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Listening and Vocabulary

A conversation about sports personalities

- 1 Who is your favourite sportsperson? Why?
- 2 Read the fact box and decide if the sentences are true or false.
 - 1 The Sports Personality Award is over sixty years old.
 - 2 You must be British to win the award.
 - 3 Nobody has won the award more than once.

FACT BOX


The BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award

Every December since 1954, the British public have chosen their sports personality of the year. He or she is the sportsperson that has achieved the most in that year. The winner must be British or live and play sport in the UK. Tennis player Andy Murray is the only person who has won the award three times.

- 3 What do you think sportspeople have to do to get a nomination for the Sports Personality of the Year Award?
- 4  5.11 You will hear two friends talking about the Sports Personality of the Year Award. Listen and choose the correct answer.



- 1 Callum thinks Marcus Rashford is ...
 - a the best sportsperson in the UK.
 - b the best English football player.
 - c not as good as another player.
- 2 When Marcus Rashford plays for Manchester United, he wears the number ...
 - a seven.
 - b ten.
 - c eleven.
- 3 Megan thinks the winner of the BBC award should be ...
 - a the best athlete.
 - b the top goalscorer.
 - c the best person.
- 4 How many free meals did Marcus Rashford's charity pay for?
 - a 20 million
 - b 3 million
 - c 400,000
- 5 Marcus Rashford ...
 - a can understand sign language.
 - b studies at university.
 - c writes for a magazine.

- 5  5.12 Study and listen to the Vocabulary box. Then look at the sentences and decide if each underlined word is a verb, a noun for an action or a noun for a person.


VOCABULARY Word building

Verb	Noun (action)	Noun (person)
attack	attack	attacker
coach	coaching	coach
defend	defence	defender
manage	management	manager
practise	practice	—
score	score	scorer
support	support	supporter
train	training	trainer


- 1 He scored two goals in his first match. *verb*
- 2 The supporters want their team to attack more.
- 3 There's no football practice today because of the snow.
- 4 Our new coach makes us train very hard.
- 5 They lost 5-0, so their manager wasn't happy with the defence.

- 6 Complete the table.

Verb	Noun (action)	Noun (person)
kick	¹ (...)	—
play	—	² (...)
present	—	³ (...)
race	⁴ (...)	—
win	⁵ (...)	⁶ (...)

- 7  5.13 Complete the text with the correct form of words from Exercises 5 and 6. The first letter of each word is given. Listen and check.

5-0! That's a great ¹ **w**in, isn't it? I'm not surprised our ² **s**(...) are singing. I'm delighted with the ³ **p**(...). I always tell them that ⁴ **p**(...) makes perfect, and I've got to say they've been great in ⁵ **t**(...) all week. Our ⁶ **d**(...) didn't have much to do today because our ⁷ **a**(...) were so good. They ⁸ **s**(...) some great goals. I'm so lucky to be their ⁹ **m**(...)!

- 8  Imagine that you are going to vote for the Sports Personality of the Year. In groups of four, decide on three people. Share your ideas with the class, defending your choices. Then vote to decide.