

Talking Sport

Week – 23

***Bader Uugan Enkhbatyn
Mongolian boxer***



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LEARNING
ENGLISH

1) Hero / heroine

In the video BBC reporter Sangita Myska said the word 'hero':

"... creating a national hero of the boxer, Bader Uugan."

'A hero' is a man who is admired for what they have done, usually a great achievement or something brave.

e.g. My hero is Bader Uugan.

'A heroine' is a woman who is admired for what they have done, usually a great achievement or something brave.

e.g. Her heroine is Australian swimmer Emily Seebohm.

Now complete the sentences with hero/s or heroine/s.

1. Jane Austen liked to write about female _____.
2. Many people in Jamaica think Usain Bolt is a _____ after winning the 100m in the last Olympics.
3. My brother's _____ is his favourite musician, Michael Jackson.
4. American gymnast Shawn Johnson is my _____ for winning a gold medal in the last Olympics.

2) Idioms with 'first'

In the video we heard the word 'first':

"... this country won its first Olympic medals."

Below are some idioms with the word 'first':

first hand:	to experience something yourself
first things first:	used to say that you should do things in the correct order
in the first place:	in the beginning or at the start
first and foremost:	most importantly

Now complete the sentences with the correct phrase.

1. In my opinion, I am _____ an actor but I would like to work in music as well.
2. _____ let's clean the kitchen before we start cooking.
3. It is better to collect information _____ rather than relying on someone else to get it for you.
4. The house is going to cost a lot of money to fix. We should never have bought it _____.

Answers

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Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we are hearing about a boxer from Mongolia and learning the words essential and proud.

In 2008 boxer Bader Uugan from Mongolia won one of the first gold medals for his country.

And Bader Uugan wants to win another gold for his country at the Olympics in London next year.

Here is BBC reporter Sangita Myska.

Listen for the words essential and proud.

Clip

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Sangita said the word essential.

Essential means something is very important and necessary.

Sport is **essential** to Mongolian culture.

Sangita said the people of Mongolia are **proud** of Bader Uugan's Olympic success.

If you feel **proud**, this means you feel happy about something that you or someone else has done.

People tell me how **proud** they are of Bader Uugan's Olympic success.

Well, we have learnt the words **essential** and **proud**.

Now let's listen to some people in London using these words.

Vox pops

I am **proud** of being a volunteer in the London Olympics.

I think that having IT skills is **essential** in the workplace.

My mum is really **proud** of me for getting a new job.

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On screen

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

See you next time.