

Для 8 классов, вариант 801**Tapescript**

1. My parents noticed that I was good at Maths when I was quite young. By the time I was three, I could count to 100 and I loved adding and subtracting numbers. However, when I started school, I found the Maths lessons too easy and I started to get bored. That was when my parents decided to get me a private teacher. I have two classes a week and we work on more complicated problems. The trouble is that I find it quite stressful. My teacher is strict and she insists on me doing homework when I'd rather be hanging out with my friends.

2. People are often surprised when they realise that I only started running seriously last year. I'd always been a fast runner, but I'd never been very competitive. Then, last year, all the students at my school had to participate in the sports day. I chose to run the 200 metres and I won the race. I even broke the school record! After that, I decided to join an athletics club and I've run in several national competitions. Things have been going well so far and my coach has recommended me to join the national team. I can't wait to find out if I have been chosen! You never know, you might see me in the next Olympics!

3. I've grown up speaking different languages at home because my parents moved to this country from abroad. My mother's Indian and my father's French so I speak French, Hindi and, of course, English. I'm also learning Spanish and German at school. I speak English most of the time because that's what I use at school and with my friends. However, I tend to use French and Hindi at home so I speak them pretty well. Being able to speak three languages has definitely helped me learn new languages at school. I think it's easier for my brain to make the connections. I know I'm lucky, though, because most of my school friends struggle with languages. I try to help them whenever I can!

4. I've been playing the guitar for about nine years and I've just passed the grade eight music exam. That means that I should be able to get a place at music

college when I leave school. It hasn't been easy to get to that level though. I've had to do a lot of practice and, to be honest, I hated it at first. I started playing when I was young and the strings used to hurt my fingers. My parents used to make me practise every day and I didn't enjoy it at all. I was always telling them how much I hated it! My fingers don't hurt anymore though and playing the guitar is one of my favourite things in the world. I'm grateful that my parents didn't let me give up.

5. I think I've always had some artistic skill. I started out painting pictures with water colours, but I got into street art a couple of years ago. I've got a vivid imagination and I use lots of bright colours, which people seem to like. I've done several exhibitions and I've already started selling my work. The only problem is that I'm not sure if I want to do this forever. While I love the finished artwork, the process of making it can be really frustrating. If I can't find the right colours, I get quite annoyed with myself. In my opinion, it doesn't make sense to do something that makes me frustrated.