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Lionel Messi

was



born

in



Argentina

in

1987

1987.



His



parents

were



called



Jorge

and



Celia.



Messi

was the

3rd

third

of

4

four



children.



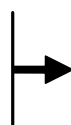
Messi



loved



playing football

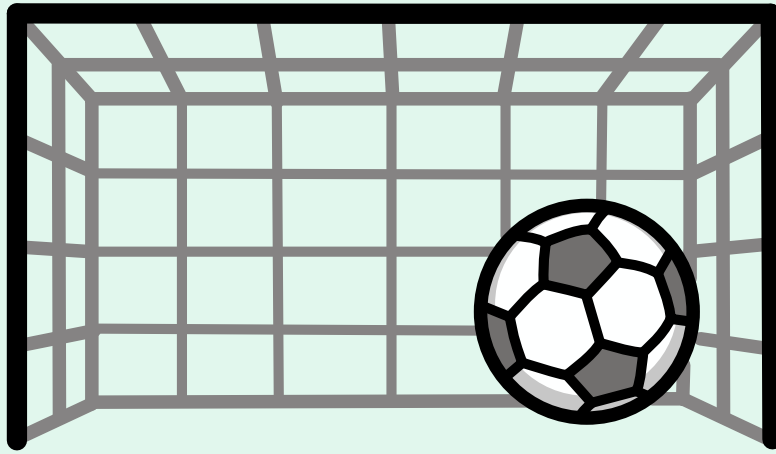


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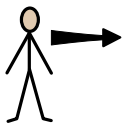
an



early age.



Messi



joined



local



club



Newell's Old Boys,



aged

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6.



He



played

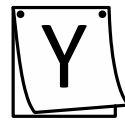
for



Newell's Old Boys

for

6



years.



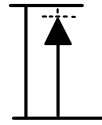
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Messi



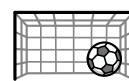
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nearly

500

500

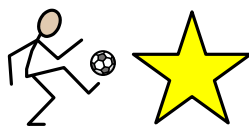


goals.



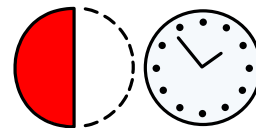
Messi

performed






ball tricks



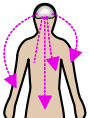
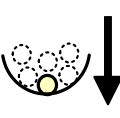
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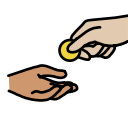








half time.

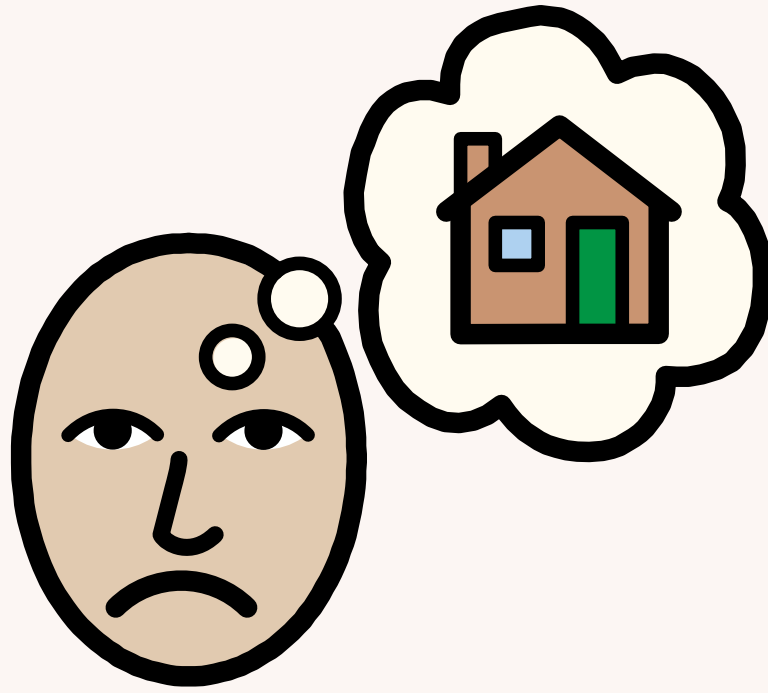



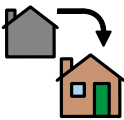


 Aged 10,  Messi was diagnosed with an illness. 

 Messi had a growth hormone deficiency.   

 Messi's parents could not afford the treatments.    

 Barcelona agreed to pay for Messi's treatments.    







2001   to  in  Spain.





In 2001 Messi moved to Barcelona in Spain.

 could only  play in  friendly games.

