

Bobby Moore (B2)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Are you a football fan?
2. If so, what team do you support?
3. Who is your favourite player?
4. Have you ever heard of Bobby Moore?

B – Listen and answer

Listen (without reading) and fill in the blanks in the Fact File.

Fact File – Bobby Moore

- Born in Barking, Essex on 12th April, ¹_____.
- Started playing for ²_____ _____ in 1958.
- Became England captain in ³_____.
- England won the ⁴_____ _____ in 1966.
- Most famous game: 1970 World Cup game against ⁵_____.
- Retired in ⁶_____.
- Died in ⁷_____.
- Statue erected outside ⁸_____ _____ in 2007.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. How many times has England won the World Cup?
2. When did Bobby Moore start playing football?
3. What trophies did he win with West Ham?
4. What did he do before receiving the World Cup trophy from Queen Elizabeth in 1966? Why?
5. What were Bobby Moore's strong points as a player?
6. How did he become an excellent player?
7. Why was Bobby Moore's professional life disappointing after he retired?
8. What happened in his personal life?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.)

1. Joe knocked over a glass of wine and stained our new white _____.
2. Nicole plays volleyball matches every Sunday and goes to _____ sessions twice a week.
3. In 1066, William the Conqueror _____ King Harold at the Battle of Hastings.
4. Anne's finance company is always looking for a promising new _____ to invest in.
5. This car hasn't given us any problems _____ _____. Let's hope it doesn't in the future.
6. Don't come into the lounge in those _____ boots. Leave them in the hall.

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Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between 2 and 5 words including the word given.

Example: 1966 is the only time England has won the World Cup, so far.

GAVE The 1966 Final at Wembley *gave England its only* World Cup title to date.

1. People called Bobby Moore the ‘golden boy of English football’.

KNOWN Bobby Moore _____ the ‘golden boy of English football’.

2. He started playing with West Ham in 1958.

DEBUT He _____ with West Ham in 1958.

3. According to one journalist, Moore was no good at running and had no left foot.

HARDLY One journalist said Moore _____ and had no left foot.

4. But he read the game like a genius.

AT But he was _____ the game.

5. Bobby Moore didn’t have a natural gift for playing.

WAS Bobby Moore _____ player.

6. The inscription on his statue perfectly sums up his sporting life.

PERFECT The inscription on his statue is _____ his sporting life.

F – Write about it

Write about one of your country’s best football players. Include:

- some biographical information;
- the team he/she plays for;
- his/her position on the field;
- the trophies he/she helped the team win.

Answers

B – Listen and answer

1. 1941 2. West Ham 3. 1964 4. World Cup 5. Brazil 6. 1977 7. 1993 8. Wembley Stadium

C – Read and answer

1. Only once. 2. When he was a child./In his childhood. 3. He won the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965. 4. He cleaned his hands on the tablecloth under the trophy, because they were sweaty and muddy. 5. He was a great defender who was very good at reading the game, tackling and intercepting. 6. He did it through will power and dedication to training. 7. His football management and business ventures ended in failure and the football establishment ignored him. 8. His marriage collapsed and he had a problem with drinking.

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1. tablecloth 2. training 3. defeated 4. venture 5. to date 6. muddy

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1. was known as 2. made his debut 3. could hardly run/was hardly able to run 4. a genius at reading 5. was not a naturally gifted 6. a perfect summary of/a perfect summing up of