

Talking Sport

Week - 9
Jessica Ennis
Pressure



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1) Phrasal verbs with 'bring'

In the video Jessica used the phrasal verb 'bring out' meaning to produce or make something more noticeable.

"I'm hoping that, that pressure can help bring out a better performance in me."

Below are some more phrasal verbs with the word 'bring'.

bring about:	cause something to happen
bring back:	cause something to return
bring up:	start talking about something
bring in:	introduce or start doing something new

Now complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verb. Choose from one option inside the brackets.

1. The new boss is _____ new rules about taking time off work. (bringing in / bring back)
2. I do not like the internet! We should _____ the days before computers! (bring in / bring back)
3. The new opening times will _____ a change in shopping times. (bring about / bringing up)
4. She kept trying to _____ the subject of holidays. But I didn't want talk about it as I can't afford to go on one. (bring up / bringing about)

2) Quantifiers

In the video Jessica used the quantifier 'some amount of':

"... feel some amount of pressure."

Here are some more quantifiers. They refer to increased amounts as you read down the page.

none of

a bit of

lots of

a massive amount of

Now complete the sentences with the correct quantifier. Choose from one option inside the bracket.

1. Next week I have _____ time off work. I am really looking forward to it. (none of / a bit of)
2. There are _____ flowers in the garden. It is very colourful. (lots of / none of)
3. Sarah has _____ experience in the area. She knows exactly what to do. She is perfect for the job. (a massive amount of / a bit of)
4. I couldn't get any milk. _____ the supermarkets were open. (none of / a massive amount of)

Answers

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1. The new boss is bringing in new rules about taking time off work.
2. I do not like the internet! We should bring back the days before computers!
3. The new opening times will bring about a change in shopping times.
4. She kept trying to bring up the subject of holidays. But I didn't want talk about it as I can't afford to go on one.

2) Quantifiers

1. Next week I have a bit of time off work. I am really looking forward to it.
2. There are lots of flowers in the garden. It is very colourful.
3. Sarah has a massive amount of experience in the area. She knows exactly what to do. She is perfect for the job.
4. I couldn't get any milk. None of the supermarkets were open.

Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Next year the Olympics will be held in London and athletes from all over the world will be travelling to the UK to compete.

But how do athletes from Great Britain feel about competing in their own country?

Let's hear from one of Team GB's track and field athletes, Jessica Ennis.

Listen out for the word pressure and see if you can hear what Jessica is hoping this pressure will do?

Clip

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Presenter

Watch the clip again.

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Presenter

pressure

In this context Jessica uses this to mean the hope and expectation of other people for her to perform well

I feel the pressure...

Jessica said that she is hoping this expectation and hope will bring out a better performance in her.

Meaning the pressure will hopefully make her perform better.

I'm hoping that, that pressure can help will bring out a better performance in me.

Well, Jessica is already feeling the pressure to perform well at the London 2012 Olympics, but what do people in London feel pressure from?

Let's hear from them.

Vox pops

I need pressure to work hard in order to perform better.

I play football. I feel pressure to win matches, but I think it makes us perform better as a team.

I don't usually feel any pressure from friends and family.

On screen

I need pressure to...

I feel pressure to...

I don't usually feel any pressure from...

Presenter

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

See you next time.