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Lionel Messi



was

born



in Argentina

1987

in 1987.



His



parents

were



called



Jorge

and



Celia.



Messi

was the

3rd

third

of

4

four



children.



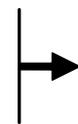
Messi



loved



playing football

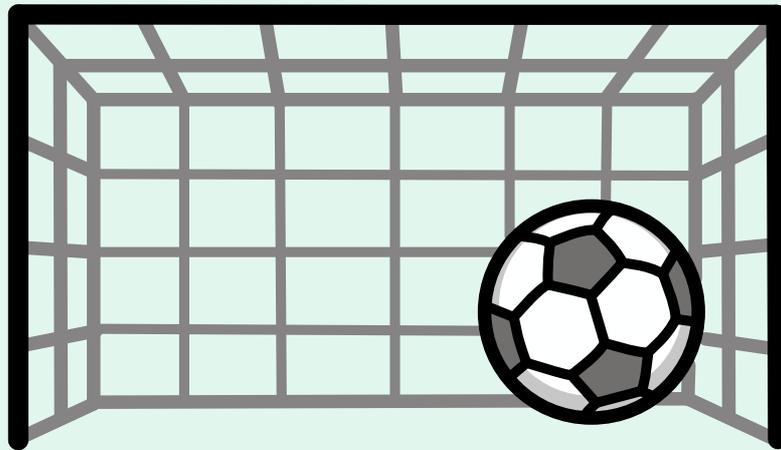


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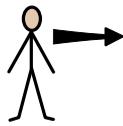
an



early age.



Messi



joined



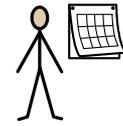
local



club



Newell's Old Boys,



aged

6

6.



He



played

for



Newell's Old Boys

for

6

6



years.



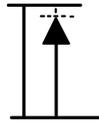
Here,



Messi



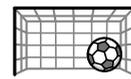
scored



nearly

500

500



goals.



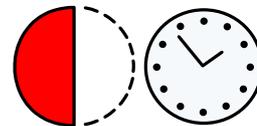
Messi

performed



ball tricks

during



half time.



Aged

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10,



Messi

was



diagnosed

with an



illness.

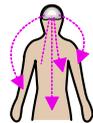


Messi

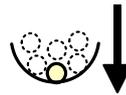
had a



growth



hormone



deficiency.



Messi's



parents



could not



afford

the



treatments.



Barcelona



agreed

to



pay

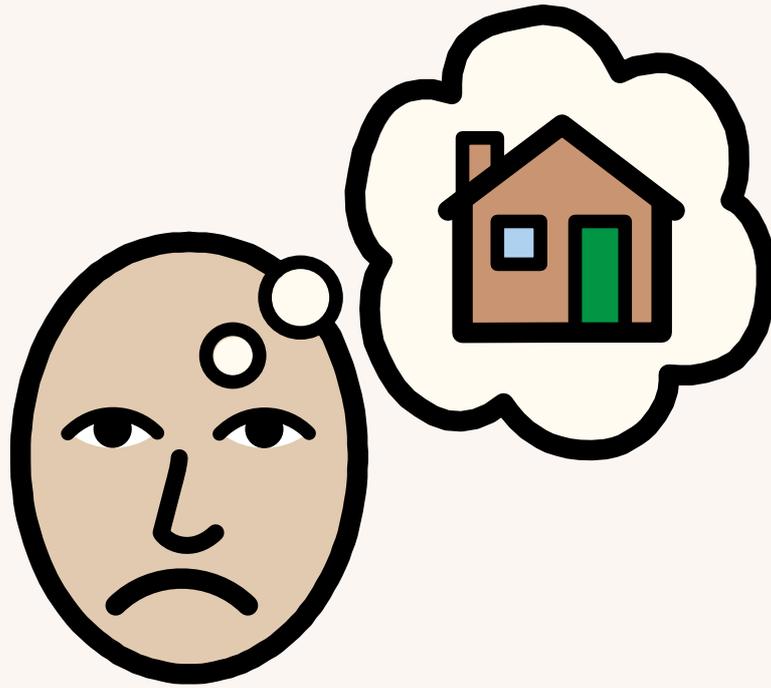
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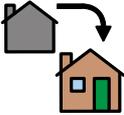


Messi's



treatments.

