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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

David Beckham is an English footballer who has played for Manchester United and Real Madrid, as well as representing his country 100 times. He moved to the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007 to increase the profile of football in America. He married Spice Girl Victoria Beckham and has become a worldwide celebrity, an advertising brand and a fashion icon.

Beckham was born in London in 1975. His parents were fanatical Manchester United supporters. His talent was obvious from an early age and he signed with Manchester United on his fourteenth birthday. He helped the youth team win several trophies and made his first team debut in 1995. He helped his team achieve considerable success in his eleven seasons with them.

Beckham has been runner-up twice as world football’s best player. He won many trophies with Manchester United, including the Champions League, and won a league title with Real Madrid. He also captained his club and country. He was famously sent off in a match against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup. In 2003, Beckham received an honour for services to football from Britain’s Queen.

Beckham has many interests off the soccer pitch and is rarely out of the headlines, especially concerning his marriage and children. He has established football academies in Los Angeles and London. In 2006 he was named a judge for the British Book Awards. He lives near Tom Cruise and the two are best buddies. Beckham is also a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador.

247 words
Flesch Kinkaid 9.4
SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

Paragraphs 1 and 2
1. moved
2. increase
3. icon
4. fanatical
5. obvious
6. considerable

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. runner-up
8. title
9. honour
10. rarely
11. established
12. buddies

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.
1. increase the profile of
2. an advertising
3. His parents were fanatical
4. His talent was obvious
5. He helped his team achieve
6. Beckham has been runner-
7. He was famously sent off in
8. Beckham received an honour
9. rarely out
10. the two are best

a. elevate
b. crazy
c. a great deal of
d. symbol
e. relocated
f. plain to see
g. set up
h. hardly ever
i. championship
j. friends
k. second placed
l. award

a. from an early age
b. a match against Argentina
c. buddies
d. for services to football
e. football in America
f. brand and a fashion icon
g. of the headlines
h. considerable success
i. up twice
j. Manchester United supporters
LISTENING GAP FILL:

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DAVID BECKHAM

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

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Beckham was born in London in 1975. His parents were fanatical / fans Manchester United supporters. His talent was obviously / obvious from an early age and he signed with Manchester United on his fourteenth birthday. He helped the youth team won / win several trophies and made his first team debut in 1995. He helped his team achievement / achieve considerable success in his eleven seasons with them.

Beckham has been runner-up / running up twice as world football’s best player. He won many / any trophies with Manchester United, including the Champions League, and won a league title with Real Madrid. He also captained his club and country. He was famous / famously sent off in a match against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup. In 2003, Beckham received an honour for services / serviced to football from Britain’s Queen.

Beckham has many interesting / interests off the soccer pitch and is rarely in / out of the headlines, especially concerning his marriage and children. He has established football academies in Los Angeles and London. In 2006 he was named a judge / judgment for the British Book Awards. He lives near Tom Cruise and the two are best baddies / buddies. Beckham is also a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador.
SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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1. representing his *vtnurco* 100 times
2. increase the *epflro* of football in America
3. a worldwide *bclyetire*
4. an *igdvrentisa* brand

Paragraph 2
5. Manchester United *esrprtpuso*
6. His talent was *sbviouo* from an early age
7. He helped the youth team win *ervaesl* trophies
8. eleven *ossnsae* with them

Paragraph 3
9. *unnrre-pu* twice as world football’s best player
10. He also *ipdaneact* his club and country
11. a match *gntasai* Argentina
12. Beckham received an honour for *ssveicr* to football

Paragraph 4
13. Beckham has many *etertssni* off the soccer pitch
14. rarely out of the *ealdsehni*
15. football *cesiaamde*
16. best *isudbed*
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. America the of in increase profile football

2. brand a icon advertising and fashion an

3. obvious was talent His age early an from

4. youth the helped He trophies several win team

5. team considerable He his achieve success helped

6. world - football’s up best twice player as runner

7. captained club country also his and He

8. to services for honour an received Beckham football

9. soccer the off interests many has Beckham pitch

10. and the best two are He lives buddies near Tom Cruise
DAVID BECKHAM DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about David Beckham?
2. Would you like to have met David Beckham?
3. What would you like to know about David Beckham and why?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________

DAVID BECKHAM DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about David Beckham?
2. What questions would you like to have asked David Beckham?
3. What would his answers have been to those questions?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________

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DAVID BECKHAM SURVEY:
Write five questions about David Beckham in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:
Write about David Beckham for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about David Beckham. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DAVID BECKHAM POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of David Beckham. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about David Beckham. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he did every day and what he thought about. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to David Beckham. Ask him three questions about his life. Tell him how important he is in today’s world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “David Beckham expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.