



## 1) Football idioms

In the video we heard from footballer David Beckham.

### Below are some football idioms:

kick off:	the start of an event
move the goalposts:	when someone keeps changing the rules when you are trying to do something
be on the ball:	be able to react and understand things quickly
play ball:	cooperate
drop the ball:	make a mistake

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

1. It is important that we all \_\_\_\_\_ and work together.
2. I have a very important meeting in the morning and I really need to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We were going to sign the contract, but they kept \_\_\_\_\_ and we decided not to.
4. We really need to make sure we don't \_\_\_\_\_ on this project. Everything needs to be done right with no mistakes.
5. The 2012 London Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ on the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2) 'Up' phrasal verbs

In the video we heard the phrasal verb 'grew up':

*"... to be able to take my sons and my daughter to an Olympic games in a place where I grew up, I'm proud of that."*

**Below are some phrasal verbs with 'up':**

own up:	to admit to doing something wrong
meet up:	to meet another person
pay up:	to pay back money you owe
give up:	to admit defeat and not make the effort anymore

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

1. We have arranged to \_\_\_\_\_ at the restaurant near work on Friday night.
2. We had to remind them to \_\_\_\_\_. They completely forgot to pay their bill.
3. John \_\_\_\_\_ to his mistakes and admitted he was wrong.
4. By 4pm that day I had \_\_\_\_\_ trying to solve the computer problem.

## **Answers**

### **1) Football idioms**

1. It is important that we all play ball and work together.
2. I have a very important meeting in the morning and I really need to be on the ball.
3. We were going to sign the contract, but they kept moving the goalposts and we decided not to.
4. We really need to make sure we don't drop the ball on this project. Everything needs to be done right with no mistakes.
5. The 2012 London Olympics kick off on the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### **2) 'Up' phrasal verbs**

1. We have arranged to meet up at the restaurant near work on Friday night.
2. We had to remind them to pay up. They completely forgot to pay their bill.
3. John owned up to his mistakes and admitted he was wrong.
4. By 4pm that day I had given up trying to solve the computer problem.

## Script

### Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we're hearing from a famous footballer and we are learning the words 'transformation' and 'incredible'.

The London Olympics are nearly here and London is getting ready for the biggest sporting event.

One person looking forward to the Olympics is footballer, David Beckham.

As well as being a world-class sportsman David Beckham is also from London.

So how does he feel about the Olympics being in his hometown?

Let's hear from him.

Listen for the words 'transformation' and 'incredible'.

### Clip

To see the transformation in the East End of London, somewhere where I was brought up as a kid, is really incredible. But as a fan of the Olympics, as a dad as well, to be able to say that I'm going to be able to take my sons and my daughter to an Olympic games in a place where I grew up, I'm proud of that.

### Presenter

Listen again for the words 'transformation' and 'incredible'.

### Clip

To see the **transformation** in the East End of London, somewhere where I was brought up as a kid, is really **incredible**. But as a fan of the Olympics, as a dad as well, to be able to say that I'm going to be able to take my sons and my daughter to an Olympic games in a place where I grew up, I'm proud of that.

### Presenter

David said the word 'transformation'.

In this context transformation is the complete and total change of a place into something much, much better.

David described this transformation as incredible.

Incredible is an adjective used to describe something so amazing it is hard to believe.

To see the **transformation** in the East End of London, somewhere I was brought up as a kid, is really **incredible**

Well we have heard that David thinks the transformation in the East End of London is incredible.

Now let's hear from some people in London. What do they think is incredible?

#### Vox pops

I think the London Olympics will be an incredible event because of all the talented athletes that will be competing.

The beaches in the south of France are incredible. They are so beautiful.

I think the opening ceremony at the 2008 Beijing Olympics was incredible because of the amazing fireworks.

#### On screen

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The beaches in the south of France are **incredible**. They are so beautiful.

I think the opening ceremony at the 2008 Beijing Olympics was **incredible** because of the amazing fireworks.

#### Presenter

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

See you next time.