

Most Americans who grew up in the 1990s know her as Blossom, a teenage girl from a popular NBC's sitcom. To the rest of the world she is Amy Farrah Fowler from The Big Bang Theory. But let's take a closer look at Mayim Bialik's life, and you'll see that she is just so much more than Sheldon's quirky girlfriend.

Bialik 1. (be) born on December 12, 1975, in San Diego, California. Her parents were Reform Jews so she 2. (live) in a traditional house where they 3. (observe) all the holidays and 4. (go) to synagogue.

Mayim 5. (start) acting when she was eleven because she 6. (like) school plays. Her early roles included the horror film Pumpkinhead, The Facts of Life, Beauty and the Beast and Beaches, to name just a few. She appeared in several sitcoms and in the video for the song 'Liberian Girl' by Michael Jackson. From 1990 to 1995, she was on Blossom.

Although it was fun, Mayim 7. (not / plan) on a career as an actor. In one of her interviews, she 8. (say): "I 9. (feel) like I accidentally 10. (walk) into my own TV show. I was fourteen. It wasn't like it was my life plan. I 11. (want) to do other things in life." So, when the show 12. (end), Bialik 13. (take) a break from acting and 14. (go) to college. She got accepted by Yale and Harvard but 15. (choose) UCLA* because she didn't want to live far from her parents. She 16. (study) neuroscience for 5 years and she got her Ph.D. in 2007. She also did Hebrew and Jewish studies as her minor.

