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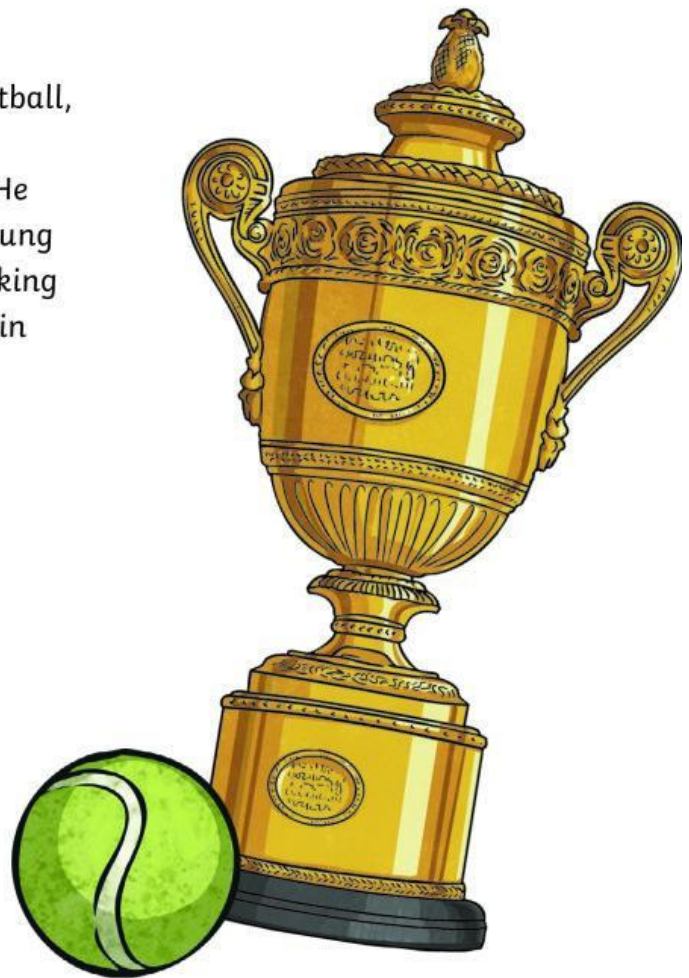
Roger Federer is a tennis player and is widely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Roger was born in Basel, in Switzerland on 8 August 1981. He has one sibling, a sister called Diana. His father, Robert was of Swiss German descent, and his mother is of South African origin. He started playing tennis at the age of 8.

## Early life

Roger also enjoyed playing other sports, such as football, squash and basketball. He was particularly good at football and he was considered a very good player. He chose to pursue tennis as his primary sport. As a young 12 year old, he worked for 2 years as a ball boy, picking up balls for famous tennis players at a tournament in his native Switzerland.

## Career Success

Roger became Switzerland's junior champion at age 14. His success continued and he turned professional in 1998. Roger won his first Grand Slam title in 2003, in Wimbledon. He has gone on to win a total of 20 grand slams, so far in his career. He has held the world number 1 record for a total of 310 weeks. 237 of those weeks were consecutive weeks.



## Personal life

Roger married his wife Mirka in 2009. She was also a good tennis player but retired in 2002 due to injuries. Together, Roger and his wife have two sets of identical twins, a set of twin boys and a set of twin girls.

Roger is a very well liked tennis player and is well known for his generosity. Roger regularly auctions the clothes, shoes and indeed tennis rackets he uses in his matches to benefit different charities.

# Roger Federer: Questions

1. Where is Roger Federer from?

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2. Where were Roger Federer's parents from?

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3. What other sports did Federer enjoy?

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4. What year did Federer win his first grand slam?

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5. How long did Federer hold the world number 1 title for?

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6. When did Roger marry his wife?

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7. What kind of person is Roger Federer?

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8. Do you think one of Roger's children will become a famous tennis player? Explain your answer.

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