



# The best world soccer player : Lionel Messi

Lionel Messi is a \_\_\_\_\_ player. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_ on 24 June 1987. He is 25 years old. At present \_\_\_\_\_ plays for the Liga team Barcelona in \_\_\_\_\_ and the Argentine National team. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ football player in the world. Lionel has got two \_\_\_\_\_ and one sister. He won the Golden Ball several times and the Golden \_\_\_\_\_. Lionel Messi started playing football at a young age and his potential was quickly identified by Barcelona. He left Rosario-based Newell's Old Boys's youth team in 2000 and moved with his family to Europe, as Barcelona offered treatment for his growth \_\_\_\_\_ deficiency. Making his debut in the 2004-05 season, he broke the La Liga record for the youngest footballer to play a league game, and also the youngest to score a league \_\_\_\_\_. In 2008, in Beijing, he won his first international honour, an Olympic gold medal, with the Argentine Olympic football team. He is featured on the front cover of the \_\_\_\_\_ Pro Evolution Soccer 2009. Lionel Messi was announced as a goodwill \_\_\_\_\_ for UNICEF on 12 March 2010.

## 1 Read and write.

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## 2 Answer the questions.

- a-How old is he? \_\_\_\_\_
- b-Where was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
- c-How many brothers and sisters has he got? \_\_\_\_\_
- d-Where does he live? \_\_\_\_\_
- e-What has he won? \_\_\_\_\_
- f-Does he appear in a video game? \_\_\_\_\_
- g-Is he the ambassador for UNICEF? \_\_\_\_\_
- h-Does he play for the Argentine team? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 True or false.

- 1-He was born in Spain. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-Lionel Messi plays for Barcelona team. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-He has got three sisters. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-He didn't win the Golden Ball. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-His Argentine team won the Olympic medal. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-He is the best world football player. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-He is 30 years old. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-He had hormone problems. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-He played for Boca Juniors team. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-He plays tennis. \_\_\_\_\_



## 4 Who is your favourite football player? Describe him.

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