

Worksheet 1: Pre-reading task

They are afraid that ...

- Jess will not become a proper Indian housewife (plays football but does not know how to cook Indian meals).
- she might be touched by half-naked boys and shows her ugly scar.
- no Indian man will be interested in her; she will not be accepted as daughter-in-law.
- the Bhamra family's neighbours could talk about them,
- she is too much influenced by the western way of life and they cannot control their daughter any more.

Worksheet 2: What do we get to know about ... (chapter 1)

Jess: an Indian girl living in London, crazy about football (daydreams about being a star player in David Beckham's team, watches Beckham's corner on TV, talks to a David Beckham poster, plays football with the boys in the park). Her mother and her sister's wedding get on her nerves. Nobody understands her. Her father wants her to become a solicitor, Jess is waiting for her A-level results.

her room: a big David Beckham poster above her bed, a Manchester United Number 7 shirt on the wall, a TV set. It is the place where she daydreams and chills out.

Jess's mother does not want Jess to play football but to learn how to cook Indian meals and to help with Pinky's engagement party. Thinks her two daughters are too spoiled.

Pinky: Jess's sister is interested in clothes and make-up, loves to go shopping, is going crazy because of her engagement party the next day, furious because her fiancé's sister is going to wear a baby-pink dress like herself, goes shopping to buy a new dress.

Their three cousins: Monica, Bubbly and Meena are stupid but attractive. Jess calls them "bubble-headed bimbos". They envy Pinky for getting married.

Tony: Jess's mate, plays football with her and other boys in the park, goes shopping with his mother but is embarrassed when being caught carrying big bags, has just done his A-levels like Jess.

4. ...an Indian vegetarian dish.
5. ...her parents do not want her to play football and think that she has got a summer job at HMV.

Worksheet 3: Quiz and vocabulary work (chapter 2)

1b (p. 15, l. 18), 2a (p. 16, l. 2), 3c (p. 16, l. 27f), 4c (p. 18, l. 2), 5a (p. 19, l. 11)

Semantic field "fashion and looks": to wear baby pink, matching accessories, denim jacket, skimpy top, tight-fitting, sprayed-on jeans, sunglasses, sweatpants, to be a shopper from hell, suit, strappy tops, tight jeans, dyed hair with streaky highlights, to wear contacts, lace, lycra outfit, a scarf wrapped round her head, cardi, lilac and cerise, more brawn than brains, to be tarted up, to be completely overdressed, trackies, gorgeous, six-pack, tall, thin, with blonde hair, trackie top and shorts, pretty, to swap shirts, slim, lean, powerfully-built, good-looking, to unzip, to wear a strip, to blush.

Semantic field "football": crowd, to be on edge, goal, breathless, to break through, to urge the players on, to make ground, to be a superb header, to score, to go wild, to plant the ball just out of reach past the goalkeeper, to make a name for oneself, there's no denying the talent, to be quick-thinking, comfortable on the ball, to have awareness and vision, to have not reached one's peak yet, football pitch, to sidestep s.o. easily, to head for the goal, to spot s.o. from the corner of s.o.'s eyes, to stop the ball, to do a double-step over the ball, to wrong-foot s.o., to slide in, to take s.o.' ankles from underneath him, free kick, to chest the ball, to flick the ball into the air, to swap shirts at the end of a match, football side, athletes, corner flags, changing rooms, stands for the crowd, to do some serious training, coach, to practise ball control, to bang the ball into the net, to rush, football boots, to warm up, to dribble, defenders, to pass to s.o., to be out of breath.

Worksheet 4: Creative Writing (chapter 3)

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Worksheet 5: "Vocabulary Walkabout"

Worksheet 6: Complete the sentences (chapter 4)

1. ... to have a summer job at HMV, a music and video shop in central London
2. ... She flirts with him and fancies him.
3. ... is nervous but cannot wait to get out on to the pitch. She scores for the first time in a proper match.
6. ... Pinky was supposed to pick her up at HMV and should have come home together with her.
7. ... Pinky will tell her mother the truth about Jess's "summer job" and that she is going to be in big trouble.