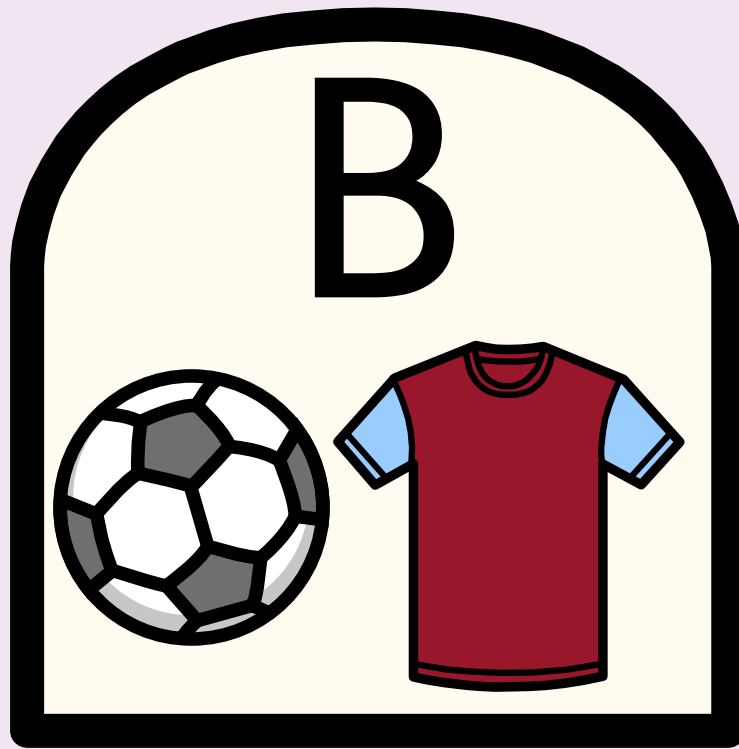
Messi could only play in friendly games.

 Aged 13,  was very  shy and  quiet.

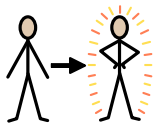
Aged 13, Messi was very shy and quiet.

 was  homesick and  missed his  family.

Messi was homesick and missed his family.



Messi



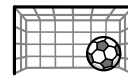
became



Barcelona's



greatest



goalscorer.



Messi



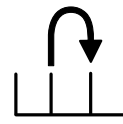
played

with



Barcelona

for the



next

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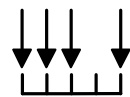
years.



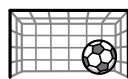
Messi



scored



many



goals

for



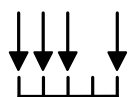
Barcelona.



Messi



won



many



trophies



playing

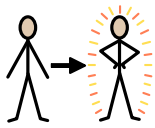
for



Barcelona.



Messi



became

1

one



world's



greatest



footballers.



Messi



has



amazing



dribbling



and



passing



skills.



Messi



is



great



at



scoring



goals.



Messi



is



great



at



taking



free kicks



and



penalties.



Messi

also has



played



internationally

for



Argentina.



Messi

has



played

175

matches



for



Argentina.



Argentina



won

an



Olympic



gold medal

in

2008

2008.

2022

In 2022



Messi



helped



Argentina



win

the



World Cup.



Messi

has



won

the



Ballon d'Or

7x

7 times.



This

is



awarded

to the



world's



best



football player.



The

Ballon d'Or

is



football's



greatest



honour.



Messi

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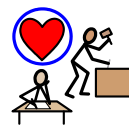
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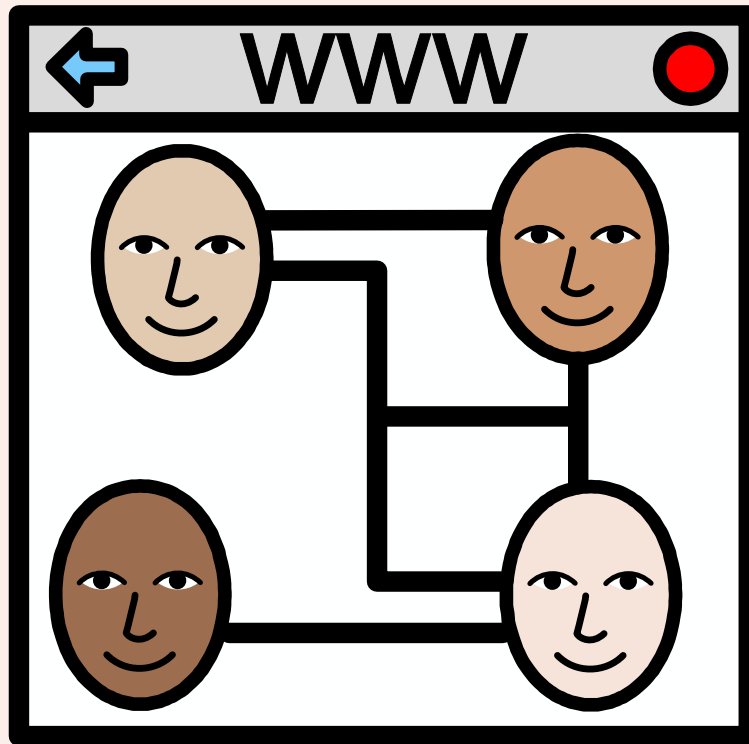
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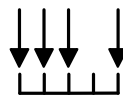
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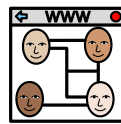
career.



