



1) Boxing idioms

In the video we heard about Indian boxer, MC Mary Kom.

Below are some idioms connected with boxing.

saved by the bell:	to escape from an unpleasant situation at the last possible minute
blow-by-blow:	used to refer to a description of an event that gives every detail
punch above your weight:	to perform better than people expect you to
the gloves are off:	used to suggest that you will compete without any rules or limits

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

1. _____ in their divorce battle. It's getting very nasty and personal.
2. He gave a _____ account of what happened at the football match.
3. I was just about to tell my boss that I hadn't finished the report when he was called to a meeting. I was _____.
4. I think his girlfriend is much better looking than he is. He's really is _____.

2) Phrases with 'dream'

In the video we heard that Mary began to dream of becoming a world-beater ten years ago:

"... Mary Kom began her boxing career ten years ago when she first began to dream of becoming a world-beater."

Below are some phrases with 'dream':

beyond my wildest dreams:	something that is bigger and better than you ever expected
in your dreams:	used ironically to suggest something will never happen
go like a dream:	to work very well without problems
dream something up:	imagine something

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

- A: How is your new car?
B: It is running brilliantly and I haven't had any problems. It _____.
- A: I plan on being a multi-millionaire by the time I am 25.
B: _____!
- The characters in the book were _____ by the author.
- I cannot believe I got this amazing job. It really is _____.

Answers

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Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we're hearing about a female boxer from India and learning the words 'intense' and 'feature'.

At this year's Olympics women's boxing will be included as a sport for the first time.

One of the female boxers hoping to compete is MC Mary Kom.

BBC reporter, Sanjoy Majumder has been to Mary's hometown, Manipur.

Listen for the words 'intense' and 'feature'.

Clip

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In the clip we heard the word 'intense'.

Here, intense is used to describe something that is extreme.

Back in the ring the practice is intense ahead of London 2012.

We also heard the word 'feature'.

In this context feature means to appear.

Women's boxing is going to feature for the first time at an Olympics.

Well we have learnt the words 'intense' and 'feature', now let's hear from some people in London. Listen to them using the word 'feature'.

Vox pops

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On screen

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

See you next time.