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Sample 1: Not really. I learnt a few things like how to boil up some soup or cut up vegetables to make a salad but that was about it. Since I was the only son in a family with 3 girls, there never was any need to do any cooking. Anyway, where I come from, boys were not supposed to cook as people thought that was an activity only for girls.

Questions that could be answered Yes/No need to be explained because the interviewer will certainly follow up your answer with Why/Why not?

Sample 2: Yes, I was always helping my mum out in the kitchen, even when I was very young. So I learnt how to prepare many different kinds of food. We moved around too when I was young, so I lived in Spain and Germany for a few years and learned some of the typical dishes from those countries.

Note that a good response can involve adding interesting details that go beyond a simple one-sentence response.