

Podcast 22 / 2008-9 Worksheet

Beckham, AC Milan and Tattoos

(January 11 2009)

Background information

This week's podcast is about David Beckham, perhaps one of the most famous football players in the world. Not only is he a star on the pitch, but he is also often featured in gossip and fashion magazines.

A. Listening - Vocabulary

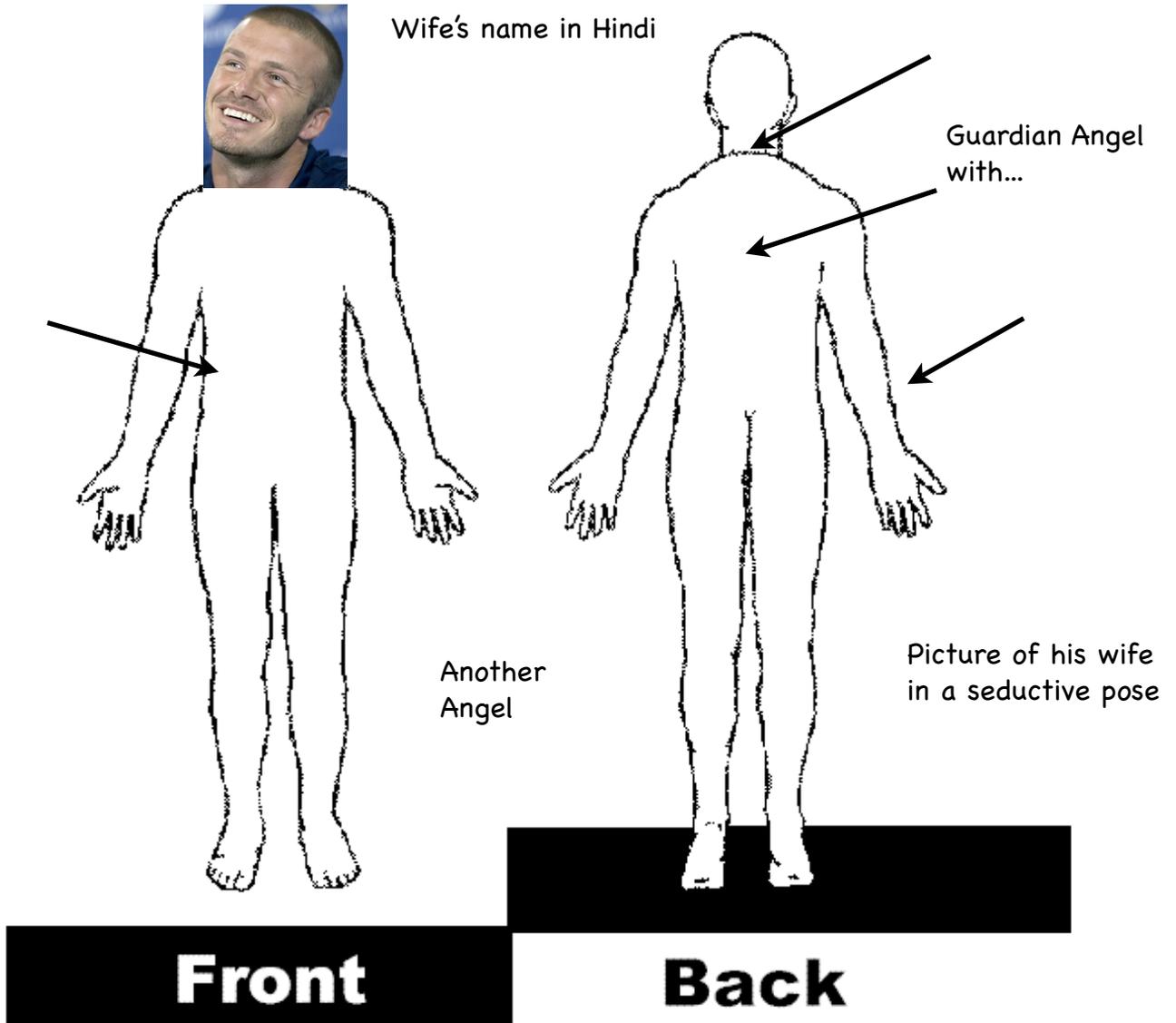
Listen to the whole report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word or phrase. Then, write the meaning of the word or phrase. (Each line = 1 word)

1. He's now with AC Milan, the Italian _____, set to make a competitive debut against Roma this weekend.
2. In fact, it's true to say that David is an _____ collector, but not of clubs. of tattoos.
3. A _____ on his back along with the names of his three sons, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz.
4. Apparently it is 'spelt' wrongly, but as languagecaster has no _____ in Hindi we can't confirm this.
5. "Let them hate me as long as they _____ me".
6. Chinese characters on the side of his _____ reading, ...

B. Listening for understanding

Listen to the whole report again. Label the diagram with the tattoos mentioned.

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1. He's now with AC Milan, the Italian **footballing giants**, set to make a competitive debut against Roma this weekend.

Famous football team with a lot of history

2. In fact, it's true to say that David is an **avid** collector, but not of clubs. of tattoos.

dedicated, serious, enthusiastic

3. A **guardian angel** on his back along with the names of his three sons, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz.

an angel that protects you

4. Apparently it is 'spelt' wrongly, but as languagecaster has no **experts** in Hindi we can't confirm this.

specialist, someone with experience

5. "Let them hate me as long as they **fear** me".