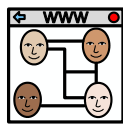
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Messi is one of the world's most popular players.

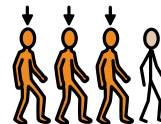


Messi is very popular on social media.



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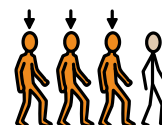
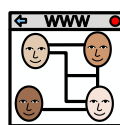


Messi's Facebook has 103 million followers.

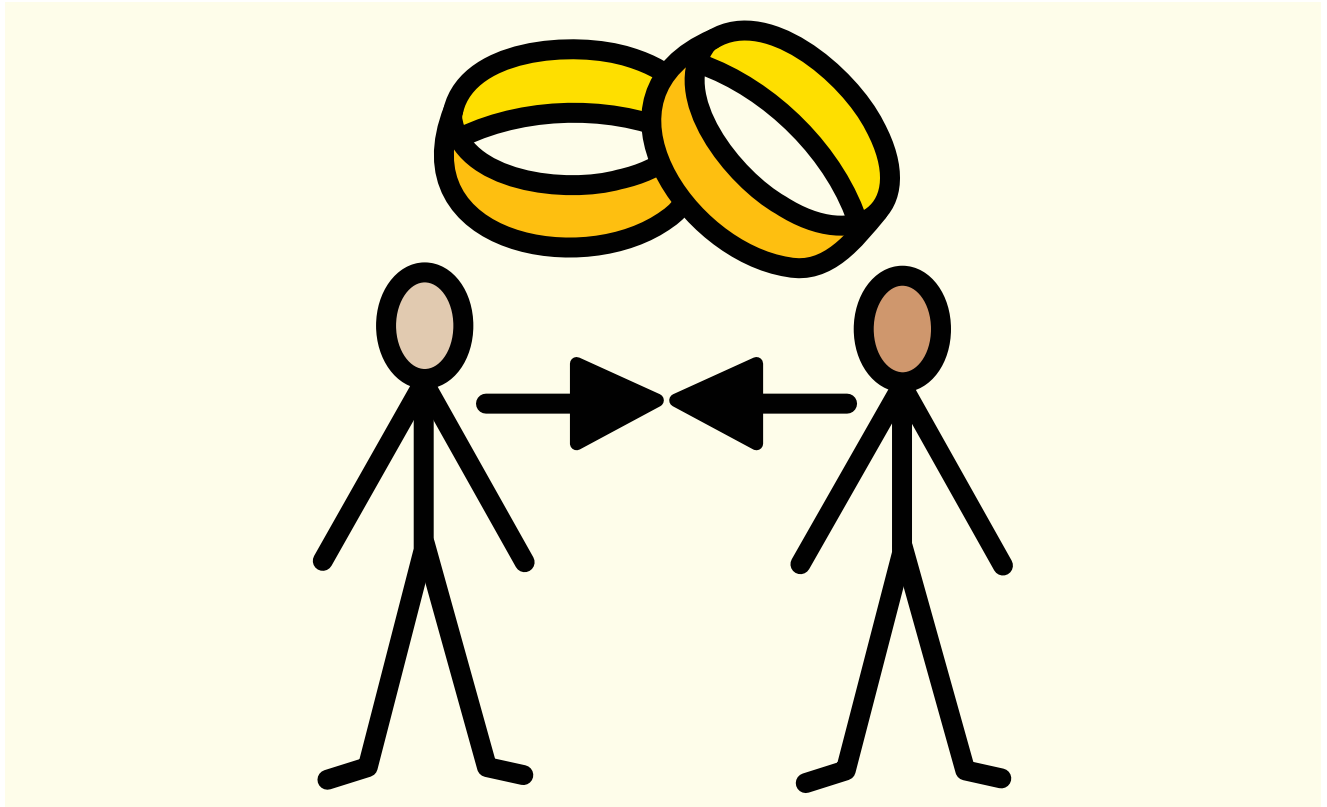


450

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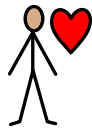
Messi has 450 million Instagram followers.



