

Darya

I ① was always / have always been good with numbers, and I like to think logically. Erm, for example, when I was a child, I realized I could add numbers very quickly, just by looking at them really. At the time it just seemed like a good trick, but looking back I have to say it ② was / has been very useful. For instance, when I'm shopping. You could say my talent ③ was saving / has saved me a lot of money! Numbers are also essential to my work. I ④ 'm recently passed / 've recently passed my final engineering exams and I'm starting a job next month.

Cian

I suppose one of the big, er, passions of my life is water sport, in particular sailing. I ⑤ 've started / started sailing when I was nine in my local sailing club that's in my home village in Ireland. Erm, I ⑥ 've always sailed / 've been sailing pretty consistently ever since. The main skills you need for sailing, I suppose, [are] erm, two part. It's a, there has to be a mixture of, er, the physicality and the mental approach. I mean you have to be physically fit and strong and, erm, have plenty of endurance.

Hyun-Ae

Well, when I was young, my family ⑦ moved / has moved around a lot – my father was a diplomat – so I went to lots of different schools and met people from lots of different places and backgrounds. I think that experience ⑧ gave / has given me a lot of people skills... I mean, I like meeting new people, I'm a good listener, and I'm good at helping people get on with each other, that kind of thing. I use my people skills at work, being an effective communicator is an important part of management.