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David Beckham's move to the USA



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## David Beckham 贝克汉姆

### Million-dollar-a-week move to America 周薪百万 加盟美国

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

The world's most famous footballer, David Beckham, is leaving his club, Real Madrid, to sign for the American side, LA Galaxy. Some reports say he'll earn about a million dollars a week, which will make him the world's third highest-earning sports star.

But why has the former England captain decided to leave the most high-profile club in the world to play in a country where football, or soccer as Americans call it, isn't popular? Beckham says he relishes the challenge of playing in the USA and wants to build a bridge between America and the rest of the sporting world by making football a major sport. He's already set up a soccer academy for children in Los Angeles to help promote the game.

Some football pundits have been surprised by Beckham's decision saying it effectively means the end of his career as a serious footballer. But others, such as the former Manchester United and England player, Sir Bobby Charlton, think it was predictable. He says "it seems it was on the cards that at some time in his career that he would finish up in that sort of position in Hollywood." David Beckham and his pop-star wife, Victoria, like the Hollywood lifestyle. And, of course, there's his huge pay packet, which will be made up by his salary, sponsorship contracts, and a share of his new club's profits.

Others think that David Beckham decided to move because he's been unhappy at Real Madrid. He hasn't won any major trophies during his four-year stint there and he seems to have fallen out of favour with the manager, Fabio Capello: Beckham has spent most of the season on the bench.

But Beckham has no regrets about his time in Madrid. He said that playing with the likes of Zinedine Zidane, from France, and Ronaldo, from Brazil, has been the biggest honour in his career. David Beckham's already played for two of the biggest clubs in the world: Manchester United and Real Madrid. He's been the captain of England and now he could become one of the richest athletes in history. If he manages to conquer America then, some say, he'll be the most popular British export since the Beatles.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>to sign</b> 签约	<b>highest-earning</b> 最高收入
<b>former</b> 前任	<b>high-profile</b> 引人注目的
<b>soccer</b> 英式足球	<b>relishes the challenge</b> 迎接挑战
<b>build a bridge</b> 搭建桥梁	<b>set up</b> 建立
<b>to promote</b> 推广	<b>pundits</b> 权威人士, 专家
<b>on the cards</b> 可能	<b>Hollywood lifestyle</b> 好莱坞生活方式
<b>sponsorship contracts</b> 赞助合约	<b>a share of</b> 分红, 享有其中一份
<b>fallen out of favour</b> 失宠	<b>on the bench</b> 坐冷板凳
<b>stint</b> 期间	<b>the likes of</b> 象...这样的人
<b>the biggest honour</b> 最大荣誉	<b>to conquer</b> 征服

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.




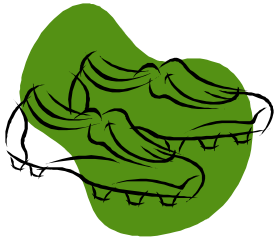


以下句子哪句是真? 哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. David Beckham will earn about a million dollars a week. True / False
2. Beckham will earn more than any other sportsman in the world.  
True / False
3. In America, football isn't as popular as it is in the rest of the world.  
True / False
4. David Beckham has won the Spanish league title with Real Madrid.  
True / False
5. Fabio Capello regularly chooses Beckham to play for Real Madrid.  
True / False

## 2. Label the Picture 标注图片

Look at the pictures below. They are all the things associated with football. The words to describe the pictures are in the box at the bottom of the page. Use the words to label the pictures

请看下列图片。他们都是与足球有关的用语。请将正确名称写在图片下面。

 <p>1. _____</p>	 <p>2. _____</p>
 <p>3. _____</p>	 <p>4. _____</p>
 <p>5. _____</p>	 <p>6. _____</p>

a header  
a kick  
a save

a referee  
football boots  
a card

### **3. Error Correction** 改错

**Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.**

下列句子中各有一个错误。找出错误并写出正确的句子。

1. David Beckham is leaving the Spain and going to the USA.

2. Beckham is one of the most famous player in the world.

3. Some people are surprised on David Beckham's decision.

4. He'll become one of the most rich sportsmen in America.

5. Beckham hopes making football more popular in America.

6. If Beckham will succeed, he'll be the best-known Englishman since the Beatles.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with football in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与足球有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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s	p	o	c	s	t	i	n	t	n	i	e
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Lifestyle high-profile pundits former contract  
share stint conquer relish honour

## Answers 答案

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- Fabio Capello regularly chooses Beckham to play for Real Madrid. **False**

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- Some people are surprised about/at David Beckham's decision.
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