

Marcus Rashford



Marcus Rashford is a famous footballer. He is known for scoring goals, working with charities and for standing up for things that he believes in.



Did You Know...?

Marcus has worked with people who give food to families who don't have enough.

Early Life

Marcus was born on 31st October 1997. When he was a child, his family didn't always have enough food to eat. Marcus's mum wanted to help him to become a successful footballer so she asked if he could join a special programme when he was 11 years old. This would mean that he could live close to where he was training and be given the right types of food to eat. Although children usually can't join until they're 12, Marcus was allowed to join a year early.

Football Career

In February 2016, Marcus Rashford played in his first match for Manchester United's first team. In this match, Marcus scored two goals and his team won. Just a few months later, he played in his first game for the national football team for England.

An Important Letter

On the 15th June 2020, Marcus wrote a letter to the UK government. He shared his letter with everyone and it was read by lots of people.

In the letter, Marcus said that he was worried that there were lots of children in the UK who weren't getting enough to eat. He said that his mum had worked hard when he was younger but that it was still difficult to have enough food for the whole family.

Marcus was worried about a decision to stop a project that helped to give meals to children who are in school. His letter to the government played a big part in making them change their minds. The Queen awarded Marcus with an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his help with this.



The next day, the decision was made to keep the project going. Marcus was pleased and says that he will keep trying to make sure that no child has to be hungry.



Did You Know...?

Marcus scored 64 goals in his first 200 matches with Manchester United.



Did You Know...?

In his first match for England, Marcus scored a goal just three minutes after the game had started!

Questions

1. Who did Marcus write an important letter to? Tick one.

- ☐ his friends
- ☐ his family
- ☐ the UK government
- ☐ other footballers

2. Which **two** football teams has Marcus played for? Tick **two**.

- ☐ Manchester United
- ☐ Arsenal
- ☐ England
- ☐ Swansea

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence. One has been done for you.

Marcus was born...	in his first match for Manchester United's first team.
Marcus's family...	on the 31 st October 1997.
In February 2016, Marcus played...	a famous footballer.
Marcus is...	didn't always have enough food to eat.

4. How many goals did Marcus score in his first match for Manchester United's first team? Tick one.

- ☐ two
- ☐ three
- ☐ four
- ☐ five

5. How many goals did Marcus score in his first 200 matches with Manchester United?

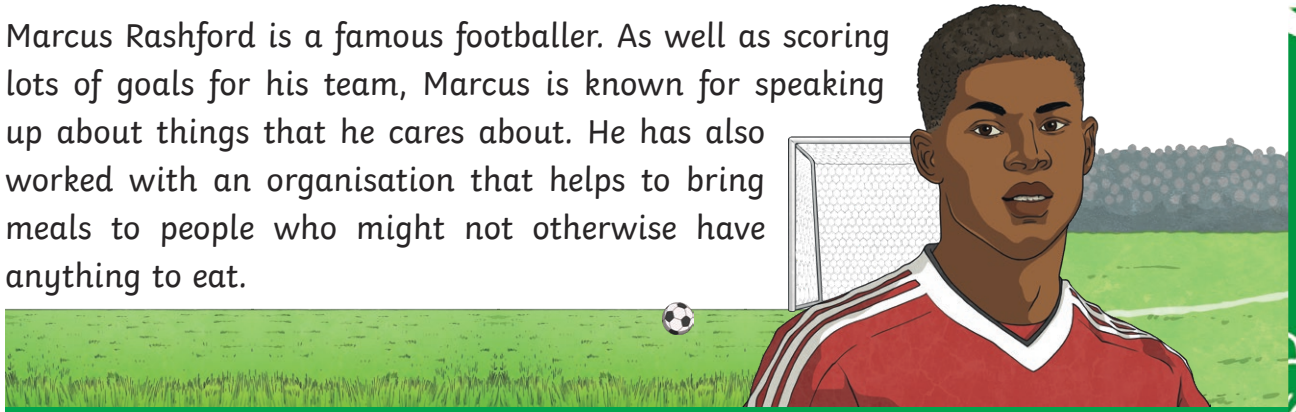
6. Look at the first paragraph.

Find and copy one word which tells you that **lots of people know who Marcus is**.

7. If you could meet Marcus Rashford, what question would you ask him?

Marcus Rashford

Marcus Rashford is a famous footballer. As well as scoring lots of goals for his team, Marcus is known for speaking up about things that he cares about. He has also worked with an organisation that helps to bring meals to people who might not otherwise have anything to eat.