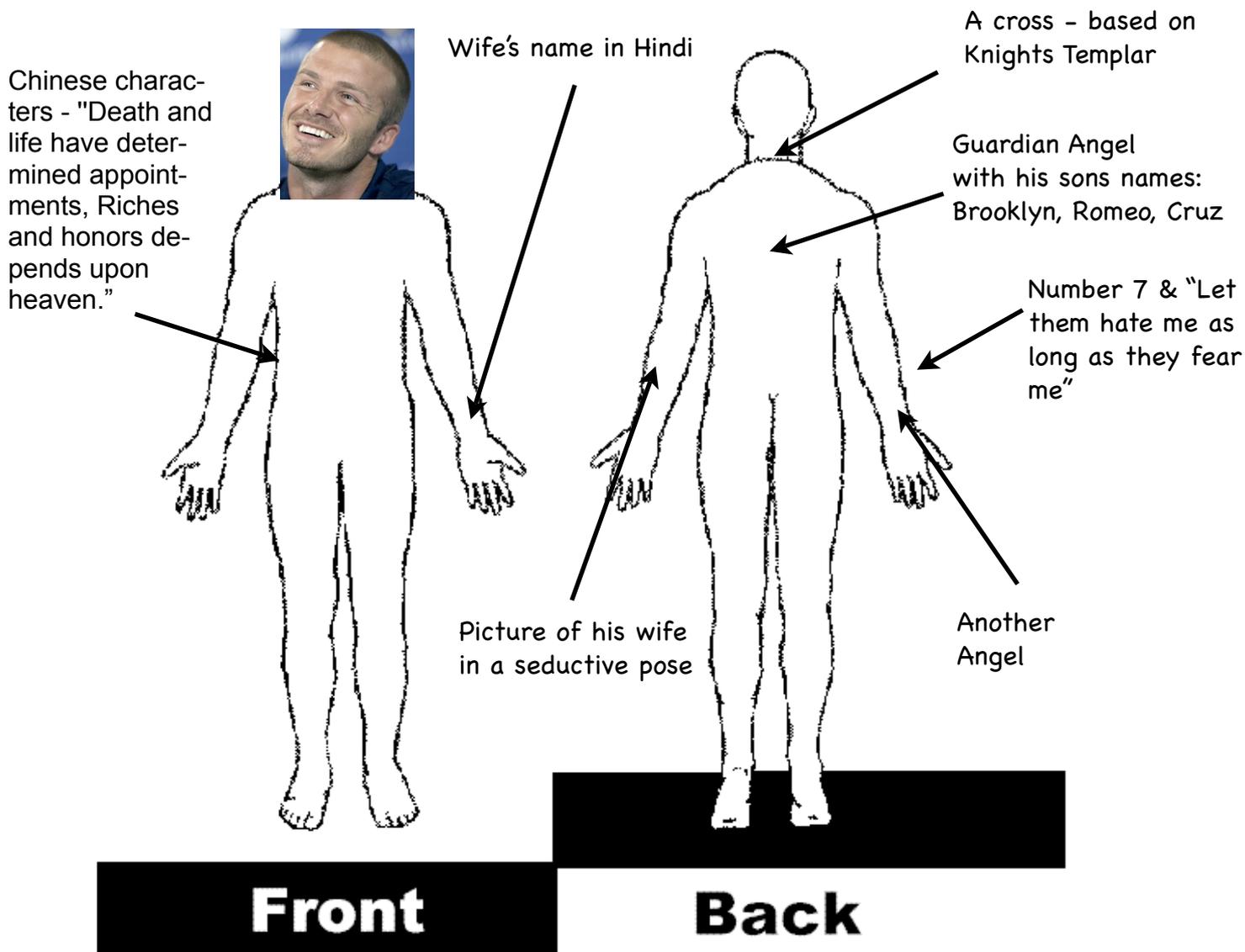
are scared of, are frightened of

6. Chinese characters on the side of his **abdomen** reading, ...

body

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David Beckham is back in the news, of course he is! He's never far from the front or back pages. He's now with AC Milan, the Italian footballing giants, set to make a competitive debut against Roma this weekend. Manchester United, Real Madrid, LA Galaxy, AC Milan... it sounds like he's collecting club names across the world.

In fact, it's true to say that David is an avid collector, but not of clubs. of tattoos. He shares this passion with many other footballers: Maradona, Patrick Vieri, Guti, Wayne Rooney to name a few. This is what he had to say about his collection of body art.

The tattoos... "are all about the people in my life, my wife and sons, who I want with me always. When you see me, you see the tattoos. You see an expression of how I feel about Victoria and the boys. They're part of me."

So what has he actually got? Here's a shortened list.

A guardian angel on his back along with the names of his three sons, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz.

His wife's name in Hindi on the inside of his left forearm. Apparently it is 'spelt' wrongly, but as languagecaster has no experts in Hindi we can't confirm this.

The cross on the back of his neck was inspired by his admiration of the Knights Templar.

Another angel on his right forearm, the number seven (his shirt number) and the words "Let them hate me as long as they fear me".

Left forearm - His wife Victoria in a 'seductive' pose.

Chinese characters on the side of his abdomen reading, "Death and life have determined appointments, Riches and honors depends upon heaven.'