

Sharing stories

- 1  **3.14** Read and listen to the interview. Has Adam ever won a race?



- Interviewer** How long have you been a rally driver?
Adam For about a year now.
Interviewer How did you become a rally driver?
Adam Three years ago, I was living with my uncle for the summer. He was really into rally racing, so we went to watch a rally every week. Then I found out about a rally driving school for people my age. Amazingly, my uncle offered to pay for a one-day driving lesson.
Interviewer So what happened?
Adam I loved it, and apparently I had a knack for driving.
Interviewer That's great. So what did you do?
Adam The driving instructor encouraged my uncle to nurture my interest in the sport. My parents were happy that I had some talent doing something I loved.
Interviewer Did you have to buy a rally car?
Adam No. The driving school would let me drive one of their cars in training races, and I continued to win – in training. By then, I knew I was on to something good – something I really enjoyed. One day they asked me if I'd like to drive the team car in a rally, and of course I said yes.
Interviewer And you won that first rally?
Adam No. Not surprisingly, I didn't win. I did well enough, and it was all part of my continued training. At the races, I was in my element. That's what mattered.
Interviewer And have you won any rallies yet?
Adam Yes. As I've continued to race, I've gone up in the rankings. I had my first win about two months ago. Of course I was delighted!
Interviewer Congratulations!
Adam Thanks!

- 2 Read the dialogue again. Complete the expressions.

- 1 He _____ rally racing.
- 2 I _____ for driving.
- 3 The driving instructor encouraged my family to _____ the sport,
- 4 I know I _____ something good – something I really enjoyed.
- 5 At the races, I _____.

- 3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What are you really into, or what is someone you know really into?
- 2 What do you have a knack for, or what does someone you know have a knack for?
- 3 Has anyone ever nurtured your interest in something?
- 4 When have you felt that you were on to something good – something you really enjoyed?
- 5 When are you in your element?

- 4  **3.15** Listen. What type of business did Lisa start?

- 5 Think of something you are interested in, or make something up if you prefer. Make notes about it.

- 1 When did you become interested in it?
- 2 Who helped you learn about it?
- 3 What was your first experience with it like?
- 4 When and why did you begin to feel that you were on to something good?
- 5 Does it make you feel that you are in your element? How? When?

- 6 Work in pairs. Prepare two interviews. First, Student A interviews Student B about the story of something they are interested in, or good at, using the notes from exercise 5 above. Then Student B interviews Student A about the story of something they are interested in or good at using the notes from exercise 5 above.

- 7 Act out your dialogues to the class.

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