

Posh and Becks

THE BECKHAMS are a famous **family** from Britain. Becks is the nickname of David Beckham, ex-**footballer** of Manchester United, Real Madrid and England. Posh is the nickname of his **wife**, Victoria, a member of the girl-band the Spice Girls.

Victoria is called 'Posh' because she loves **posh**, expensive **clothes**. She says she really likes **sunglasses** too, because it's easy to look cool in them! Now she is a fashion designer. Her **company** makes very expensive **dresses**, **accessories** and **jewellery**, but also ordinary clothes like **jeans** and **jackets**.

David doesn't play **football** now, but he owns a football **team** in Miami, Florida. David has got 32 **tattoos**! He says they are all about the **people** in his life, his wife and **children**. David Beckham is a **hero** to many English football **fans**.

The Beckhams do a lot of **work** for **charities** and they appear a lot on television. They have got four children. Their **sons** are Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz, and their **daughter** is called Harper. The **boys** are footballers too, and hope to play for England one day.

Read the **Learn this!** box. Match the nouns highlighted in orange in the text with one of the rules (a–g). Give the singular and plural forms of each noun.

LEARN THIS! Singular and plural forms

-  a To make the plural of most nouns we add -s.
brother → *brothers*
- b If the noun ends in -s, -sh, -ch, -z, or -x, we add -es.
bus → *buses* *class* → *classes* *dish* → *dishes*
church → *churches* *watch* → *watches* *box* → *boxes*
- c If the noun ends in -o, we add -s or sometimes -es.
photo → *photos* *potato* → *potatoes*
- d If the noun ends in a consonant + -y, we change -y to -ies.
party → *parties*
- e If the noun ends in a vowel + -y, we add -s.
holiday → *holidays*
- f If the noun ends in -f or -fe, we change -f or -fe to -ves.
shelf → *shelves*
- g Some nouns have irregular plural forms.
foot → *feet* *man* → *men* *woman* → *women*