

BALLON D'OR 2023 – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1. Warm-up speaking activity:

- Did you watch the Ballon D'Or ceremony? If you did, what was the most exciting moment for you? And the most boring? If you didn't, why?
- Lionel Messi was elected as the Ballon D'Or's winner 2023. Do you agree? Why/why not?
- Dibu Martinez was elected as the best goalkeeper 2023. Many people booed at him when we started his speech. What do you think about this attitude?

2. Listening comprehension: watch the video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8N2IHWkHXEk>) from minute 52:20 to 59:15 and answer these questions:

- What are the two reasons why Paris is an important city for Beckham?
- Why is Sir Bobby going to be missed by footballers?
- Why is Sir Bobby going to be missed by David?
- What is David's middle name? Why?
- How is the winner of the Ballon D'Or elected?

3. Watch the video again and complete the gaps with the words in the box:

field – truly – standing – ten – owe – gonna – icon – have – back – hero – passed

1. Ladies and gentlemen, a huge _____ ovation for the _____ Mr David Beckham.
2. You played the last game of your career here in Paris _____ years ago in Parc des Princes. How is it to be _____?
3. Personally, with my wife and my children we _____ spent many anniversaries and birthdays here, we've always celebrated in Paris, and for me on the _____, it's even more special.
4. Sir Bobby Charlton _____ away few days ago. I know how important he was to you.
5. The respect he had not just in Manchester, not just in England, but around the world, was _____ incredible. He's _____ be solely missed.
6. I probably would have never played for Manchester United, so I _____ him everything. He was my dad's _____.