

## 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.*

**cleats** noun [plural]

AMERICAN a pair of shoes with pieces of metal or hard plastic attached to the bottom in order to prevent them from slipping on the ground

**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 an employment contract.*

**deficiency** noun [countable/uncountable]

a lack of something that your body needs  
*anemia 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, movies, 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

**professional** adjective

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

**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.*