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Rooney made his England debut in 2003. He shot to world fame at the UEFA Euro 2004 tournament where he scored two outstanding goals. He has established himself as England’s first choice striker and is sure to pose a threat to all defences in South Africa. He hopes to have a very different World Cup experience to Germany 2006, when he was sent off for a foul on a Portuguese defender.
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. love
   a. striker
2. centre forward
   b. first appearance
3. amazing
   c. adore
4. supporting
   d. effect
5. debut
   e. following
6. impact
   f. incredible

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. established
   g. cost
8. fee
   h. rose
9. award
   i. red carded
10. shot
    j. represent
11. pose
    k. created
12. sent off
    l. prize

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

1. He is known
   a. a world class player
2. people are hoping he can
   b. to all defences
3. He grew up supporting
   c. use his amazing talent
4. made his Premier League
   d. many records
5. He made a big
   e. off for a foul
6. Rooney has established himself as
   f. all over the world
7. He has broken
   g. impact at Everton
8. he scored two
   h. his local club
9. pose a threat
   i. debut in 2002
10. he was sent
    j. outstanding goals
LISTENING GAP FILL:

Wayne Rooney was born on the 24th of October, 1985. He is renowned worldwide by people who love football. He is a striker for Manchester United and England. Many people say he’s the best centre forward in the world. English people are counting on his skills to bring them the World Cup trophy in South Africa. He will be a player to watch.

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Rooney has established himself as a world-class player at Man. Utd. He broke records in his time there and played with many top players. His signing fee of £25.6 million is a record for a teenager. He helped United win several trophies, including two League Cups, and the Champions League title in 2007-08. He also won England’s Footballer of the Year award in 2010.

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WAYNE ROONEY

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:**

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

Wayne Rooney was born on the 24th of October, 1985. He is *knowing* / *known* all over the world by people who *love* / *lovely* football. He is, of course, the striker for Manchester United and England. Many people say he’s the best centre *backward* / *forward* in the world. English people are hoping he can use his amazing *talented* / *talent* to bring them the World Cup trophy in South Africa. He will be a player to watch.

Rooney was born in Liverpool. He *grew* / *grow* up supporting his local club Everton. He *signing* / *signed* for Everton schoolboys when he was ten. He stayed with the club and made his Premier League debut in 2002. His first goal for Everton *meant* / *meaning* he was the youngest player ever to score a Premier League goal. It came five days before his 17th birthday. He *made* / *did* a big impact at Everton and interested Manchester United, who signed him in 2004.

Rooney has established himself as a world class player at Man. Utd. He has *breaking* / *broken* many records in his time *their* / *there* and played with many top players. His signing fee of £25.6 million is *yet* / *still* a world record for a teenager. He helped United win three league *titles* / *title*, two League Cups, and the Champions League title in 2007-08. He also won England’s Footballer of the Year award in 2010.

Rooney made his England debut in 2003. He *shooting* / *shot* to world fame at the UEFA Euro 2004 tournament where he scored two *outsider* / *outstanding* goals. He has established himself as England’s first choice striker and is sure to *suppose* / *pose* a threat to all defences in South Africa. He hopes to have a very different World Cup experience to Germany 2006, when he was sent *off* / *on* for a foul on a Portuguese defender.
SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

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1. He is konnw all over
2. centre rfraidw
3. people are hinpqg
4. the World Cup tyrhop

Paragraph 2
5. ipgsnrotup his local club
6. his Premier League tuedb
7. csreo a Premier League goal
8. He made a big pmcati

Paragraph 3
9. a world lsca player
10. He has broken many recorsd
11. a world record for a anegrete
12. the Champions League teitl

Paragraph 4
13. He shot to world fema
14. England’s first choice irksrte
15. pose a etrtha
16. sent off for a uolf
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He can use his amazing talent to bring them the World Cup trophy in South Africa. He will be a player to watch.
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. football Known all over the world by people who love.

2. the world People say he’s the best centre forward in.

3. club local his supporting up grew He.

4. a Premier League goal The youngest player ever to score.

5. big a made He Everton at impact.

6. established class himself player as Rooney a has world

7. world £25.6 record His million signing is fee still of a.


9. Africa a all South Pose to in threat defences.

10. sent was He defender Portuguese a on foul a for off.
WAYNE ROONEY DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Wayne Rooney?
2. Would you like to meet Wayne Rooney?
3. What would you like to know about Wayne Rooney and why?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Wayne Rooney?
2. What questions would you like to ask Wayne Rooney?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _______________________________________________________
5. _______________________________________________________
6. _______________________________________________________
7. _______________________________________________________
8. _______________________________________________________
**WAYNE ROONEY SURVEY:**

Write five questions about Wayne Rooney 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 Wayne Rooney for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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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 Wayne Rooney. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WAYNE ROONEY POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Wayne Rooney. 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 Wayne Rooney. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks 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 Wayne Rooney. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Wayne Rooney expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES
Look at the text on page 2.