

INTERVIEW ABOUT THE PAST

AudioScript

B

Listen to the interviews. Check True or False.

Hoang

Daniel: When did you move to Canada, Hoang?

Hoang: When I was three. My parents came from Vietnam. My father used to be a teacher, and my mother used to work in a bank.

Daniel: Do you remember much about Vietnam?

Hoang: No, not really. I was too young to remember much. But I do remember certain things about it. We used to have a lovely old house near a river. There was a beautiful flowering tree in our garden. And I can remember the scent of the soap my grandmother used to use.

Daniel: That's nice. Did your grandmother use to live with you?

Hoang: Yes, she did. She still lives there. I'd love to go back and visit her sometime.

Daniel: And were you always good at music?

Hoang: Well, yeah.

Daniel: When did you learn the piano?

Hoang: I started when I was six. We had a terrible old piano that I tried to play.

Daniel: Did your parents play?

Hoang: No, but my dad was a really good singer. Then my parents bought a new piano and decided I should have lessons. I had a really great teacher. She was from Italy. I used to go to her house for lessons.

Daniel: And when did you give your first concert?

Hoang: When I was 11.

Daniel: Wow.

Pedro

Daniel: Where did you grow up, Pedro?

Pedro: I grew up near Chicago.

Daniel: And what did you major in at college?

Pedro: Physical education. I really wanted to be a gym teacher at a school. I love sports, and I used to play them a lot.

Daniel: So what made you change your mind?

Pedro: After I graduated, I tried to get a job as a gym teacher in my town, but I couldn't. I didn't want to move away because my father was sick. So I had to find something else to do.

Daniel: So how did you get into the restaurant business?

Pedro: Well, I was always kind of interested in cooking.

My mom taught me to cook, and I often used to make meals for the family when I was a kid. Anyway, my dad's friend had a small restaurant, and he asked me if I'd like to help out. My first job was helping in the kitchen, and that's where I really learned to cook. I used to watch the chefs at work so that I could pick up their techniques. Then a year later, the owner asked me to be one of the chefs!

Daniel: And how long ago was that?

Pedro: That was five years ago. Then a couple of years ago, I decided to open up my own restaurant. It's done really well. We have three chefs, and we're usually very busy – especially on the weekends.

Daniel: Good for you!

C

Listen again. Answer the questions.

Answers

A

Answers will vary.

B

Hoang

1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True

Pedro

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. False

C

Hoang

1. Her mother used to work in a bank.
2. She used to take piano lessons at her teacher's house.
3. She gave her first concert when she was 11.

Pedro

1. He used to play sports.
2. His mother taught him.
3. He used to watch the chefs.

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK Daniel interviewed Hoang and Pedro about their past. What questions do you think he asked?



Hoang



Pedro

B Listen to the interviews. Check (✓) True or False.

Hoang

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| 1. Hoang moved to Canada when she was a teenager. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. She has some nice memories of Vietnam. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. She was good at music as a child. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Her first piano was a very good one. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Her father could sing well. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Pedro

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| 1. Pedro wanted to be a chef when he was in college. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. He couldn't find a teaching job after he graduated. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. His first job was as a waiter in a restaurant. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. He opened a restaurant five years ago. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. His business has been quite slow. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C Listen again. Answer the questions.

Hoang

- Where did her mother use to work? _____
- Where did she use to take piano lessons? _____
- When did she give her first concert? _____

Pedro

- What did he use to play? _____
- Who first taught him to cook? _____
- Who did he use to watch at work? _____

D PAIR WORK Write four questions to ask your partner about his or her past. Interview your partner.