

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. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

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.

5. David says that these days, his son is ...
- a. more popular than him. b. becoming more popular. c. not popular enough.
6. 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

- Graham:** It is so funny, the way you try to _____ points against each other.
- Graham:** So, Brooklyn _____ this picture up on Instagram.
- Graham:** And you _____ through the comments, you know, 'Oh yeah, whatever', blah, blah, 'What a babe', blah, blah, blah.
- David:** I was sat at lunch, actually, when that _____ up on my screen that he'd just posted a picture of him.
- Graham:** So, this is him. It's a little video he posted on Instagram to really _____ about the number of his followers.
- Brooklyn:** OK. I just _____ a million followers.
- David:** When we're out, he gets _____ so much that I'm known as Brooklyn's dad now.
- 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?