

FILM SUMMARIES

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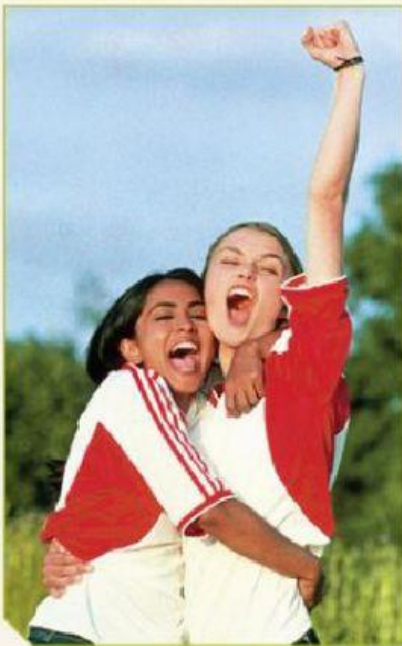
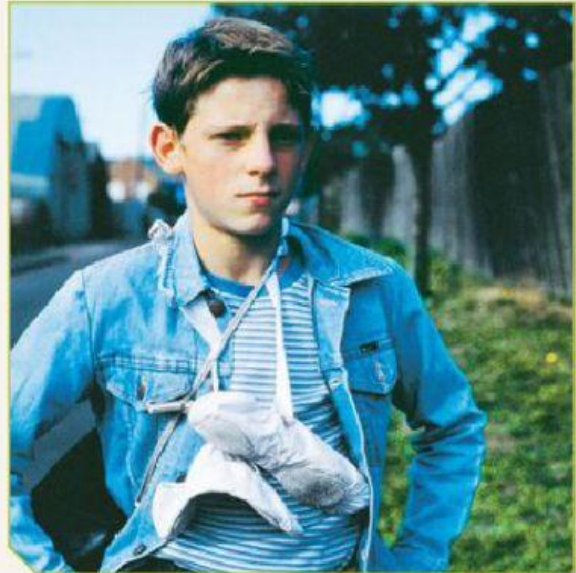
Read both summaries. Answer the questions.

A *Billy Elliot*

Billy Elliot is an 11-year-old boy who lives in the north of England. Billy's mother is dead, and he lives with his father and his brother, who are both coal miners.

Billy's father makes him take up boxing, but he hates it. One day, at the sports centre, Billy sees a group of girls doing ballet lessons and joins the class. But he doesn't tell his father, who believes that dancing is something that girls do, not boys. When Billy's father finds out about the ballet, he gets angry and he doesn't let his son take any more lessons. But Billy carries on in secret because he loves it.

Billy's ballet teacher, Georgia, encourages him to take a test to go to the Royal Ballet School in London. When she tells Billy's father, he says that Billy isn't allowed to dance any more. But then, one day, he sees Billy dancing. He realises that his son is talented, that it's his dream to go to the school in London and that he isn't going to give up dancing. After that, Billy's father does everything he can to help his son. He hasn't got any money, but other people in the town get the money together and then he takes Billy to London for the entrance test. Finally, Billy is accepted at the school and after years of study, he ends up as a top professional ballet dancer.



B *Bend It Like Beckham*

Jess Bhamra is the 18-year-old daughter of an Indian family in London. Jules Paxton is the same age and the daughter of an English family. Jess is crazy about football, but because she's a girl, she isn't allowed to play. Sometimes she plays in the park with some boys and one day, Jules, who also plays football, sees Jess playing. They get on really well and Jules invites Jess to try out for the local women's football team, coached by Joe. When he sees how good Jess is, Joe puts her in the team. When Jess's parents find out that she's been playing football without their knowing, they make her stop.

The team gets to an important final. Unfortunately, the final is on the same day as Jess's sister's wedding. Joe asks Mr Bhamra to let Jess play, but he refuses. Halfway through the wedding, Mr Bhamra lets Jess go. She rushes to the game.

When she shows up, there are only thirty minutes left and her team are losing 1-0. Soon, the score is 1-1, and when there's a free kick, Jess has to bend the ball around the other team's players to score. She makes it, and the team wins.

A university in California offers soccer scholarships to Jess and Jules. Jess finally convinces her parents to let her go. Jess and Jules set off for America and, later, they send a team photo to their families back home.

1. Why doesn't Billy's dad want him to do ballet?

2. When does Billy's dad change his mind?

3. Where does the money come from for Billy to go to London?

4. Why don't Jess's parents let her play football?

5. When does Jess's dad change his mind?
