

Lionel Messi: Amazing Facts About the Soccer Legend

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1. When and where was Lionel Messi born?

- A) June 24, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina
- B) July 4, 1987, in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- C) June 24, 1987, in Santa Fe, Argentina
- D) July 4, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina

2. Who was Messi's first coach?

- A) His father, Jorge Messi
- B) His grandmother, Celia
- C) A coach at Grandoli
- D) A coach at Newell's Old Boys

3. Who was Messi's first major influence as a player?

- A) His father
- B) His grandmother, Celia
- C) Pablo Aimar
- D) Cristiano Ronaldo

4. At what age was Messi diagnosed with a growth hormone deficiency?

- A) Four
- B) Seven
- C) Ten
- D) Twelve

5. How many goals did Messi score for FC Barcelona?

- A) 672
- B) 500
- C) 91
- D) 400

6. In what year did Messi score 91 goals in a calendar year, breaking Gerd Müller's record?

- A) 1972
- B) 2000
- C) 2012
- D) 2022

7. How many goals did Messi score against Real Madrid during his FC Barcelona career?

- A) 26
- B) 10
- C) 91
- D) 672

8. Why did Messi leave FC Barcelona in 2021?

- A) He wanted a new challenge
- B) Severe financial troubles at the club
- C) He was transferred
- D) To play with Sergio Agüero

9. Who is Messi's most frequent teammate?

- A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- B) Sergio Agüero
- C) Sergio Busquets
- D) Lionel Richie

10. Who is Messi married to?

- A) His childhood friend, Antonela Rocuzzo
- B) His mother
- C) His sister
- D) A famous actress

11. What are the names of Messi's three children?

- A) Thiago, Mateo, and Ciro
- B) Lionel Jr., Jorge, and Mateo
- C) Benjamin, Thiago, and Ciro
- D) Mateo, Thiago, and Benjamin

12. Messi is the godfather to whose son?

- A) Sergio Busquets' son
- B) His own son
- C) Sergio Agüero's son
- D) Lionel Richie's son

13. Messi has a tattoo dedicated to his wife's what?

- A) Smile
- B) Eyes
- C) Hands
- D) Hair

14. How much money has Messi earned throughout his career, well over?

- A) \$1.15 billion
- B) \$100 million
- C) \$500 million
- D) \$5 billion

15. On what was Messi's first FC Barcelona contract signed?

- A) A piece of paper
- B) A napkin
- C) A contract form
- D) A menu

16. Who was Messi named after?

- A) His father
- B) His grandfather
- C) Lionel Richie
- D) Pablo Aimar

17. Who was Messi's idol growing up?

- A) Diego Maradona
- B) Pablo Aimar
- C) Cristiano Ronaldo
- D) Lionel Richie

18. On his Argentina debut, Messi was sent off for elbowing an opponent. How long after coming off the bench did this happen?

- A) 2 minutes
- B) 5 minutes
- C) 10 minutes
- D) 15 minutes

19. What achievement made Messi's Instagram post the most-liked in history?

- A) Winning his first Ballon d'Or
- B) Scoring a hat-trick
- C) Lifting the 2022 World Cup
- D) His transfer to Inter Miami

20. How many Ballon d'Or awards has Messi won?

- A) Five
- B) Six
- C) Seven
- D) Eight

21. Messi is the only player to win the World Cup Golden Ball twice. In which years did he win it?

- A) 2010 and 2014
- B) 2014 and 2018
- C) 2014 and 2022
- D) 2018 and 2022

22. With Argentina, Messi won an Olympic gold medal at which Olympic Games?

- A) 2004 Athens
- B) 2008 Beijing
- C) 2012 London
- D) 2016 Rio

23. Messi holds the record for the most assists in soccer history, with over how many?

- A) 200
- B) 300
- C) 400
- D) 500

24. How many team trophies has Messi won in his career?

- A) 36
- B) 40
- C) 46
- D) 50

25. Which of these is NOT a team trophy Messi has won?

- A) La Liga titles
- B) Champions Leagues
- C) Copa America
- D) Premier League titles

26. What was Messi's first club where he was coached by his father?

- A) Newell's Old Boys
- B) FC Barcelona
- C) Grandoli
- D) Inter Miami

27. Messi's first major influence, Celia, supported him by attending his...

- A) Birthday parties
- B) Training sessions and matches
- C) School events
- D) Family gatherings

28. Messi scored nearly 500 goals for which childhood club before moving to Barcelona?

- A) Grandoli
- B) Newell's Old Boys
- C) Argentina U-20s
- D) Real Madrid

29. What is the name of the fixture where Messi scored 26 goals against Real Madrid?

- A) The Super Clásico
- B) The Derby della Madonnina
- C) The El Clásico
- D) The Manchester Derby

30. Messi's 2022 World Cup winning photo on Instagram has received over how many likes?

- A) 50 million
- B) 60 million
- C) 74 million
- D) 80 million