

David Beckham puts Brooklyn in his place - exercises

What's the worst thing about having famous parents? Perhaps it's their ability to troll you on Instagram.

Watch David Beckham talk about his funny online comments towards his son, Brooklyn.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to post | a. to remind somebody that they are not as special or important as they think they are |
| 2..... to scroll | b. the feeling of wanting to beat another person in a competition |
| 3..... to boast | c. to move up or down on your computer or phone screen |
| 4..... to put somebody in their place | d. to put an image, video or text on a website so that it can be seen by the public |
| 5..... to buy something (colloquial) | e. to talk about yourself in an arrogant way |
| 6..... a follower | f. to arrive somewhere or at something |
| 7..... rivalry | g. a person who follows you on social media, so he/she can see your photos, videos, etc. |
| 8..... to reach | h. to believe that something is true |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- When Brooklyn posted a photo on Instagram wearing a Ralph Lauren jumper, he got ...
a. 317 likes. b. 317,000 likes. c. 3.17 million likes.
- When David wrote the comment 'That's my jumper', he was ...
a. telling the truth. b. joking. c. confused.
- Brooklyn decided to post a video on Instagram to ...
a. say 'Happy Birthday' to his mother. b. reply to his father's comment about the jumper. c. tell everybody how many followers he had.
- On Instagram, David has ...
a. 52 followers. b. 52,000 followers. c. 52 million followers.
- David says that these days, his son is ...
a. more popular than him. b. becoming more popular. c. not popular enough.
- Graham (the presenter) says that David's final comment is ...
a. a little strange. b. probably true. c. not true.

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the lines from the video with a word from the box.

came	score	reached	put
scroll	buying	boast	recognised

1. **Graham:** It is so funny, the way you try to _____ points against each other.
2. **Graham:** So, Brooklyn _____ this picture up on Instagram.
3. **Graham:** And you _____ through the comments, you know, 'Oh yeah, whatever', blah, blah, 'What a babe', blah, blah, blah.
4. **David:** I was sat at lunch, actually, when that _____ up on my screen that he'd just posted a picture of him.
5. **Graham:** So, this is him. It's a little video he posted on Instagram to really _____ about the number of his followers.
6. **Brooklyn:** OK. I just _____ a million followers.
7. **David:** When we're out, he gets _____ so much that I'm known as Brooklyn's dad now.
8. **David:** I'm known as Brooklyn's dad now.
Graham: Yeah, no one's _____ that.

Discussion

Would you be happy if your parents followed you on social media? Do you agree that Brooklyn is more famous than his father?

Transcript:

Graham: I don't know what it's like with mothers and daughters, but with fathers and sons there is a rivalry, there's bound to be a kind of ... particularly Brooklyn, now. He's 16, he's becoming his own man and stuff. And it is so funny, like, the way you try to score points against each other. So, Brooklyn put this picture up on Instagram. And he put on it, 'Rocking the old-school Ralph Lauren.' And look at that, it's got 317,000 likes. OK. So that ... you know, cool in his Ralph Lauren. And you scroll through the comments, you know, 'Oh yeah, whatever', blah, blah, 'What a babe', blah, blah, blah. You get down to this one: Mr David Beckham, 'That's my jumper!'

(audience laughs)

Graham: That's so mean!

David: Actually ... but it actually *is* my jumper. I was sat at lunch, actually, when that came up on my screen that he'd just posted a picture of him. And it was my jumper so I had to tell him. But I do find him going in my wardrobe, even though he doesn't think I'm that ... cool a dad, I still find him wearing my clothes every single day.

Graham: This one's beautiful. So, this is him. It's a little video he posted on Instagram to really boast about the number of his followers. Here we go.

Brooklyn: So, it's my mum's birthday today.

David: Brooklyn, we're leaving!

Brooklyn: OK. I just reached a million followers.

David: I've got 52!

(audience laughs)

Graham: His face! He is ...

David: I was ... We *were* literally just about to walk out the door and I could hear him talking in his room and I thought ... And then I heard him say, you know, 'I've just about ... just reached a million.' So ...

Graham: You destroyed that boy!

David: To be honest, you know, when we're out, he gets recognised so much that I'm literally, you know, I'm known as Brooklyn's dad now.

(audience laughs)

David: And that's kind of it ... I'm the one that takes the picture of him ...

Graham: Yeah, no one's buying that.