

## SECTION A

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### Lionel Messi

Lionel Andrés "Leo" Messi Cuccitini who is known as Lionel Messi is one of the greatest football players in the world. He was born on(1) , in the city of Rosario, Santa Fe Province. His father, Jorge Horacio Messi, worked in a steel factory, and his mother, Celia María Cuccittini, was a part-time cleaner. Messi has two older brothers, Rodrigo and Matías, and a younger sister named María Sol.

He is an Argentine professional footballer who plays as a forward for Major League Soccer club Inter Miami CF and serves as the captain of the(2) national team. He is about(3) (5 feet 7 inches) tall and has a lean, muscular build that contributes to his agility on the field. He has light skin, short dark brown hair, and often wears a neatly groomed beard. His eyes are brown, and his facial expression is generally calm and focused, both on and off the pitch. He is also known for being kind and quiet. Many fans and young players admire him not only for his talent but also for his positive attitude.

Messi started playing football when he was a boy. At the age of(4) , he moved to(5) to join FC Barcelona. He played for the club for more than 20 years. During that time, he won many titles and broke many records. In(6) , he moved to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), and now he plays for Inter Miami in the United States. He has won many awards, including several Ballon d'Or trophies. In 2022, he helped Argentina win the World Cup — a very special moment for him and his country. Many people love him because of his amazing skills, quick movements, and humble personality. Therefore, he is widely regarded as the greatest player of all time.

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June 24, 1987

June 24, 1977

Argentina

Barcelona

England

Spain

2020

2021

