

# Talking Sport

**Week 5 – Mike Tindall**  
***We're really flying***



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## **1) 'Flying' expressions**

In the video Mike used the phrase 'we're really flying', meaning he wants his team to be performing at a high level.

**Below are some more expressions with the word 'flying'.**

flying visit:	a very short visit
high-flying:	very successful
get off to a flying start:	to start off very successfully
pass with flying colours:	to pass an exam or complete something with a very high result

**Now complete the sentences with the correct expression.**

1. The football team won their first match of the season. They have \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sally got 100% in her exam! She really \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A: What does Ben work as?  
B: He has his own company. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ business man.
4. A: Are you going home tomorrow?  
B: Yes, but only for a few days, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **2) Phrases with 'step'**

In the video Mike used the phrase 'step out':

*"... when we step out there against Argentina"*

**Below are some more phrases with the word 'step'.**

step back in time:	to think or to remember the past
step out of line:	behave in a way that people do not agree with
step down:	to resign from an important position

**Now complete the sentences with the correct phrase.**

1. Mr Jones has \_\_\_\_\_ as the head of the company.
2. Visiting that old house was like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I told him if he \_\_\_\_\_ one more time he would be in big trouble.

## **Answers**

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2. Sally got 100% in her exam! She really passed with flying colours.
3. A: What does Ben work as?  
B: He has his own company. He is a high-flying business man.
4. A: Are you going home tomorrow?  
B: Yes, but only for a few days, it is a flying visit.

### **2) Phrases with 'step'**

1. Mr Jones has stepped down as the head of the company.
2. Visiting that old house was like stepping back in time.
3. I told him if he steps out of line one more time he would be in big trouble.

## **Script**

### Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we are talking about rugby.

The 2011 Rugby Union World Cup will be taking place in New Zealand in September.

The English rugby team are playing practice matches before they play Argentina in the World cup.

Let's hear from English rugby player Mike Tindall.

What does he hope from these practice games?

Listen out for the phrases 'gain momentum' and 'we're really flying'.

### Clip

Ideally we want to gain momentum through these three games so that when we step out there against Argentina that we're really flying.

### Presenter

Watch the clip again.

### Clip

Ideally we want to **gain momentum** through these three games so that when we step out there against Argentina that **we're really flying**.

### Presenter

gain momentum

Mike uses this phrase to mean an increase in speed and force.

we want to **gain momentum** through these games ...

we're really flying

Mike uses this phrase to mean his team will be performing at a high level.

Here's an example:

Last night we won the football match! We were **really flying!**

Well we spoke to people in London. Listen to how they use this phrase.

#### Vox pops

I watched my football team at the weekend, they did really well they were really flying.

My football team is doing really well, we're really flying.

#### On screen

...they were really flying

...we're really flying

#### Presenter

I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

See you next time.