

Super Kids!



Asif Malik

12 y.o., India

Nobody in my family is artistic, so they were surprised when I started painting seriously. I was only four years old. At first I painted trees and flowers. Now I paint portraits of my family and friends. I enter competitions and I sometimes have exhibitions. I've already sold some of my paintings. I have a website and all my paintings are on it. I'm going to go to an art school in Paris when I'm older.'



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Kati Varga

11 y.o., Hungary

'My father taught me to play chess when I was five years old. I took part in my first competition when I was eight years old. I was so excited when I won a trophy! Today, I have more than a hundred trophies and medals in my room. Next year, I'm going to take part in a tournament in Russia. One day, I'd like to be the best in the world. I know I'm on my way!'



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Josh Brown

14 y.o., Britain

'I started cooking when my aunt sent me a cookery book on my birthday. I was only ten. At first I made cakes, but now I love making complicated meals for my family. I recently won a competition for the Young Chef of the Year. My prize is a visit to an expensive London restaurant next week. I'm spending the day there with a famous chef. He's going to teach me some delicious dishes. One day, I'm going to open my own restaurant.'



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SNAPSHOTS:



- 1 Read these posts and leave your comments.
- 2 Use the words from the text to complete the sentences.

- 1) I play chess with my mum. I've never played in a _____
- 2) I'm not very _____. I can't draw very well.
- 3) I've practised, but I'm still nervous about the _____
- 4) When they won the World Cup, the team held up the gold _____



3 Answer the questions. Write Asif, Kati or Josh.

- 1) Who plans to travel to a competition? _____
- 2) Who started learning their skill when they received a present? _____
- 3) Who plans to study in a different country _____
- 4) Who has a room full of prizes? _____
- 5) Who gets money for their skill? _____
- 6) Who is meeting a famous person? _____
- 7) Who is going to perform in another country? _____

4 Write True or False.

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| 1) Asif's family is also good at art. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 2) He paints pictures of people. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 3) He lives in Paris at the moment. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 4) Kati learnt to play chess when she was eight. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 5) She has won many prizes. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 6) She is going to Russia soon. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 7) Josh likes cooking for other people. | TRUE/ FALSE |
| 8) He already works in a restaurant. | TRUE/ FALSE |

5 Discuss these questions with a partner or with your class.

- 1) What do all of the children have in common?
- 2) Do you think these children are happy? Why or why not?
- 3) Would you like to be gifted like these children?

Which of these talents would you most like to have?