy food and doing sport
3. ___ someone who is really good at using computers
4. ___ someone who watches TV all day and doesn't do much
5. ___ someone who doesn't eat meat
6. ___ someone who talks about other people's private lives
7. ___ someone who talks all the time
8. ___ someone you know very well and trust

1. My brother spends every Saturday at the stadium – he is a real _____.
2. Don't eat that burger, Anna! You are such a _____.
3. If my laptop breaks, I ask Max. He's a real _____.
4. After work, Dad just sits on the sofa and watches TV – a real _____.
5. Kate never eats chicken or beef. She's a _____.
6. Mary always knows everyone's secrets. She is such a _____.
7. Don't sit next to Tom in class, he is a _____ – he never stops talking!
8. I can tell everything to Sophie because she is my _____.