

David Beckham



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Who is the person in the picture?
2. What country is this person from?
3. Why is this person famous?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| _____ | 1. dream (<i>noun</i>) | a) well-known and liked |
| <u> c </u> | 2. skill (<i>noun</i>) | b) to achieve one's dreams or goals |
| _____ | 3. youth (<i>noun</i>) | c) a strong ability that you learn and develop over time |
| _____ | 4. championship (<i>noun</i>) | d) football, a team sport played by kicking a ball across a field into a net |
| _____ | 5. soccer (<i>noun</i>) | e) a major competition that teams or individuals try to win |
| _____ | 6. popular (<i>adjective</i>) | f) a long-term goal or hope |
| _____ | 7. succeed (<i>verb</i>) | g) to end one's career due to age or injury |
| _____ | 8. retire (<i>verb</i>) | h) the age (or people of the age) between 12-18 |

Reading

ABOUT DAVID BECKHAM

1. David Beckham is a famous football player from England. Beckham loved football as a young child. His **dream** was to play for Manchester United. This was his favorite team.
2. At the age of 11, Beckham won a football **skills** competition. His favorite team invited him to play in its **youth** league. By the age of 20, Beckham was a full-time Manchester United player. He won many **championships** with his dream team.
3. In 2003, David Beckham moved to Spain to play for Real Madrid. He played with other famous footballers, including Ronaldo (Brazil) and Zinedine Zidane (France).
4. In 2007, Beckham moved to the US to play for the LA Galaxy. His goal was to make **soccer** popular in America. He **succeeded**!
5. David Beckham became the richest and most **popular** athlete in England. He **retired** from professional football in 2013.



Writing

ABOUT ME

Finish the *About Me* sentences. Use your own personal information.

1. David Beckham is from England.

I _____

2. David Beckham's favorite team was Manchester United.

My favorite _____

3. As a child, David Beckham's dream was to play for a professional football team.

As a child, my dream _____

4. As a teen, David Beckham played for Manchester United's youth league.

As a teen, I _____

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information.

- _____ 1. David Beckham is from Spain.
- _____ 2. David Beckham loved football as a child.
- _____ 3. David Beckham and Ronaldo (Brazilian) played together on Manchester United.
- _____ 4. Manchester United won many championships when David Beckham was on the team.
- _____ 5. In 2015, David Beckham quit the LA Galaxy and retired from professional football.

Note:**THE RONALDOS**

There are two famous footballers known as "Ronaldo." One is from Brazil and played with David Beckham on Real Madrid. The other is Cristiano Ronaldo. He is Portuguese. Cristiano Ronaldo joined Manchester United in 2003 after David Beckham joined Real Madrid.

B. Timeline

Now put the timeline in the correct order. One item is not mentioned in the reading. Place NM beside this true item. Where does it fit in the timeline?

- _____ David Beckham was born in England.
- _____ Manchester United invited David Beckham to join its youth league.
- _____ David Beckham joined Real Madrid.
- _____ LA Galaxy became a popular soccer team in the US.
- _____ David Beckham won a children's football skills competition.
- _____ David Beckham retired from football.
- _____ David Beckham married Spice Girl, Posh (1999).
- _____ David Beckham became a full-time player for Manchester United.

Vocabulary Review

A. Choose the Correct Word

Choose the word or phrase with the closest meaning to the underlined word or phrase in the following sentences.

1. One of the skills you need to work on is kicking with both feet.
a) dreams
b) abilities
c) sports
2. My dream is to meet David Beckham.
a) plan
b) wish
c) game
3. David Beckham became one of the richest athletes of all time.
a) success
b) wealthiest
c) celebrity
4. In my youth, I played soccer every day.
a) teenage years
b) young
c) children
5. We wanted to win the championship, and we succeeded.
a) winner
b) play
c) competition
6. Soccer is more popular than American football at my school.
a) expensive
b) difficult
c) liked

B. Nations and Nationalities

Work with a partner. Use the information from this lesson to write sentences about these famous footballers. Don't forget to capitalize proper nouns.

1. **Ronaldo:**
Brazil / Brazilian / Real Madrid
(Luis) Ronaldo is from Brazil. _____
He is Brazilian. _____
He played for Real Madrid. _____
2. **Cristiano Ronaldo:**
Portugal / Portuguese / Manchester United

3. **Zinedine Zidane:**
France / French / Real Madrid

4. **David Beckham:** England / British / Manchester United, Real Madrid, LA Galaxy

Listening

A. Gap Fill

Listen to a recording of this reading.

Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

(Audio: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2016/01/20/podcast-david-beckham-beg/>)

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B. Extra Practice

Do you want more listening practice? After you fill in the
gaps in Part A, listen to the recording a few more times.

Underline all of the place names, team names, and
people's names. In English, these are called proper nouns.