

# Alexandra, Ruth and Tara

These girls are young but they are already famous.

Alexandra



Ruth



Tara



Alexandra's parents moved to the United States from Romania when she was a baby. She is only ten now but many people have already paid thousands of dollars for her paintings. "I want to stay at home and paint all day long," says the young artist, "but my parents say I have to go to school until I am eighteen."

Ruth from London, England, was taught at home by her father, a computer expert. At the age of ten she went to Oxford University. Now, seven years later, she is the youngest student to become a doctor of mathematics. She is going to teach at a University in North America. "I will be younger than most of my students!" she says.

Tara is only fourteen years old and 1.4 metres tall, but she has just become the US ice-dance champion. She began ice-skating when she was three and always practices every day before and after school. "I was really lucky to become the US champion," she says, "because I was the youngest and all the other dancers have skated far longer than me. Now, I want to travel. I haven't been outside the United States yet!"

1. Which girl is the youngest?
2. Which girl has already earned a lot of money?
3. Which girl didn't go to school with other children?
4. Which girl was born in the USA?
5. Which girl left her country when she was very young?
6. Which girl was in a competition with older women?
7. Which girl says she would prefer not to go to school?
8. Which girl will start a new job soon?