Early Life

Marcus was born on 31st October 1997. When he was seven, he joined the Manchester United academy system. When Marcus talks about his childhood, he explains that his family didn't always have enough food to eat. As a result, when he was 11 years old, Marcus's mum asked if he could join a programme that would help him to progress while playing football. Although children aren't usually allowed to join until they've turned 12, Marcus was allowed to join a year early. He talks about how this decision meant that he was able to go to a place where he was eating the right foods and given the best chance to be successful.

Football Career

In February 2016, Marcus played his first game with Manchester United's first team. In this first match, Marcus scored two goals. Just a few months later, in May 2016, he played in his first game for the national football team for England.

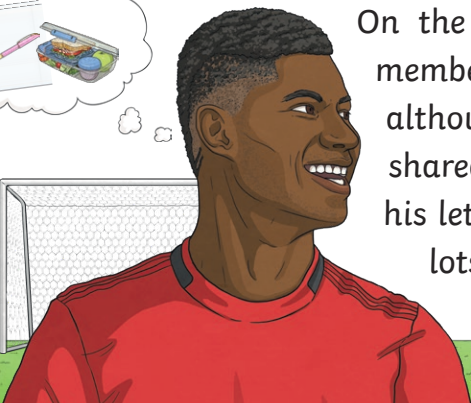


Did You Know...?

Marcus was the youngest player to score a goal in their first match for England.

An Important Letter

On the 15th June 2020, Marcus wrote an open letter to members of the UK government. An open letter means that although the letter was written to specific people, it was shared in a place where anyone could see it. Marcus shared his letter on a social media platform where it was read by lots of different people.



In the letter, Marcus spoke about how his mum worked hard to make sure that their family had food on the table. He said that this was sometimes difficult and that his family often had to rely on the kindness of others to stop them from being hungry. He also said that he's worried that this is still happening to lots of families around the UK.

Marcus was worried about a decision to stop an important scheme when the school summer holidays started. The scheme helped to provide meals to children who are in school. Marcus asked MPs to work together and change the decision.

The next day, the decision was made to keep the scheme going. Later, the Queen awarded Marcus with an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his help with this.

While Marcus was happy with the change to the school meals decision, he says that he will keep using his voice to make sure that no child has to go without food.



Questions

1. Which of the following is Marcus **not** famous for? Tick one.

- ☐ playing football
- ☐ scoring lots of goals
- ☐ playing basketball
- ☐ speaking up about things that he cares about

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Marcus played his first game for the national football team for England.
- ☐ Marcus joined a programme when he was 11.
- ☐ Marcus wrote an open letter to members of the UK government.
- ☐ Marcus played his first game with Manchester United's first team.

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

Marcus was the youngest
player ever to...

for the national football
team for England.

Marcus says that he will
keep using his voice to...

score a goal in their first
match for England.

In his first match for
Manchester United's first
team, Marcus...

make sure that no child
goes without food.

In May 2016, Marcus
played in his first game...

scored two goals.

4. How old was Marcus when he joined the Manchester United academy system? Tick one.

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12

5. Why was it unusual that Marcus joined the programme when he was 11?

6. Where did Marcus share his open letter?

7. Explain how the layout of the text helps you to understand it.

8. Do you think that Marcus is a good role model? Explain your answer.

Marcus Rashford



Marcus Rashford is a famous footballer who plays for Manchester United. Alongside scoring lots of goals for his team, Marcus is also known for speaking openly on subjects that he cares about. He has also helped to raise awareness for an organisation that helps to bring meals to people in the UK who might not otherwise have anything to eat.

Early Life

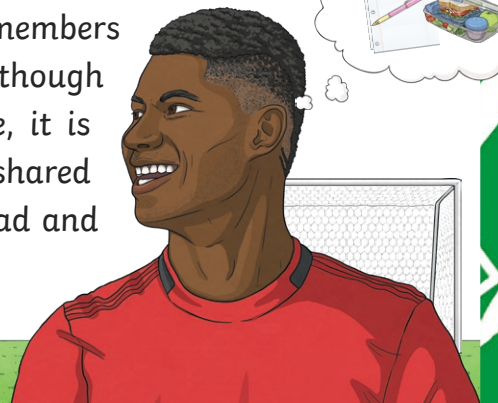
Marcus was born in Manchester on 31st October 1997. By the time he was five, he had already joined his first football club. Then, at the age of seven, he joined the Manchester United academy system. When Marcus talks about his childhood, he explains that his family didn't always have enough food to eat. As a result, when he was 11 years old, Marcus's mum asked if he could join a programme that would allow him to live closer to the training ground. Although children aren't usually allowed to join until they've turned 12, Marcus was allowed to join a year early. Marcus talks about how the difficult decision that his mum had to make meant that he was able to go to a place that provided the right foods and was given the best chance to be successful.

