

The King: Pelé



1) Discussion

- a) Who are some of your favourite Brazilian players?
 - b) Can you think of any important players from the 70s?
 - c) Who are your favourite strikers?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Figure (noun) | a) To hold someone's attention completely, as if by magic. |
| 2) Sensational (adjective) | b) Something or someone that motivates or encourages you. |
| 3) Agility (noun) | c) A person or character, often well-known or important. |
| 4) Athleticism (noun) | d) Very exciting or impressive. |
| 5) Astounding (adjective) | e) Extremely surprising or impressive. |
| 6) Inspiration (noun) | f) The ability to move quickly and easily. |
| 7) To mesmerise (verb) | g) Being strong, fit, and good at sports. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Figure Sensational Agility Athleticism
Astounding Inspiration To Mesmerise

- 1) Gabriel Jesus's story is an _____ to Brazilian children. Johan
- 2) Cruyff is an important _____ in football history.
- 3) Ronaldinho's skills _____ players and fans.
- 4) Lionel Messi's was _____ in the 2022 World Cup.
- 5) The number of goals scored by Cristiano Ronaldo in his career is _____.
- 6) Neymar's _____ allows him to dribble very well.
- 7) Thierry Henry's _____ made him a great player.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What were some of the most important parts of Pelé's career?
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The King

Pelé, born Edson Arantes do Nascimento in Brazil in 1940, is one of the most legendary figures in football history. His story begins in humble surroundings, where he showed a lot of talent even as a child playing street football. At the age of 15, Pele joined Santos FC, marking the start of an amazing career.

In 1958, Pelé became famous during the FIFA World Cup in Sweden. At just 17 years old, he became the youngest player to score in a World Cup final, scoring twice against Sweden to secure Brazil's first championship. This victory made Pelé the most famous footballer and started an incredible career.

Pelé went on to play in three more World Cups, winning two more with Brazil in 1962 and 1970. His performances on the pitch were sensational, and he scored a total of 77 goals in 92 games for the national team.

Known for his speed, agility, and goal-scoring, Pelé mesmerised fans with his skills and unbelievable athleticism. During his time with Santos FC, Pele achieved a lot of success, winning domestic and international titles. He scored an astounding 643 goals in 656 competitive matches for Santos, making him one of the greatest footballers of all time.

Beyond his success on the field, Pele's story is an inspiration to millions around the world. From his early childhood to becoming a global superstar. Pele's impact is more than football, and he remains a beloved figure, loved by fans of all ages for his contributions to the sport.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Pelé's career?
- b) Do you think he is the greatest player ever?
- c) Who are your top 5 players of all time?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

