



"Bend it like Beckham"

When dreams come true...

- 1) In the Bhamra's living room, Tony says that he and Jess would like to get engaged¹. He asks for her parents' blessing², which they are glad to give. What is his only condition³?

Jess can go to college first -
anywhere that she wants.

- 2) Jess tells her parents that Tony is lying and that they are not going to get married⁴. Why does she do that?

She doesn't want to lie to them anymore. She says that she felt great when her father allowed her to go to the match because it meant that she didn't have to do it behind her parents' backs.

- 3) Why is Mrs Bhamra angry with Mr Bhamra?

He allowed Jess to leave her sister's wedding for the match. Now Mrs B. blames him for Jess's wish to go to America.

- 4) Mr Bhamra explains why he wants to support Jess and help her to make her dreams come true:

"I don't want Jessie to suffer⁵. I don't want her to make the same mistakes her father made, of accepting life, accepting situations. I want her to fight. And I want her to win, because I've seen her playing. She's brilliant. I don't think anybody has the right of stopping her. Two daughters made happy in one day - what else can a father ask for?"

- 5) On the football field, Jess tells Joe that her parents allowed her to go to America. They embrace⁶ and he tries to kiss her. Why does she not want him to do that?

She thinks it will be too much for her parents if she does not only go to America but also starts a relationship with a non-Indian boy.



- 6) On the day of the girls' departure⁷, Jess and Jules are at the airport together with their parents and Tony. Joe comes, too. What do he and Jess talk about?

Joe has been offered the job of coaching the men's side but has said no. He wants to go on coaching the girls. They want to turn pro. He still wants to become Jess's boyfriend, despite the distance, her parents' concerns.

- 7) The university Jess and Jules go to in America is called Santa Clara. Both girls have a full scholarship, which means their parents have to pay nothing, and they also have the chance to play football professionally in the university's team.

¹to get engaged to sb: sich mit jemandem verloben; noun: **engagement**; ²blessing: Segen; verb: **to bless**; adjective: **blessed (with sth)**; ³condition: Bedingung; ⁴to get married (to sb): jdn. heiraten, synonym: **to marry**; please note: the noun **marriage** means "Ehe", whereas **wedding** means "Hochzeit"; ⁵to suffer: leiden; ⁶to embrace: umarmen; noun: **embrace**; ⁷departure: Abreise, Abfahrt, Abflug, verb: to depart (from....to...); antonym: **arrival**

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