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a)

Amanda started her job when she had children. Amanda plays the violin.

To be able to do the job, she learned to rehair bows and restoration work.

She wasn't happy being so far away from home.

One day she needed to have her bow rehaird but there wasn't anybody in Athens Georgia who worked with bows. A friend suggested that she should learn how to do it by herself.

Amanda thought she might be good at it so she found a program at the University of New Hampshire. She spent the summer learning bow rehairing after that she went back to learn repair and restoration work. Now she is a teacher's assistant. For much of her life she have been a knitter and a seemstress. Her hands have been her most important tool for as long she can remember. Amanda enjoys using her hands and fixing and giving things a new life. The work has been such a rewarding career. Her business allows her to meet musicians of all ages while working on an important craft. That's how she turned her talent into a profession.

b)

Amanda means that she uses her hands a lot and that they are her most important thing at her job.