SECTION A

Read the descriptive text about Lionel Messi carefully. Complete the mind map with the correct factual information from the text.

LIONEL MESSI



Lionel Andrés "Leo" Messi Cuccitini who is known as Lionel Messi is one of the greatest football players in the world. 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 Argentina national team. He was born on June 24, 1987, in the city of Rosario, Santa Fe Province. His father, Jorge Horácio 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 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. He is about 1.70 meters tall and has a lean, muscular build that contributes to his agility on the field. Therefore, Messi's movements are quick, balanced, and precise. He dribbles with the ball very close to his feet, almost as if it is glued to them, and this has become his special skill. He rarely shows excessive celebration, preferring a gentle smile or a glance to the sky after scoring.

Messi started playing football when he was a boy. At the age of 13, he moved to Spain 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 2022, he helped Argentina win the World Cup — a very special moment for him and his country. He is admired not only for his talent but also for his dedication, discipline, and respectful attitude toward others. These qualities make him not just a football legend but also an icon of sportsmanship.

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