

Talking Sport

Week - 8
Jehue Gordon
Inspiration



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1) Idioms with 'world'

In the video Jehue said he wants to be the 'best in the world' in hurdling.

"I want to be the best in the world..."

Below are some idioms with the word 'world'.

in a world of your own:	think about something else and not notice what is going on around you
do you the world of good:	make you feel much better, happier
the world is your oyster:	you have the ability and freedom to do what you want
out of this world:	something that is very good, enjoyable, amazing or wonderful

Now complete the sentences with the correct idiom. You may need to change the form of the idiom.

1. You are young, educated and healthy. You are able to do anything you want - _____.
2. Sarah is a very good cook. The cake she baked was _____!
3. You have been working too hard. I think you should take some time off, it would _____.
4. He didn't listen to a word I said to him! He was completely _____.

2) Big

The adjective 'big' is used to say that something that is more than of average size, weight, etc.

In the video Jehue used the adjective 'big' to intensify the noun 'inspiration'.

"... getting that gold medal would be a big inspiration for me."

Here are some common examples of nouns that the intensifying adjective 'big' is used with:

a big decision

a big mistake

a big disappointment

a big surprise

As an intensifying adjective, 'big' is not usually used with uncountable nouns. For example: big water, big air.

Now complete the sentences with each phrase from above.

1. I have such _____ to make about which university to go to.
2. We are planning _____ birthday party for Anna's 21st!
3. I did not enjoy the film, I thought it would be better. It was _____.
4. I made _____ in my exam! I know I am going to fail!

Answers

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3. You have been working too hard. I think you should take some time off, it would do you the world of good.
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2) Big

1. I have such a big decision to make about which university to go to.
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Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we are hearing from a 400m hurdler.

Jehue Gordon is from Trinidad and Tobago.

He is 19 years old and is one of his country's biggest hopes for the London 2012 Olympics.

So let's hear from Jehue.

Listen out for what he says he wants to be.

Also listen out for the word 'inspiration'.

Clip

Well I want to be the best in the world so, you know, getting that gold medal would be a big, big inspiration for me.

Presenter

Watch the clip again.

Clip

Well I want to be **the best in the world** you know, so getting that gold medal would be a big, big inspiration for me.

Presenter

Jehue said he wants to be the best in the world!

I want to be the best in the world.

Jehue said the word 'inspiration'.

This means something or someone that gives you the idea or the motivation to do something.

...getting that gold medal would be a big, big inspiration for me

Well Jehue wants to be the best hurdler in the world and winning an Olympic gold medal is his inspiration.

So let's hear from some people in London. Who is their inspiration?

Vox pops

I'm a photographer and David LaChapelle is my inspiration.

My inspiration is my parents.

My inspiration is a former teacher because now I want to be a teacher as well.

On screen

My inspiration is...

...is my inspiration

Presenter

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

I'll see you next time.