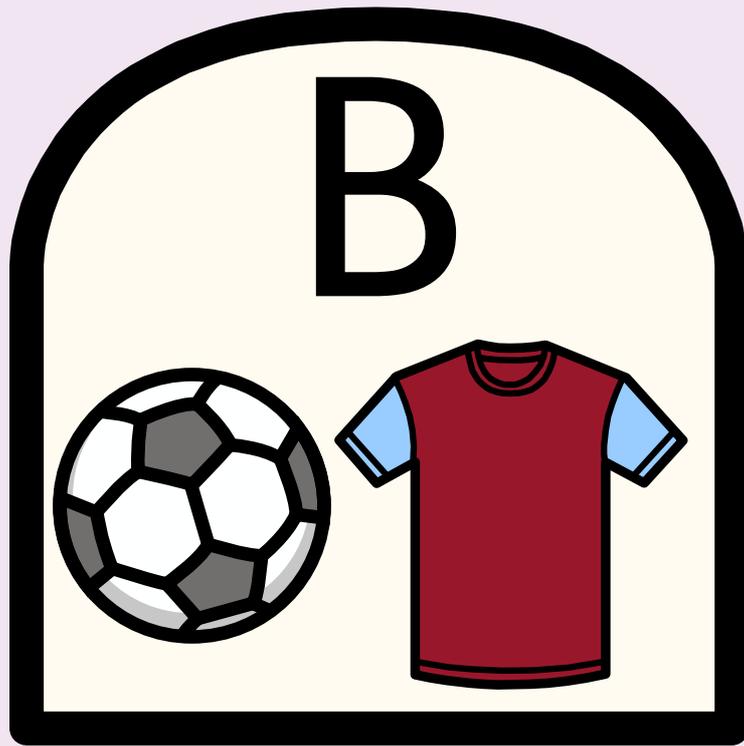


2001   to  in  Spain.

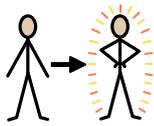
 Messi could only  play in  friendly  games.

 Aged **13**,  Messi was very  shy and  quiet.

 Messi was  homesick and  missed his  family.



Messi



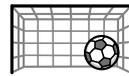
became



Barcelona's



greatest



goalscorer.



Messi



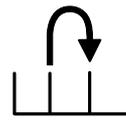
played

with



Barcelona

for the



next

21

21



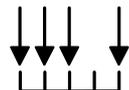
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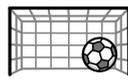
Messi



scored



many



goals

for



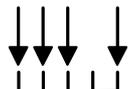
Barcelona.



Messi



won



many



trophies



playing

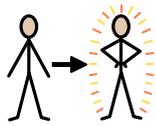
for



Barcelona.



Messi



became

1

one



world's



greatest



footballers.



Messi



has

amazing



dribbling

and



passing



skills.



Messi



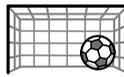
is

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

has



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billion

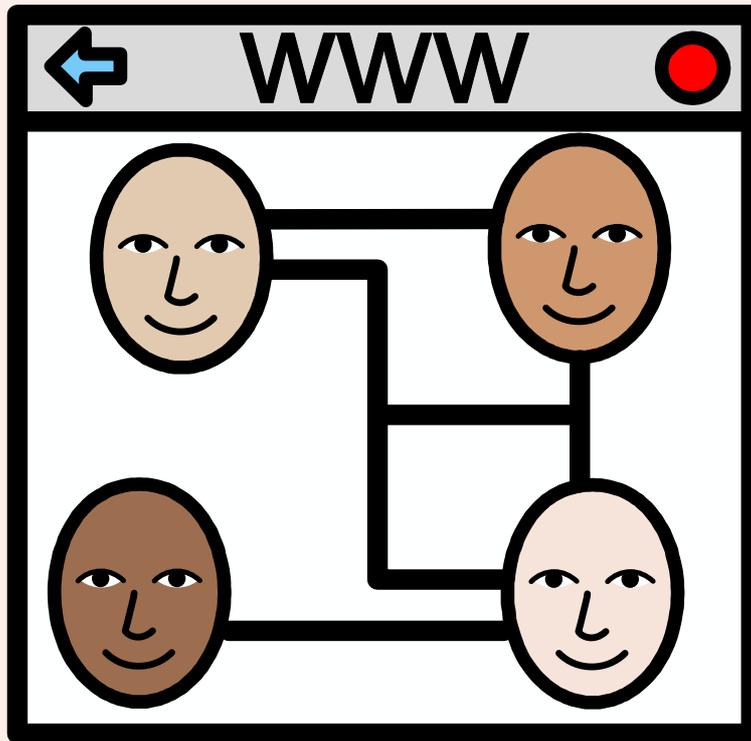
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dollars

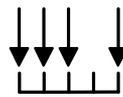
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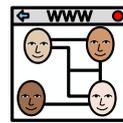
career.



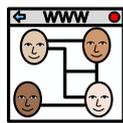
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Messi is one of the world's most popular players.

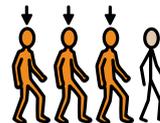


Messi is very popular on social media.



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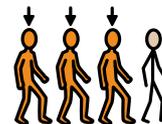
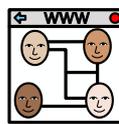


Messi's Facebook has 103 million followers.

