

**particularly** = **especially** = very

**gifted** = talented

**I'm pretty good at + verb+ing** = I'm quite good at

**speciality** = strength; something you are good at cooking

**on a regular basis** = **regularly** = often



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1. Do you have a talent or something you are good at?

Oh, I've never thought of myself as **particularly** talented or **gifted**, but **I'm pretty good at** cooking.

Cakes are my **speciality** and I make them **on a regular basis**.



**I've been cooking** = I started this in the past and it continues in the present

**a toddler** = a child of 2 or 3

**used to + infinitive** = remember to use it to talk about repeated actions/states in the past

**when she was looking after me** = a repeated action in the past

2. Was it mastered recently or when you were young?

**I've been cooking** since I was **a toddler**. **I used to cook** with my grandma **when she was looking after me**.

I've mastered the art of cake decorating more recently though. I did an online course during lockdown.



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the past  
continuous

SUBJECT + WAS/WERE + VERB + ING

**current** = the one at the moment

**to open a café** = to start a café

**a cake decorating business** = to make and sell cakes for birthdays, weddings etc

**a skill** = **a talent** = something you are good at

**certainly** = definitely; unquestionably = used to say 'this is true what I am saying'

**to come in handy** = to be useful

### 3. Do you think your talent is useful for work?

Not for my **current** job, but if I ever wanted **to open a café** or **a cake decorating business** then I have **a skill** that would **certainly come in handy**.



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**in terms of** = with regard to; as for

**to be capable of doing something** =  
to be able to do something

**pretty amazing** = really good

**foodies** = people who love food

4. Does anyone in your family have the same talent?

**In terms of** cake decorating, then no, none of my family **is capable of doing** this. They're all **pretty amazing** cooks though. We're all **foodies** and love cooking.



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