

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.

- a) He asks for some business advice.
- b) He interviews a multi-millionaire.
- c) He talks to some young entrepreneurs.
- d) He tries to get someone to invest in his idea.
- e) He uses an exercise machine.
- f) He visits a creative studio.
- g) He visits a health club.
- h) 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.

1. Duncan
2. Jess and Emily
3. Neither/information not given

- a) find(s) the success hard to believe
- b) got a lot of good advice
- c) had a big change of direction in life
- d) have/has appeared on television
- e) have/has plans to expand the business
- f) left school with no qualifications
- g) say(s) that hard work is important
- h) say(s) that innovation is important
- i) started the business as a hobby

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

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

1. There's no
2. Sometimes you have to pinch
3. Some companies come from abroad to set
4. Duncan has also become something
5. I would
6. If I was
7. I couldn't leave without

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

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

In this sentence, 'popping up' means:

- a) exploding
- b) growing very fast
- c) 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