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Your cousin has sent you a feature article about David and Victoria Beckham's family. Read the article.

Text 3 Feature article



- 1 From an outsider's perspective, David and Victoria Beckham have the ideal family, however even these superstars go through their share of family problems. David Beckham is renowned for his 20-year-long football career, which concluded in 2013, and Victoria Beckham is known for her fashion designs (she has her own fashion label)
- 5 and as a former member of the famous 90's pop group the Spice Girls. Since they are both cultural icons in the UK, their family is always in the limelight.
- 2 Brooklyn, the eldest of the couple's four children, has noted in the past that his parents firmly enforce the rules in their household. He said in an interview, 'They're both strict, but about different things.'
- 10 3 David and Victoria take special care to monitor Brooklyn's social media use, since the teen already has over four million Instagram followers. With so many eyes watching, his parents keep a close watch on his posts to ensure he is safe online.
- 4 The biggest family problem, though, is a commonplace one. It should be no surprise that football plays a central role in the Beckham home. The children are
- 15 always kicking the ball around in the house, causing a great deal of havoc! Victoria has repeatedly tried to stop them, but the children simply start playing again when her back is turned. It goes to show that despite the Beckhams' fame, they are not so difficult to relate to. How many parents have to deal with similar issues with their children?

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Comprehension 3 *Your brother wants to know about David Beckham's family. Answer his questions using information from the feature article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Why do David and Victoria Beckham receive so much attention?

2 When did David Beckham stop playing professional football?

3 What two things is Victoria Beckham famous for?

4 Find words in paragraphs 1–2 that mean the same as the following:

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| i) point of view | <hr/> |
| ii) famous | <hr/> |
| iii) centre of attention | <hr/> |
| iv) make sure someone obeys a rule | <hr/> |

5 What does 'so many eyes' refer to in line 11?



6 Why do Brooklyn's parents have to be careful about his social media use?

7 Read the following comments by readers of the article. Which member of the Beckham family are they referring to? Write the name on the line next to each comment.

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| i) 'I grew up watching him play for different teams. I'm a huge fan!' | <hr/> |
| ii) 'I love following him on Instagram.' | <hr/> |
| iii) 'No one has a better sense of style!' | <hr/> |

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8 Which word in paragraph 4 means the opposite of 'unusual'?

9 What is the main problem in the Beckham household?

10 Match the main points (A–D) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–D) on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Main point
i) Paragraph 1 _____	A The children's favourite pastime is Victoria's biggest headache
ii) Paragraph 2 _____	B The Beckhams have very normal family problems
iii) Paragraph 3 _____	C The eldest Beckham child talks about his parents
iv) Paragraph 4 _____	D David and Victoria monitor Brooklyn's Internet use

11 An alternative title for this text could be ...

- A The weird and wonderful Beckham family
- B How to be famous and strict at the same time
- C The Beckhams: Not so different from us
- D David and Victoria Beckham's children

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12 Do you think children of celebrities can have normal childhoods? Explain your answer.

