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 **Handout 31b: Exemplar explanation text for English: *Why is David Beckham so famous?***

There are thousands of famous footballers, so why is it that David Beckham is probably the most famous football player in the whole wide world?

First, he’s a genius at free kicks. But why is he so good? The answer has to be, practise, practise, practise. That is why he played for England not once, not twice, but over a 100 times. Moreover, that is why he’s scored not once, not twice, but over a 100 times. His most famous goal, in the dying seconds of the match, qualified England for the 2002 World Cup.

However, he’s not always been the hero. In the 1998 World Cup, David Beckham kicked out at an Argentinean player, and was given a red card – the longest 60 seconds of his life.

But, of course, he’s not just famous for kicking a ball. Not only has he got the physique of a Greek God, but he’s also married to fashion icon Victoria Beckham, otherwise known as Posh Spice.

So, there you have it. If you look like a Greek God, have the dedication to practise, practise, practise, and marry a pop star, you too could be the most famous football player in the whole wide world.