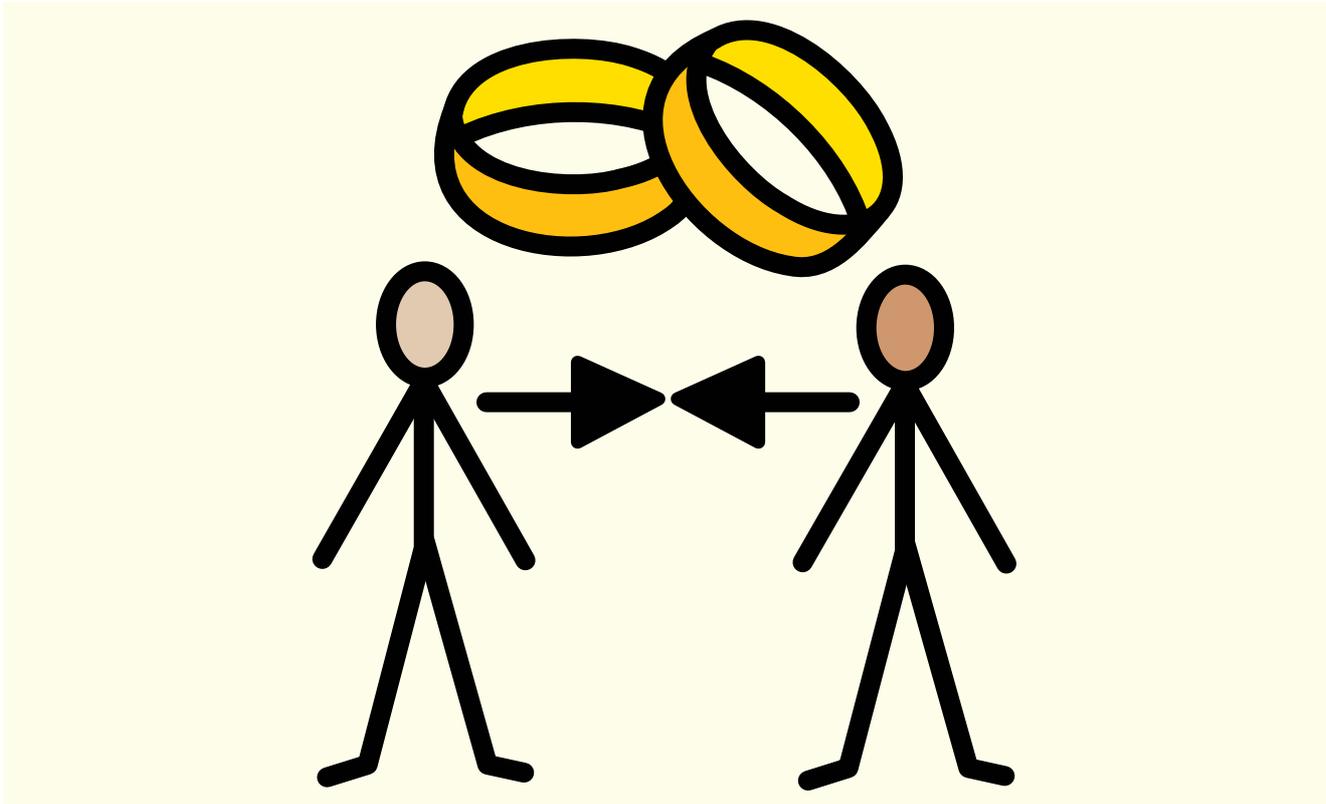


450

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Messi has 450 million Instagram followers.



Messi's



childhood



sweetheart

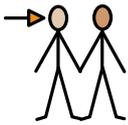
was



called



Antonella.

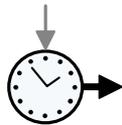


They

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

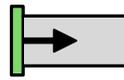


helped



UNICEF

and



started

his own



charity.



The Leo Messi Foundation



helps

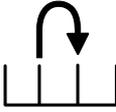


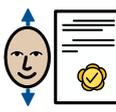
vulnerable



children.



In 2021   left  Barcelona after  21  years.

 He  signed a  2  year  contract with  Paris Saint-Germain.

In 2023   left  European  football.

 Messi  signed with  American  side  Inter Miami.



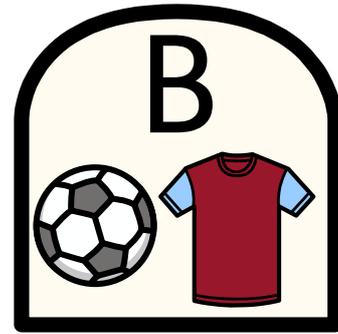
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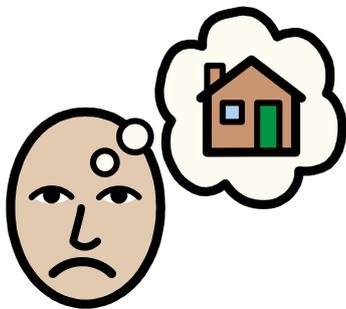
play football



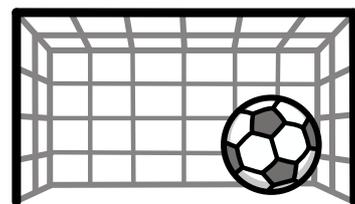
treatments



Barcelona



homesick



goals



dribbling



passing



penalties



Argentina



World Cup



charity