



Speaking

How did you get here?

Well, I live quite a long way from the centre and it's quite difficult to get here. The house I live in is just next to a bus stop, so it's usually quite easy to get a bus to the city centre but today all the buses were full. I suppose it's because of the rain. So by the time I got into the city I was panicking a bit because I was already late. I just jumped into a taxi to come straight here. Then I got stuck in a traffic jam for 10 minutes! Anyway, I finally made it here on time. And, yes, I hate the rain!

Do you have a hobby?

What I really like doing is riding horses. I started riding when I was seven years old and I've been doing it ever since. When I'm at home I ride at least twice a week and when I'm away I always look out for a place where I can ride and maybe get to know some new horses. What do I like most about it? Umm, I like looking after a horse, and I love the excitement of galloping and jumping, but I think the real thing is getting to understand what a horse is going to do and the way that it is thinking. I've even been in a few competitions, although I've never won anything. It's a sport I would recommend to anyone because you can ride horses for your whole life from 4 years old to 80.

What is the food like in your country?

I live in England where we have an enormous variety of food. Everybody thinks that English food is terrible – boiled vegetables, potatoes and meat pies, oh, and of course fish and chips. But that's quite wrong nowadays. We have food from all over the world: lots of curry, Chinese food, Arabic food. The supermarkets are full of different kinds of fresh fruit and vegetables from Africa and the far East. I think that English food is really international. In fact, my favourite food is Mexican

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