Messi's



childhood



sweetheart

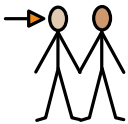
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called



Antonella.

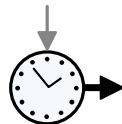


They

have been



together



since

2008

2008.



Messi

and

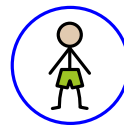


Antonella

have

3

3



sons



together.



Messi

and



Antonella

were



married

in



June

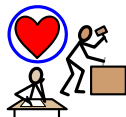
2017

2017.



Throughout

his



career



Messi

has



worked with



charities.



Messi

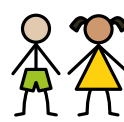
has worked to



help



vulnerable



children.



Messi

has

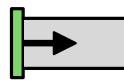


helped



UNICEF

and



started

his own



charity.



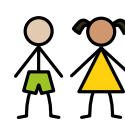
The Leo Messi Foundation



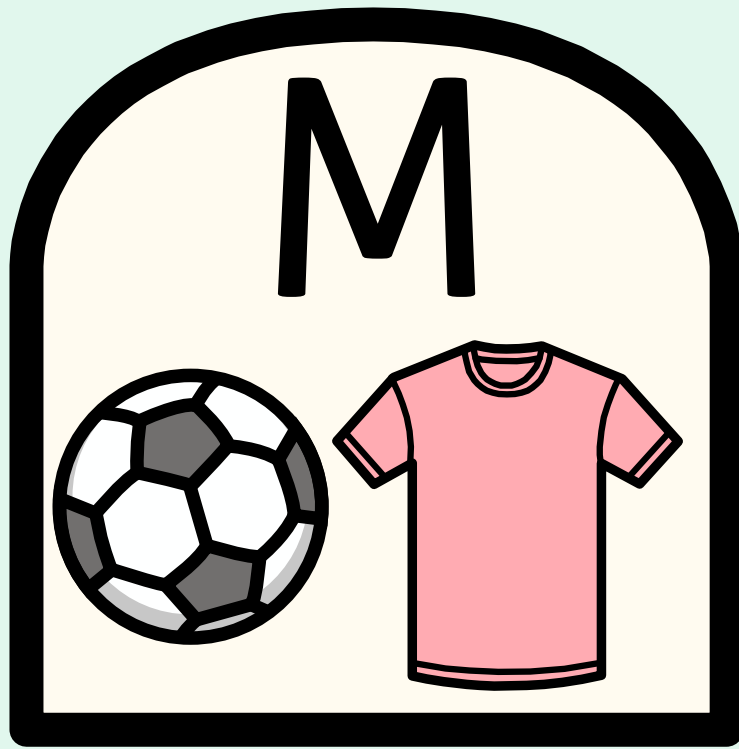
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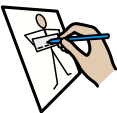

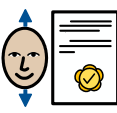

vulnerable






children.



In 2021   left  after  21 years.

 signed  a  2 year contract  with  Paris Saint-Germain.

In 2023   left  European football.

 signed  with  American  side  Inter Miami.



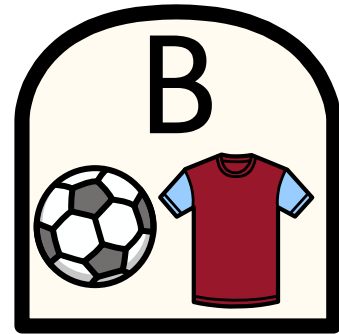
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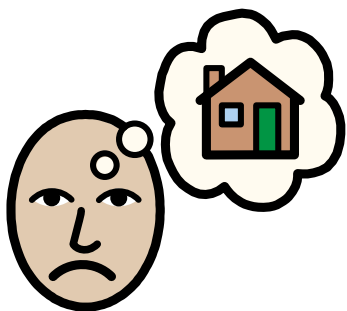
play football



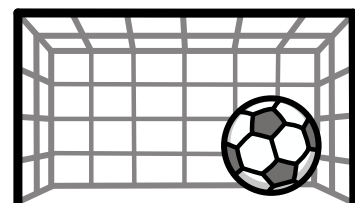
treatments



Barcelona



homesick



goals



dribbling



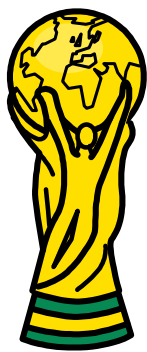
passing



penalties



Argentina



World Cup



charity