

NEW CUTTING EDGE

UPPER INTERMEDIATE

Module 8 – Fame and fortune

Teacher's notes

This worksheet is designed for use after completion of pages 84–88 and as it is about David Beckham links to the theme of the module.

1 Students complete the paragraph about David Beckham with the correct forms.

David Beckham moved to Real Madrid in 2001. At first, it seemed he was having trouble **adapting** to the Spanish way of life and there were reports that at first his wife Victoria didn't want **to live** in Madrid. There were even rumours that he had an affair with his personal assistant in Madrid but he has always denied **having** any relationship with her and has refused **to talk** about it. When Victoria agreed **to come** and live in Madrid, things changed for David as he had the support of his family at home. At work, **being** a foreigner in Real Madrid doesn't seem to bother him as there are lots of players from different countries in the team. David apparently gets on well with the Brazilian players and they are often seen at training making each other **laugh**. He has always worked extremely hard **to improve** as a footballer. When he was younger, he tended **to react** to pressure on the pitch by committing fouls and even being sent off. However, he is too experienced **to make** this type of mistake any more. David is one of the most famous people in the world as he appears in numerous advertisements for products ranging from razors to sunglasses. It's easy **to see** why David is so popular around the world and one of the highest-paid sportsmen ever.

2 Students think of another famous person and write a similar paragraph. Tell students to pay special attention to their use of gerunds and infinitives. You could ask students to read out their paragraphs to the class, without mentioning the name of the person and the rest of the class guess who the famous person is.