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Vocabulary Practice (Lionel Messi)



Read the paragraph about Lionel Messi. Then answer the questions below.

Lionel Messi's childhood was marked by a (1) relentless passion for football that would eventually (2) propel him to the pinnacle of the sport. Born on June 24, 1987, in the small Argentine town of Rosario, Messi displayed an (3) innate talent for the game from a very early age. His family recognized his (4) prodigious skills and encouraged his pursuit of the sport. Despite facing the challenges of a (5) modest upbringing, Messi's determination and dedication shone through as he (6) honed his abilities on the streets and local pitches of Rosario. His (7) diminutive stature and incredible ball control set him apart, earning him the nickname "La Pulga" (The Flea). At the tender age of 13, Messi moved to Barcelona to join the famed La Masia academy, leaving behind his homeland and family to chase his dream. His childhood experiences and (8) unwavering commitment laid the foundation for a career that would see him become one of the greatest footballers of all time.

1) Predict the meaning of "relentless."

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: What is something in your life that you are relentless about? Write 4 sentences or more.

2) Predict the meaning of “propel.”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: What role does self-confidence and a positive mindset play in propelling someone toward achieving their dreams and aspirations? Write 4 sentences or more.

3) Predict the meaning of “innate.”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: How can parents and educators nurture a child’s innate curiosity and love for learning? Write 4 sentences or more.

4) Predict the meaning of “prodigious.”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: What are some of the challenges and opportunities that come with being born with prodigious talents and abilities? Write 4 sentences or more.

5) Predict the meaning of “modest.”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: How can a modest upbringing influence a person's values and aspirations throughout their life? Write 4 sentences or more.

6) Predict the meaning of “honed”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: In the world of sports, how can athletes continuously hone their performance to reach the highest level of competition? Write 4 sentences or more.

7) Predict the meaning of “diminutive”

Write the actual definition here:

Writing Prompt: What are the advantages of having a diminutive stature in sports like gymnastics or horse racing? Write 4 sentences or more.

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