

Reading

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- 1 Look at the heading of the magazine article.
 - 1 What is Vanessa-Mae's job?
 - 2 What is important for her right now?
- 2  Read the article carefully. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Where in Europe does she have a home?
 - 2 What does she do there in winter?
 - 3 In what season does she go hiking?
 - 4 Who does she go hiking with?
 - 5 Where is her boyfriend from?
 - 6 Does he like to go skiing?
 - 7 What are her favorite things?
- 3 Look at Vanessa-Mae's answers. Complete the questions.
 - 1 "What time do you get up on Saturday mornings?"
"At 4:00 a.m."
 - 2 "What time hiking on weekends in the summer?"
"At sunset."
 - 3 "How to the snow in winter?"
"By cable car."
 - 4 "What in the evenings?"
"Eat delicious food with my boyfriend."
 - 5 "Where dinner on Sunday evenings?"
"On my terrace."
- 4 Complete the sentences about Vanessa-Mae with a verb.
 - 1 Vanessa-Mae plays the violin.
 - 2 She doesn't have children.
 - 3 On weekends, she skiing.
 - 4 She photos of the Matterhorn.
 - 5 She the cable car at 6 a.m.
 - 6 She also on weekends.
 - 7 She dinner. She's a terrible cook.
 - 8 On Sunday evenings, she to start the working week again.

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Vanessa-Mae — violinist

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55 I have a home in Zermatt, Switzerland. It's a dream of a place. In the winter, I go skiing on Saturdays and Sundays when the mountains are quiet. I don't have children, but I'm a mother to my dog, Max. In the summer, I go hiking up the mountains at sunset with Max, and I take photos of the Matterhorn. Every day the mountain looks different.

My favorite things ...

- Max, my dog
- My boyfriend
- My grandmother
- My violin

When I go skiing, I get up at 4 a.m. every Saturday morning to get the 6 a.m. cable car to the snow. If you leave any later, it gets too busy with other skiers and the snow isn't good for skiing.

I'm a classical violinist, but skiing is very important for me right now because I'm training for the Winter Olympics. I'm skiing for Thailand – my father is Thai. When I do shows as a violinist now, they have to fit in with my ski training, which isn't easy. My dream is to play violin and ski at the Winter Olympics.

My boyfriend goes skiing a lot, too. He's from a ski resort in France, but he also loves Zermatt. Apart from skiing and hiking, I also work on weekends. In the evenings, my boyfriend and I have delicious food. I'm unfortunately a terrible cook, so he usually cooks dinner. On Sunday evenings, if the weather is good, we have dinner on my terrace and watch the mountains. I enjoy my weekends, but by the time I go to bed on Sunday, I want the working week to start again! 99