

Writing

- 1 Read the notice for a TV talent show. What information do they want?

- a a short video
- b a short description
- c some photos

SHOW US YOUR SKILLS AND BE ON TV!

Send us your applications for the
new TV programme

So you think you've got skills?

Write and tell us in 150 words who you
are and what your special skill is.
We'll ask the best applicants to come
on the show.



- 2 Read Tia's application and answer the questions.

- 1 What's her special skill?
- 2 What does she want to do on the show?

- 1 My name's Tia and I was born in India in 1998. My parents are English, but they were there for work. They were very kind to me when I was a child and I was always happy.
- 2 I've got short dark hair and brown eyes. I'm tall and thin. I think I'm very friendly. I was quiet when I was a child, but I'm not now. My friends think I talk a lot!
- 3 My special skill is that I can speak EIGHT languages including Hindi, Gujarati, English, French and many more. I think I've got skills because I can also sing in each language. On the show I want to sing a song using each language I know. Please choose me!

- 3 Read the Focus box. Then match the paragraph descriptions in the box with the paragraphs in Tia's application.

Using paragraphs

Use paragraphs to organise what you write into different topics. This makes it easier for the reader to follow your ideas. For example, in Exercise 2, Tia writes about three topics:

- her special skill _____
- her background/childhood _____
- a description of her now _____

- 4 Read Justin's application. Mark the start of paragraphs two and three with /.

My name's Justin and I was born in San Francisco in the US. My parents were artists and they loved painting pictures all the time. My earliest memory was being in their studio, painting pictures with my hands. It was very funny! I'm a bit quiet, but I'm always kind and I try to be friendly. I'm quite tall and I'm not fat, but I'm not thin, I'm medium. I've got short blonde hair and blue eyes. My special skill is that I can paint – really fast! On the show I want to paint a picture in under two minutes. I think you'll be surprised that I can paint a good picture in just two minutes, and the people watching will love it. Please choose me!

Prepare

- 5 You're going to write an application to go on the TV programme. First, make notes about these things:

- your background/childhood
- a description of you (appearance and personality)
- your special skill (it can be real or invent one)
- what you'd like to do on the show
- why you think it's good for TV

Write

- 6 Write your application. Use your notes in Exercise 5 and the Focus box to help you.