

435/400 words.

✓ Ever since I was younger, I have always loved numbers and patterns because of how everything fits together if you put things in the right place. My parents have been pushing me to do various puzzles and mathematical games since a young age. I was inspired by Eddie Woo, who is famous on ~~YouTube~~ <sup>You Tube</sup> for his videos about ~~math~~ <sup>Maths</sup> explanations. He began doing this when one of his students fell sick and had to stay home for large periods of time. My knowledge of ~~math~~ <sup>Maths</sup> has been extremely helpful with everyday things, like finding out how much something I want to buy costs when it has a discount or simple things like reading the time. It has also been helpful in acquiring awards as I have gotten Academic Excellence twice in a row, both mainly because of my mathematical ability. I would like to thank both of my parents for pushing me to do things and for helping me succeed. I would also like to thank them for paying for my tutoring as it has helped me improve my skills even more.

✓ In life, sports are important, for both your physical and cognitive ability. I have picked up many sports in my life, such as soccer, swimming and tennis. I look up to my older sister as she is extremely good at swimming. I have watched her swim and when I first did I thought that I would want to as well. This has helped me during my swimming lessons and when swimming at home. It also helped me to get in the top 11 for breaststroke for CSP Tideriders in America when I was aged 7. I would like to give a huge thanks to my mum for pushing me to go to swimming lessons when I didn't want to and my sister for helping me learn some swimming skills.

✓ I have always loved reading books, whether they be long chapter books or graphic novels. I have been passionate about reading because of the captivating descriptions and storylines contained in them. One of my most favourite books is the Hobbit. It was written by someone who inspired me, J. R. R. Tolkien. He inspired me because of the interesting books he has written. I love his books and I am currently reading the first Lord of the Rings book. Reading has helped me achieve a lot, including two reading excellence awards that I got from my single term at North Shore Coaching College. I would like to thank my mum and dad for buying me books to read and to help improve my skills.

Note:

This is a good answer to the interview questions, Sarah. While reading it, I can see that you have achieved a lot, but remains humble. Further, I have also traced that you adequately followed the four tenets of this part. As a result of your adherence, your essay became strong and cohesive. However, I want to remind you that you have to capitalise proper nouns such the terms "You Tube" and "Maths". Continue to write like this and you will be ready to reach more heights!

Mark: 50/50