

Cutting Edge Advanced Worksheet

Module 6

1. Match the beginnings and endings of the following idioms.

break	/	your hand at something
dream your		bust
go		even
be		headlines
be in the		it rich
make		life away
(be) over		red
score		in the hot seat
strike		the moon
try		a hat-trick

2. Read the article below quickly and put the paragraphs into the correct order.

a) His love life also 1) _____, none more so then when he wed former model Joy Maliek. She encouraged him to 2) _____ business and together they launched the fashion chain 'Footsie'. It was not the success they hoped for and whilst 3) _____ in the first year, sales plummeted and the company 4) _____ two years later.

b) Webber trained hard, often missing school for extra practice sessions. The hard work paid off and, at eighteen, he was offered a contract with his home team Middlesbrough. "It was the happiest moment of my life; I was 5) _____", remembers Webber. He soon became Captain and 6) _____ in the game that won them the Championship.

c) David Webber is now a household name. But in his own home, growing up, becoming a famous footballer was just a dream. His mother wanted him to go to university and stop 7) _____. His father wanted him to follow his dreams and believed his son would one day be successful.

d) Not a man to be kept down, however, he spent his last #100 at the casino and 8) _____. A millionaire for the second time, "and a much wiser man" he adds, he bought his beloved Middlesbrough and is now nursing them back to the top.

e) The failed venture took its toll on their marriage and bouts of depression finally caused him to retire from the game. Investments made whilst trading as 'Footsie' were found to be illegal and Webber was 9) _____. He continues to protest his innocence. Guilty or not, his previously healthy bank balance was now 10) _____.

3. Read the article again and use the idioms form Exercise 1 to complete the gaps. You may have to change the form of some of the idioms.



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Key

1.
dream your life away
go bust
be in the hot seat
be in the red/headlines
make headlines
(be) over the moon
score a hat-trick
strike it rich
try your hand at something

2.
1 c)
2 b)
3 a)
4 e)
5 d)

3.
1) made headlines
2) try his hand at
3) breaking even
4) went bust
5) over the moon
6) scored a hat-trick
7) dreaming his life away
8) struck it rich
9) in the hot seat
10) in the red

