

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1 - Richard does these things in the video. Put them in the right order.

- He asks for some business advice.
- He interviews a multi-millionaire.
- He talks to some young entrepreneurs.
- He tries to get someone to invest in his idea.
- He uses an exercise machine.
- He visits a creative studio.
- He visits a health club.
- He walks down Yarm High Street.

Comprehension Task 2 - Put the phrases in the right group - Jess and Emily, Duncan, or neither/information not given.

- Duncan
 - Jess and Emily
 - Neither/information not given
- find(s) the success hard to believe
 - got a lot of good advice
 - had a big change of direction in life
 - have/has appeared on television
 - have/has plans to expand the business
 - left school with no qualifications
 - say(s) that hard work is important
 - say(s) that innovation is important
 - started the business as a hobby

Language Task 1 - Match the two parts to make sentences from the video.

- finish working in a bakery and go to the car auction.
- of a TV celebrity.
- stopping these young entrepreneurs.
- to set up a business, what advice would you give me?
- up in Great Britain.
- using the facilities, could I?
- yourself to realise how well we're doing

- There's no
- Sometimes you have to pinch
- Some companies come from abroad to set
- Duncan has also become something
- I would
- If I was
- I couldn't leave without

Language Task 2 Choose the meaning of the words and phrases in the sentences.

- There are some amazing small businesses popping up all over Great Britain.

In this sentence, 'popping up' means:

- exploding
- growing very fast
- suddenly appearing

2. Two sisters are really making their mark on the worldwide fashion industry.

In this sentence, 'making their mark' means:

- a) aiming for the top
- b) becoming noticed
- c) starting their own label

3. Today, this vintage-inspired brand is worn by celebrities and trend-setters, and sold around the world.

In this sentence, 'vintage' means:

- a) from a previous era, retro
- b) high quality, special
- c) top end designer fashion

4. Today, this vintage-inspired brand is worn by celebrities and trendsetters, and sold around the world.

In this sentence, 'trendsetters' are:

- a) people who follow fashion, fans
- b) people who start new fashions, taste-makers
- c) well-known designers

5. The entire empire of the entrepreneur was built through sheer hard work.

In this sentence 'sheer', means:

- a) extremely, very
- b) nothing but, pure
- c) over a long time period

6. I would buy an old car, do it up and sell it for a profit.

In this sentence 'do it up' means:

- a) advertise it
- b) increase the price
- c) repair and clean it

7. Richard: You haven't heard the idea yet so...

Duncan: I know. I'm out.

Richard: That's a little harsh.

In this sentence 'harsh' means:

- a) rude, impolite
- b) severe, too strong
- c) without thinking, careless

8. I'm ready to take on the world.

In this sentence 'take on' means:

- a) challenge, compete with
- b) make a profit from, exploit
- c) take control of

Comprehension Task 1: 1. c; d; g; 2. a; b; i; 3. e; f; h
Language Task 1: 1. c; 2. g; 3. e; 4. b; 5. a; 6. d; 7. f;

Comprehension Task 2: 1. h; 2. f; 3. c; 4. g; 5. b; 6. a; 7. d; 8. e;
Language Task 2: 1. c; 2. b; 3. a; 4. b; 5. b; 6. c; 7. b; 8. a