

Lionel Messi – Glossary

athletic adjective

physically strong, active, and good at sports

a tall athletic-looking man

award noun [countable]

a prize or other reward that is given to someone who has achieved something
She won the Player of the Year award.

contract noun [countable]

LEGAL a written legal agreement between two people or businesses that says what each must do for the other or give to the other

After six months she was offered a contract of employment.

deficiency noun [countable/uncountable]

a lack of something that your body needs
anaemia caused by iron deficiency

expert noun [countable]

someone who has a particular skill or who knows a lot about a particular subject
a safety/health/computer expert

fan noun [countable]

someone who likes watching or listening to something such as a sport, films, or music very much, or who admires a famous or important person very much
a crowd of noisy football fans

growth hormone noun [countable]

BIOLOGY a hormone that helps the process of growth in animal and plant cells. In animals, it is produced in the pituitary gland.

heir noun [countable]

the next person to have a particular job or to continue someone's work or ideas
the heirs to Mussolini's fascist regime

medal noun [countable]

a small flat piece of metal that you are given for winning a competition or doing something very brave

She won a silver medal in swimming.

muscular adjective

very strong and attractive, with muscles that have been developed through exercise
He was tall, blond, and muscular.

opposition, the noun [uncountable]

a person, team, business, or group that someone is competing against

The opposition scored a goal in the last seconds of the game.

physique noun [countable]

the shape of someone's body, especially a man's

a strong physique

professional adjective

playing a sport or doing an activity as a job rather than for enjoyment

a professional actor/photographer

score verb [intransitive/transitive]

to get a point in a game or sport

No one scored in the first half.

shot noun [countable]

an act of throwing, hitting, or kicking a ball, or a ball that has been thrown, hit, or kicked

They didn't manage to get a single shot at our goal.

trial noun [countable/uncountable]

the process of testing a product, plan, or person over a period of time

The drug is now undergoing clinical trials.