

# Talking Sport



**Week - 12**

**Pops Mensah - Bonsu  
London prepares**

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## 1) Emotional/emotion/emotionally

In the video Pops Mensah - Bonsu said playing at the Olympics was going to be an 'emotional time' for him, meaning he is going to show or feel strong feelings during this time.

*"... it's going to be an emotional time for me"*

**Emotional is an adjective.**

e.g. I feel very emotional after watching that sad film.

**Emotion is a noun.**

e.g. Sally was very upset, she couldn't control her emotions.

**Emotionally is an adverb.**

e.g. Tim spoke emotionally about his life.

**Now complete the sentences with the adjective, noun or adverb.**

1. He never shows any \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I love that song. It is very \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There was no sign of any \_\_\_\_\_ on her face.
4. The couple were \_\_\_\_\_ reunited.

## 2) Phrases with 'deal'

In the video Mensah used the phrase 'a big deal':

*"... playing the Olympics in your back yard is a big deal"*

Here are some more phrases using the word 'deal':

a square deal	an agreement that is seen as fair
deal with something/someone	to do something in order to solve a problem with something or someone
close a deal	to agree a business arrangement
a raw deal	to receive unfair treatment

Now complete the sentences with the correct phrase. The form of the phrase may need to be changed.

1. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ difficult customers.
2. I feel that we got \_\_\_\_\_. It really wasn't fair.
3. Yesterday we \_\_\_\_\_ with a really important company. We will be working together from next month.
4. I think we got \_\_\_\_\_ on that house. It was a really good price.

## Answers

### 1) Emotional/emotion/emotionally

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3. There was no sign of any emotion on her face.
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### 2) Phrases with 'deal'

1. I hate dealing with difficult customers.
2. I feel that we got a raw deal. It really wasn't fair.
3. Yesterday we closed a deal with a really important company! We will be working together from next month.
4. I think we got a square deal on that house. It was a really good price.

## Script

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we will be hearing from one of the British basketball players and we will be learning the phrase 'a big deal'.

Preparations for the Olympics take a long time and with less than a year until the London 2012 Olympics, test events have started happening in the Olympic venues.

These events are a practice for the Olympics.

Recently there was a basketball test event and basketball players got the chance to play in the new Olympic venue.

So let's hear from one of the British basketball players who was there, Pops Mensah - Bonsu.

Listen out for how he uses the word 'backyard' and the phrase 'a big deal'.

## Clip

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## Presenter

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## Presenter

Let's look at the phrase 'in your backyard'.

A backyard is a back garden but in the clip he uses this phrase in an idiomatic way to mean in his home town.

So when he says playing in the Olympics in his backyard, he means playing in the Olympics in his home town.

He used the phrase 'a big deal' meaning something is very important.

Playing in the Olympics in your backyard is a big deal.

Well so far we have learnt the phrase 'a big deal' and we have learnt how the phrase 'in your backyard' can be used to mean in your home town.

Now let's listen to some people in London using the phrase a big deal in different ways.

### Vox pops

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Having the Olympics in London will be a big deal.

Being a few minutes late is not a big deal.

### On screen

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### Presenter

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

See you next time.