

10 Circle the correct words to complete the text.

TENNIS PRODIGY

Mika Reynolds is 15 years old and lives in Florida, USA. When she (1) was / *were* four, she started playing tennis – and she (2) *can* / *could* play brilliantly. Her parents (3) *wasn't* / *weren't* surprised because they (4) *were* / *was* both excellent athletes too. Mika's mum played golf professionally, and her father is a football coach.

Mika's parents (5) *could* / *can* see that Mika was talented so they found a special school for her. At Mika's high school, she (6) *can* / *can't* study maths, languages, and science, but she also plays a lot of tennis.

Is it hard work? Mika says: 'When I (7) *was* / *wasn't* young, I (8) *couldn't* / *wasn't* have friends because I played tennis a lot. That (9) *wasn't* / *couldn't* fun. But I have a passion for tennis – it's my life.'

Mika is very talented, but is there anything new she would like to learn? 'It's funny,' says Mika. 'I (10) *can* / *can't* hit a tennis ball really well, but I (11) *can* / *can't* kick a football! I would like to have football lessons. But not with my dad!'

Good luck, Mika!