



A  Paul and Jessica are talking about Jessica's childhood. Listen and circle *True* or *False* for each sentence.

1. Jessica's father worked in Russia for a year.	True	False
2. Jessica's mother didn't want to leave Russia.	True	False
3. Jessica still has a lot of Russian friends.	True	False
4. Jessica speaks Russian pretty well.	True	False

B Complete the conversations with the words in parentheses. Use the simple or continuous form of the verb in the present, past, or present perfect. Use contractions where possible.

C Complete the fashion designer's story using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. More than one answer is possible.

Maya How did I end up ⁽¹⁾ (become) a fashion designer? Well, actually I never really intended ⁽²⁾ (go) into the fashion business. When I was younger, I expected ⁽³⁾ (be) an artist. It just seemed ⁽⁴⁾ (happen). You see, I liked ⁽⁵⁾ (paint), but I was also crazy about clothes. I first tried ⁽⁶⁾ (make) my own clothes when I was only 11 or 12. They were awful! But I kept on ⁽⁷⁾ (sew), and I just got better and better. Then I began ⁽⁸⁾ (experiment). I hated ⁽⁹⁾ (not have) anything really original to wear. So I started ⁽¹⁰⁾ (design) my own clothes. Later, I went to fashion school. I guess I just stopped ⁽¹¹⁾ (think) about a career as an artist and decided ⁽¹²⁾ (become) a fashion designer instead.

E Read Jim's story. Then read the statements and choose (a) **True**, (b) **False**, or (c) **Doesn't say**.

Jim's Website

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My Story

Until recently, I always expected to go into business with my father. You see, he has his own company, and he wanted me to start working with him right after college. That sounded fine to me, so I didn't plan on being a very serious student.

But once I started studying in college, I realized that some of my courses really interested me. One of them was French. I loved learning the language, and I began to get interested in French culture. After taking a few classes, I thought, why not go to France? So I decided to spend an academic year in Aix-en-Provence, in southern France.

That year in Aix changed my life. I lived with a wonderful French family, who taught me a lot about French customs. Learning the language, especially the pronunciation, was difficult. But I worked hard, and I began to understand and speak it well.

Because of my experience in Aix, I've decided not to go into business with my father. Now I'm thinking about going to graduate school and working in international relations.

1. Jim's father wanted **him** to go to graduate school immediately after college.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Doesn't say
2. Jim didn't plan to study **hard** in college.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Doesn't say
3. Jim loved eating **French** food.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Doesn't say
4. Jim is still in touch with his **French** family.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Doesn't say
5. Jim changed **his** mind about his career.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. Doesn't say

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