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The IT Crowd – Greatest man in the world

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=197ia627oYw

Description: This is a clip from the British TV series The IT Crowd. The show is mainly about the IT department in a large, multi-million-pound company in London. This clip features the CEO of the company praising himself on his own success.

Formulaic expressions:

- Arise from to originate, to come into being
- In (one's) possession a way of expressing that someone has or owns something
- Business empire a collocation meaning that a business is very well-established and highly successful
- The like(s) of which an expression to mean to emphasise that something is notable in some way; like nothing that has ever existed before
- To (something) An expression used when toasting with alcohol to convey appreciation and good wishes toward something

Quiz:

Fill the gaps with formulaic expressions from the video.

- 1. Many environmental problems can _____ pollution.
- 2. I need to pay £3,000 but I only have £2,500 _____.
- 3. Let's have a toast to honour the newly married couple. ____ your new life together!
- 4. It's impressive that he was able to build a successful _____ even though he grew up in poverty.
- 5. There is an incredible new art exhibit at the museum, _____ have never been seen before.



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Answer key:

| Question | Answer |
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| Many environmental problems can pollution. | Arise from |
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| Let's have a toast to honour the newly married couple your new life together! | То |
| It's impressive that he was able to build a successful even though he grew up in poverty. | Business empire |
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