How did Vera discover she had this gift of second sight?

Several cases have been reported in Russia recently of people who can read and detect colors with their fingers, and even see through solid doors and walls.

One case concerns an eleven-year-old schoolgirl, Vera Petrova, who has normal vision but can also perceive things with different parts of her skin, and through solid walls.

This ability was first noticed by her father.

One day, she came into his office and happened to put her hands on the door of a locked safe.

Suddenly, she asked her father why he kept so many old newspapers locked away there and even described the way they were done up in bundles.

Vera’s curious talent was brought to the notice of a scientific research institute in the town of Ulyanovsk, near where she lives, and in April she was given a series of tests by a special commission of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federal Republic.

During these tests, she was able to read a newspaper through an opaque screen and, stranger still, by moving her elbow over a child’s game of Lotto, she was able to describe the figures and colors printed on it. And, in another instance, wearing stockings and slippers, she to make out with her foot the outlines and colors of a picture hidden under a carpet.

Other experiments showed that her knees and shoulders had a similar sensitivity.

During all these tests, Vera was blindfolded; and, indeed, except when blindfolded, she could not perceive things with her skin.

It was also found that although she could perceive things with her fingers, this ability ceased the moment her hands were wet.

Vera’s father discovered his daughter’s curious talent when she showed she could tell what was inside a locked safe in his office by putting her hands on the door.

She was unable to perceive objects with her skin unless she was blindfolded.

She lost the ability to perceive objects with her fingers as soon as her hands were wet.

I have spoken to her on *several* occasions.

You can buy an electronic device that will *detect* electric cables hidden in walls through the plaster.

My father’s *vision* was remarkably good until he was 88, when he developed cataracts.

She was one of those people who pretended to *perceive* the innermost soul of everyone they met.

This is a *curious* business, and I have no more idea than you do how it will end.

There had been a *series* of wet days, and it felt as if it would go on raining forever.

At the top of the hill, there was a row of trees, their winter *outlines* dark against the sky.

We had already met once before at a neighbor’s house on a *similar* occasion.

Erica had *ceased* to worry about her appearance when she moved to the country.

Vera Petrova has the unusual ability of being able to use her hands to perceive things through solid walls and in locked containers.

During a series of tests, she showed that she could detect printed shapes and colors on a Lotto board with her elbow.

She also managed to make out with her foot the outline of a picture hidden underneath a carpet.

I asked him when he bought that car.

I asked him where he found that book.

I asked him why he sent a fax.

I asked him how he knew I was there.

I asked him which one he liked best.

He can walk for miles without getting tired.

On arriving at the station, I went and bought a ticket.

While trying to climb over that wall, he fell and broke his leg.

You will never succeed in persuading me to come with you.

I could easily swim across this river if I wanted to.

He could run a mile in five minutes when he was younger.

Amundsen was able to reach the South Pole before Scott.

I rang up several times before I was able to contact him.

I was able to get these tickets because I was willing to stand in line for several hours.

I’m not looking for anything fancy, just a normal kettle.

I’m just an ordinary person.

I got so sunburnt that my skin was peeling.

Drinking a lot of water is good for the complexion.

I’ve noticed that there are more butterflies this year.

“**You’re looking very well!**” she remarked.

Reuters is a big news agency with offices all over the world.

I’ll have a bigger study in my new apartment.

Let’s play a game of hide-and-seek.

Alice got a new toy for her birthday.

His real problem is that he lacks confidence.

We need an hour to get to the airport.

Don’t sit on that bench. The paint is still wet.

You shouldn’t wear that shirt if it’s still damp.

It’s too late to save him now. He’s done for.

She’ll never go back to her husband. She’s done with him for good.

This room looks lovely now that we’ve done it up.

I wouldn’t trust him if I were you. He once did me out of a lot of money.

I could make out the figure of a man on the bridge.

She has such a beautiful figure, she could make a living as a model, I’m sure.

The thief made off with quite a lot of money.

He’s a strange fellow. I just can’t make him out.

Before he died, he gave all his money to his wife.

Are you any good at making up stories for children?