

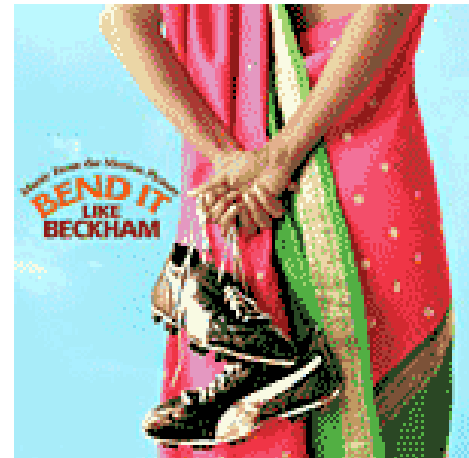
Of East Indian origin of the Sikh faith, the Bhamra family have been settled in Great Britain for several years. They have two daughters, Pinky and Jessminder. While Pinky is in the process of getting married, Jessminder is preparing to play football - which is not acceptable to her parents. But Jessminder knows she is good at the sport, and she does receive considerable encouragement. Her parents are clearly uncomfortable with their daughter running around in shorts, chasing a big ball, instead of being clad in a traditional salwar kameez, and learning to cook East Indian recipes. Jessminder must now decide what's important for her. To make matters worse, a football tournament is arranged on the very day of her sister's marriage. Will Jessminder be able to play, or will her dreams be shattered?

1. Why does Mrs. Bhamra oppose football in principle?
2. When they're out shopping, why do Jess and Pinky greet the lady in the street in a special way?
3. What traditional Indian decoration does Mr. Bhamra put up for the engagement party?
4. What happens during the engagement party that suddenly contrasts with the traditional dresses that all of the women are wearing?
5. Why does Jess not want to go out on the field when she returns to the pitch for a second time?
6. Several members of the Bhamra family speak and pray to a painting on the wall in the family room. To whom does Jess speak to when she's alone?
7. What is Jess' excuse to her parents so that she can continue to play football after her parents tell her not to?
8. What does Mrs. Bhamra think Jess should be doing instead of playing football?



9. Not all Indian marriages are arranged by their parents anymore, but who are Indians not allowed to marry, according to Jess? What does that leave?!
10. What does Jess buy instead of two pairs of dress shoes for her sister's wedding?
11. Mr. & Mrs. Bhamra are visited by two of their friends who have grave concerns about Jess. What is it that is so concerning?
12. What did Mr. Bhamra experience when trying to play football when he first came to England?
13. What does Coach Joe take notice of just before they head out to a club after the game in Germany?

14. What is Pinky's concern about Jess' interest in Joe?
"You can marry anyone you want, but do you _____?"



15. How would the general public react to seeing such a relationship in Canada? (Ask to see the "Mixed Marriages on the Rise" article after the movie.)
16. Juliet's mother eavesdrops on a conversation.... what does she think is going on?
17. How does Jess respond to her friend's declaration that he *really* likes Beckham?
18. Why did Jess react so violently during a game that cost her to get kicked out?
19. Why is the final football match so important?
20. What does the scout offer Juliet and Jess?
21. What causes Juliet's Mom to have a little break down?