Football Career

In February 2016, Marcus made his debut (played his first game) for Manchester United's first team. In this match, which was against the Danish team, Midtjylland, Marcus scored two goals. Just a few months later, in May 2016, he made his debut for the national football team for England. Amazingly, Marcus scored a goal in just under three minutes!

A Letter to MPs

On the 15th June 2020, Marcus wrote an open letter to members of the UK parliament. An open letter means that, although the letter is addressed to a specific person or people, it is shared in a place where anyone can see it. Marcus shared his letter on a social media platform where it was read and shared by lots of different people.



In the letter, Marcus spoke about his childhood and how his mum worked hard to make sure that their family had food on the table. In addition, he said that this was sometimes difficult and that his family often had to rely on school meals and the kindness of others to stop them from being hungry. He went on to say that he's worried that this is still happening to lots of families around the UK.

Specifically, Marcus was worried about a decision to stop a food voucher scheme when the school summer holidays started. This scheme helped to provide meals to children who are in school. Marcus asked MPs to work together to help to solve the issue and to reverse the decision.

One day later, on 16th June 2020, the decision was made to keep the scheme going throughout the summer holidays. Later, the Queen awarded Marcus with an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his help with this.

While Marcus was happy with the change to the school meals decision, he says that he will keep using his voice to make sure that no child has to go without food.



Questions

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in.

- ☐ Marcus wrote an open letter to members of the UK parliament.
- ☐ Marcus made his debut for the national football team for England.
- ☐ Marcus joined his first football club.
- ☐ Marcus played his first game for the Manchester United first team.

2. Which of the following is the best definition for an open letter? Tick one.

- ☐ a letter that has just been opened
- ☐ a letter that can never be opened
- ☐ a letter that is only seen by one person
- ☐ a letter that is shared so that anyone can read it

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **On the 15th June 2020, Marcus wrote...**
Find and copy a group of words that mean the same as **written for**.

4. Complete the sentence.

In his first match for the national football team for _____,
Marcus scored a goal in just under _____ minutes.

5. Which team did Marcus play against in his first match for Manchester United's first team?

6. **While Marcus was really pleased with this result, he says that he will keep using his voice to make sure that no child has to go without food.**

Explain what the phrase **keep using his voice** means.

7. Summarise what you have learnt about Marcus Rashford using 20 words or fewer.

8. Compare how you think that Marcus was feeling on the 15th June 2020 to how you think that Marcus was feeling on the 16th June 2020.

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase by 1.2 billion, from 1.1 billion in 1990 to 2.3 billion in 2010.

As the world's population grows, the demand for food and other resources will increase. The world's population is expected to reach 8 billion by 2025, and the demand for food will increase by 50% by 2050.

The world's population is also becoming more urban. In 1990, 54% of the world's population lived in urban areas. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

The world's population is also becoming more diverse. In 1990, 60% of the world's population was of European descent. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 45%.

The world's population is also becoming more educated. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was illiterate. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more mobile. In 1990, 54% of the world's population lived in rural areas. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more affluent. In 1990, 54% of the world's population lived on less than \$2 a day. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more healthy. In 1990, 54% of the world's population lived in poor health. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more environmentally conscious. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was concerned about the environment. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

The world's population is also becoming more technologically advanced. In 1990, 54% of the world's population had no access to electricity. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more politically active. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was dissatisfied with their government. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

The world's population is also becoming more socially responsible. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was not concerned about social issues. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more environmentally friendly. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was not concerned about the environment. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

The world's population is also becoming more technologically dependent. In 1990, 54% of the world's population had no access to the internet. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more politically engaged. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was not interested in politics. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

The world's population is also becoming more socially conscious. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was not concerned about social issues. By 2010, this is expected to decrease to 35%.

The world's population is also becoming more environmentally aware. In 1990, 54% of the world's population was not concerned about the environment. By 2010, this is expected to increase to 68%.

