

## Eddie the Eagle Worksheet

**A Listen to this talk about Eddie the Eagle and answer the questions below.**

- 1 For which sport did Eddie the Eagle represent Great Britain?
- 2 What disadvantages did he have to struggle against?
- 3 What popular myths does Eddy strenuously deny?
- 4 What happened when he arrived at the airport?
- 5 What happened in the events themselves?
- 6 What did he achieve in sporting terms?
- 7 What action did the Olympic movement take?
- 8 What was the title of Eddie's autobiographical book?
- 9 In what foreign language did he record two single records?
- 10 How did he earn a living after his sporting career ended?
- 11 What qualification did he earn?
- 12 How will he soon be immortalised?
- 13 How is he regarded by the British public?
- 14 How is he regarded by his wife and family?

**B Now discuss these questions.**

- 1 What does the case of Eddie the Eagle tell us about the British and their attitude to celebrity?
- 2 Is this a particularly British trait or do other cultures share it?
- 3 Do you know of any other famous eccentric or underdog in your country?
- 4 Could you make a case for Eddie as a representative of the Olympic spirit?